



NEW ENGLAND PROVINCE OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION

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NEW PROVINCIAL

On Tuesday, September 27, 2022, on the Solemnity of St. Vincent de Paul at 11 AM, the solemn mass was celebrated at our Provincial House in Manchester, CT. During the Mass, Rev. Marek Sobczak CM made the Profession of Faith and Oath of Fidelity on Assuming the Office of the Provincial to be Exercises in the Name of the Church. Fourteen confreres (one from the Polish Province) celebrated Holy Eucharist with me. Four confreres were absent for various reasons.



THE SAME DAY...

Rev. Rafal Kopystynski CM was united with us spiritually, having triple bypass surgery and an aneurysm at St. Francis Hospital. One week later, he was back home in Manchester! On November 10th, he left for Rome to start his duty as the elected Assistant General. He will not be part of our Province for six years.

TWO DAYS LATER...

There was the Charitable Trust Meeting with the new Provincial and Rev. Tadeusz Maciejewski, future Provincial Procurator.

REV. ROMAN KMIEC

Fr. Roman underwent another surgery at Hartford Hospital on November 7th, 2022. A few days later, his body was in pain again. He went to the hospital again, but unsuccessfully. His pain came back in a few days. Fr. Roman was transferred to John Paul II Center, 33 Lincoln Ave, Danbury, CT. Let us pray for special graces for him.

REV. WACLAW HLOND

Fr. Wacław resides at Apple Hewitt Rehab, 43 Maltby Street, Shelton, CT 06484. He suffers from foot pain and has difficulties walking. Fr. Mitch Wanat CM visits him regularly and takes him for rides occasionally.

REV. MAREK SADOWSKI

Fr. Marek took a few weeks for his sabbatical. He was to represent our Province in Benin at the opening of the school for poor children. His flight was cancelled.



CONDOLENCES...

...to Rev. Roman Kmiec, whose brother Mieczyslaw went to the Lord on October 13, 2022 in Vienna, Austria. May he rest in peace.



RETREAT PROGRAM

Our yearly Retreat Program gathered us in the second week of October in Cape May at the Vincentian Retreat House. Brother Peter was a great host to us. Only six confreres were able to participate.

<< *Sunset at Cape May* >>



MEETINGS

Provincial had unofficial visits and conferences with confreres of the Brooklyn houses in the middle of October. The confreres expressed their expectations and learned about the difficult situation of our Province. Provincial invited confreres to greater cooperation between parishes and houses.

MASS ON TELEVISION



Rev. Sobczak, Provincial, was celebrating Mass for the faithful of the Hartford Diocese on October 28th. The live broadcast by ORTV was available on WCCT-TV in Connecticut. The celebration took place in the studio chapel in Prospect, CT.

40 HOURS EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Closing Liturgy of 40 Hours devotion in Brooklyn was celebrated by numerous priests and faithful representing the St. Stanislaus Kostka parish in Brooklyn. It was also the closing celebration of the 125th anniversary of the parish as well as the 100th anniversary of the presence of the Vincentian at that parish. Confreres from Eastern Province and our Province with diocesan clergy prayed in thanksgiving for the Eucharist. Fr. Sobczak presided over the closing Mass and procession and preached in both languages during Eucharist. Beautiful music by parish music groups enriched the celebration.



NATIONAL COUNCIL OF VINCENTIAN PROVINCES

Visitors of the US Provinces of the Vincentians and the delegates from the Provinces to the General Assembly in Rome held their November meeting in St. Louis, MO. They established the National Council of Vincentian Provinces (NCVP) with the following mandate: “The NCVP serves the Provinces of the Congregation of the Mission in the USA as they renew themselves in the Vincentian charism.”

NCVP will be composed of seven members: - Three Visitors and four delegates from the provinces.

There will be three permanent standing committees: Lifestyle: Spiritual & Community, Prophetic Ministries, Vocations & Initial Formation. All committees might invite other CMs, Vincentian Family Members, and other collaborators to serve on the committees.