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ELECTIONS FOR 1980 GENERAL CHAPTER

The delegates for the General Chapter have been elected, and, without overestimating the importance of a General Chapter, we present some information in this issue on the 73 capitulants who will set the course for the Congregation's next six years.

The capitulants are as follows:

9 'de jure' capitulants:

Frans	TIMMERMANS	Superior General
Joseph	GROSS	First Assistant
Albert	THIELEMEIER	Second Assistant
Alphonse	SOUCY	General Bursar
Adrianus	VAN SONSBECK	General Assistant
Adelio	TORRES NEIVA	General Assistant
John	DALY	General Assistant
John Gerald	WALSH	General Assistant
Pearse	MOLONEY	General Secretary

30 capitulants elected by the Provinces:

Angola	Bernard	BONGO
Belgium	Rémi	PEETERS
Canada	Jean-Guy	GAGNON
England	Edward	HOLMES
France	Pierre	HAAS
	Jean	FERRON
	Jean-Pierre	DELSARTE
	Georges-Henri	THIBAUT
	Guy	PANNIER
	Albert	LE FLOC'H
Germany	Albertus	CLAUS
	Felix	PORSCH
Holland	Augustus	BIEMANS
	Cornelius	NEVEN
	Quirinus	HOUDIJK
Ireland	Enda	WATTERS
	William	JENKINSON
	William	NUGENT
	Aidan	LEHANE
Nigeria East		
Poland	Wenceslaus	BRZOZOWSKI
Portugal	Casimiro	PINTO DE OLIVEIRA
	Joaquim	MACEDO LIMA
Spain	Heliodoro	MACHADO
Switzerland	Bernard	MATHIS
Trans-Canada	Michael	DOYLE
Trinidad	Gervase	GIROD
U.S.A. East	William	HEADLEY
	Donald	NESTI
U.S.A. West	George	REARDON

32 capitulants elected by the Districts:

Alto Jurua	Karl	SCHADER
Amazonia	Antonius	JANSEN
Bagamoyo	Antonius	GRAAT
Bangui	Pierre	SCHOUVER
Brazil Central	Antonius	VAN LANKVELD
Brazil South	Bruno	TRACHTLER
Brazil S.E.	Francesco	FERNANDES CORREIA
Brazil S.W.	Patrick	DUNDON
Cape Verde	Gil	LOSA
Congo	René	CHARRIER
Doumé	Martinus	VAN MOORSEL
French Guiana	Ernest	REY
Gabon	Arsène	AUBERT
Gambia	John	HOGAN
Ghana	Christopher	O'BRIEN
Guadeloupe	Joseph	LE PALUD
Kenya	Oliver	ELLIS
	Thomas	McDONALD
Kilimanjaro	Christopher	PROMIS
Kongolo	Frans	AUGUSTIJNS
Kwara Benue	Rhéaume	SAINT LOUIS
Madagascar	Pierre	LAURENT
Makurdi	Vincent	O'TOOLE
Martinique	Gaston	GAUTHIER
Mauritius	Eamonn	MANSFIELD
Puerto Rico	Charles	CONNORS
Reunion	Marius	PHILIPONA
Senegal	Jean	DAVIET
Sierra Leone	Peter	NEWMAN
Southern Africa	Michael	KLEIN
Yaoundé	Léon	AMAN
	Louis	CESBRON

2 capitulants representing the Groups:

East Afr. Found.	Paul	CHUWA
Brazilian Spir.	Mozé	PONTELLO



Chevilly, aerial view.

NEW AND OLD CAPITULANTS

Of the 73 capitulants in 1980:
 50 are taking part for the first time as capitulants in a General Chapter;
 14 have already taken part in one General Chapter (13 in 1974 and one in 1968);
 8 have already taken part in two General Chapters (7 in 1968 and 1974, and one in 1962 and 1968);
 1 has already taken part in three General Chapters (1962, 1968, 1974).

NATIONALITIES

The 73 capitulants are of 17 nationalities:
 16 French, 14 Irish, 9 Dutch, 6 German, 5 American, 5 Portuguese, 4 Canadian, 3 Swiss, 2 British, 2 Belgian, and one each from Angola, Brazil, Nigeria, Spain, Poland, Tanzania and Trinidad.

AGES

The average age (arithmetical average) of the capitulants is 49.5 years (also 49.5 in 1974). The mean age (i.e. with as many members over that age as below it) is 48 years (49 in 1974).

There are 9 capitulants under 40, 55 in the 40-59 age-group, and 9 over 60. The under-40s are better represented in 1980 (one per 71 Spiritans under 40) than in 1974 (one per 99). The 40-59 age-group is also better represented this time (one per 31) than in 1974 (one per 36). The over-60s are less well represented (one per 160) than in 1974 (one per 97).

As in 1974, only one Brother has been elected capitulant, although Brothers make up more than 12% of the Congregation (one out of the 485 Brothers this time, one out of the 588 in 1974).

The youngest capitulant is aged 31 (34 in 1974); the oldest is aged 68 (70 in 1974).

The average age of the outgoing General Council is 54 (57 in 1974).

MISSION EXPERIENCE

Of the 73 capitulants, 56 work, or have worked, in the 'missions', with a total of 769 years of missionary experience in 26 countries:

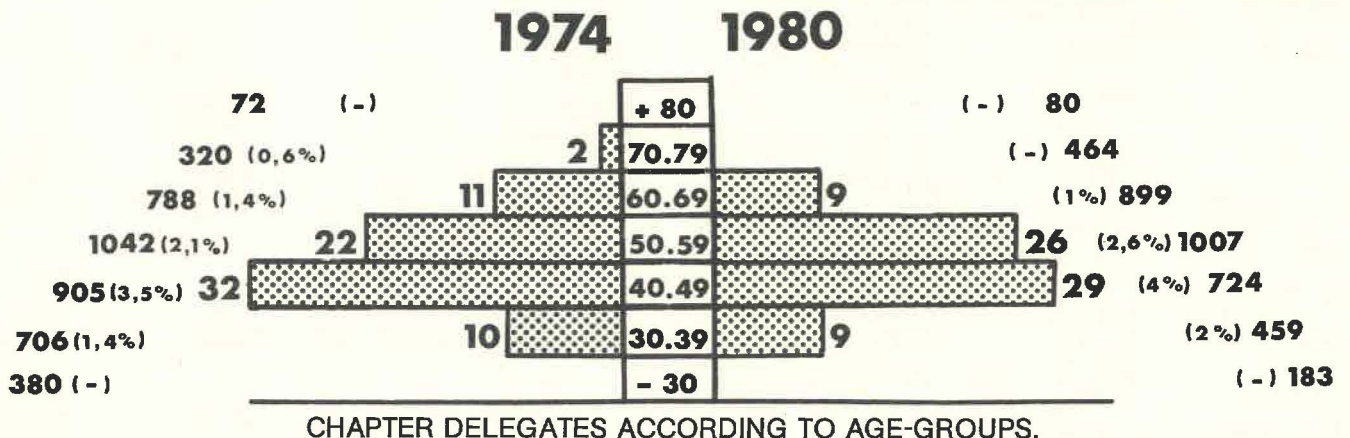
10 work (or have worked) in Brazil, 7 in Nigeria, 4 in the Congo, 4 in Kenya, 4 in Senegal, 3 in Cameroon, 3 in Tanzania, 2 each in Angola, the Central African Republic, Madagascar, Mauritius, Peru, Puerto Rico, Sierra Leone and Zaïre, and one each in South Africa, Cape Verde, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guadeloupe, Guinea, French Guiana, Haiti, Martinique, Mexico, Reunion and Trinidad.

Chevilly, Chapter wing.



MAJOR SUPERIORS

Of the 73 capitulants, 52 are (or have been) Major Superiors, with a total of 243 years in office. Forty-seven of them are at present Major Superiors (or in an equivalent position): 9 General Councillors, 15 Provincials (out of 17 Provinces), 22 Principal Superiors (out of 32 Districts), and one Vicar Provincial.



**BRIEF
'CURRICULUM VITAE'
OF THE CAPITULANTS**

There are certainly mistakes in the following list, and we ask those concerned to excuse us, as it has not been possible to check with each one. We have also had to condense as much as possible, reducing a whole life to a single line and summarizing several activities under a single heading. Also it must be remembered that the Secretariat can only give what it has received, and its requests for information have not always met with full success.

The age of each capitulant is indicated in brackets immediately after his name, the other figures in brackets indicating the number of years spent in each function. His present function is given last, in **bold type**.

It is obvious that a particular function does not exclude other kinds of work at the same time: being a teacher, for instance, does not mean that one does not do pastoral ministry as well. It should be noted too that:

EDUC. (education) stands for any post in education: university lecturer, school teacher, school principal, novice master, vocations director...
MIN. (ministry) stands for any form of parish work, evangelization or general pastoral work, whether as curate or as Vicar General;
ONG. FORM. (ongoing formation) means retreat work, refresher courses etc. for Spiritan communities;
ADMIN. (administration) means work in provincial or local administration, apart from that of Major Superior.

- AMAN (53), French, educ., min. Cameroon (22), **Princ. Yaoundé (3)**.
AUBERT (45), Fr., educ. Europe (8), min. Zaïre (3), ong. form. Cameroon (4) **ong. form. Gabon (5)**.
AUGUSTIJNS (40), Belg., min. Zaïre (5), miss. anim. Belgium (1), min. Zaïre (6), **Princ. Kongolo (2)**.
BIEMANS (54), Dutch, educ. Holland (17), Prov. Holland (9), **admin. Holland (1)**.
BONGO (37), Angolan, Portugal (4), nov. master Angola (3), **Prov. Angola (2)**.
BRZOZOWSKI (66), Pol., min. France (7), **educ. Poland (33)**, of which 7 in prison).
CESBRON (35), French, **min. Cameroon (6)**.
CHARRIER (55), Fr., educ. France (5), educ. Congo (9), min. Congo (4), **Princ. Congo (6)**.
CHUWA (31), Tanz., **min. Zambia (4)**.
CLAUS (51), Germ., educ. Germany (13), **Prov. Germany (5)**.
CONNORS (68), Amer., educ., admin. USA (23), Gen. Council (6), Peru (1), Prov. USA/E (3), min.
DALY (56), Irish, educ. Nigeria (17), educ. Zambia (3), **Gen. Asst. (6)**.
DAVIET (41), Fr., educ., miss. anim. France (4), min. Senegal (6), **Princ. Senegal (1)**.
DELSARTE (40), Fr., infirm., bursar Chevilly France (15), **studies Canada (1)**.
DOYLE (48), Irish, educ. Canada (12), Princ. then **Prov. Trans-Can. (8)**.
DUNDON (44), Irish, **min. Brazil (17)**.
ELLIS (47), Irish, educ. Mauritius (4), educ. Kenya (10), **Princ. Kenya (2)**.
FERNANDES CORREIA (51), Port., educ. Portugal (20), min. Brazil (3), **Princ. Brazil S.E. (1)**.
FERRON (53), Fr., educ. Congo (14), educ. Senegal (3), Princ. Senegal (6), **Vic. Prov. France (4)**.
GAGNON (47), Can., min. Nigeria (8), admin. Canada (3), **Prov. Canada (5)**.
GAUTHIER (63), Fr., min. Martinique (30), **Princ. Martinique (5)**.
GIROD (46), Trin., **educ. Trinidad (15)**.
GRAAT (44), Dutch, **min. Tanzania (18)**.
GROSS (51), Fr., educ. France (4), educ. Congo (10), Princ. Congo (1), **Gen. Asst. (6)**.
HAAS (42), Fr., educ., min. Senegal (8), Princ. Senegal (3), **Prov. France (1)**.
HEADLEY (42), Amer., min., educ. USA (14), **Prov. USA/E (1)**.
HOGAN (44), Irish, min., educ. Gambia (13), **Princ. Gambia (1)**.
HOLMES (50), Eng., educ. England (14), min. S. Leone (3), **Prov. England (4)**.
HOUDIJK (63), Dutch, educ. Holland (20), Princ. Brazil Cent. (5), Gen. Coun. (6), **miss. inf. Holland (6)**.
JANSEN (47), Dutch, min. Brazil (20), **Princ. Amazonia (1)**.
JENKINSON (57), Irish, min. Kenya (14), educ., admin. Ireland (7), Prov. Ireland (3), **min. Ireland (4)**.
KLEIN (38), Germ., **min. South Africa (4)**.
LAURENT (53), French, **min. Madagascar (26)**.
LE FLOCH (36), French, min. Zaïre (5), **educ., admin. France (5)**.
LEHANE (54), Irish, educ. Ireland (18), educ. Canada (3), **educ. Ireland (3)**.
LE PALUD (59), Fr., educ. Haiti (14), educ. France (9), **min. Guadeloupe (8)**.
LOSA (43), Port., min. Cape Verde (16), **Princ. Cape Verde (1)**.
MACEDO LIMA (47), Port., educ. Portugal (15), **admin. Portugal (7)**.
MACHADO (39), Span., miss. anim. Spain (2), **Prov. Spain (6)**.
MANSFIELD (46), Irish, educ. Mauritius (14), **Princ. Mauritius (2)**.
MATHIS (54), Swiss, educ. Switz. (16), min. Cameroon (7), **Prov. Switz. (3)**.
McDONALD (48), Irish, Nigeria (5), educ. Ireland (10), min., admin., **educ. Kenya (4)**.
MOLONEY (61), Irish, educ. Ireland (17), min. Kenya (5), **Gen. Sec. (4)**.
NESTI (44), Amer., **educ., research USA (10)**.
NEVEN (59), Dutch, educ. Holland (30), **Prov. Holland (1)**.
NEWMAN (53), Irish, min. S. Leone (20), **Princ. S. Leone (4)**.
NUGENT (55), Irish, **educ. Ireland (26)**.
O'BRIEN (55), Irish, educ. Nigeria (9), educ. Ireland (7), Prov. Ireland (3), **min. Ghana (7)**.
O'TOOLE (46), Eng., educ. England (8), min. Nigeria (5), **Princ. Makurdi (4)**.
PANNIER (57), French, min. Congo (25), **Miss. anim., admin. France (4)**.
PEETERS (47), Belg., educ. Belgium (6), educ. Zaïre (3), miss. anim. Belgium (4), **Prov. Belgium (4)**.
PHILIPONA (57), Swiss, educ. Switz. (6), Madagascar (1), min. Reunion (15), **Princ. Reunion (1)**.
PINTO DE OLIVEIRA (47), Port., min. Angola (17), admin. Portugal (1), **Prov. Portugal (4)**.
PONTELLO (38), Brazilian, **min. Brazil (12)**.
PORSCH (52), Germ., **educ. Germany (18)**.
PROMIS (34), Amer., min. Tanzania (3), miss. anim. USA (2), **Princ. Killmanjaro (2)**.
REARDON (66), Amer., min. P. Rico (9), min., educ. USA (15), min. Peru, Mexico, USA (10), **Prov. USA/W (4)**.
REY (64), Swiss, educ. Switz. (12), min. Guinea (11), min. Fr. Guiana (6), **Princ. Fr. Guiana (7)**.
SAINT LOUIS (47), Can., min., educ. Nigeria (14), **Princ. Kwara-Benue (5)**.
SCHADER (43), Germ., min. Brazil (11), **Princ. Alto Jurua (4)**.
SCHOUVER (44), French, educ. France (7), **ong. form. Centrafica (6)**.
SOUCY (62), Can., educ. Canada (22), Prov. Canada (5), **Gen. Bursar (6)**.
THIBAUT (55), Fr., min., educ. Senegal (9), educ. France (7), Vic. Prov. France (3), Prov. France (6), **admin. (1)**.
THIELEMEIER (53), Germ., educ. Germany (8), Prov. Germany (5), **Gen. Asst. (6)**.
TIMMERMANS (45), Dutch, min. Centrafica (7), Princ. Bangui (6), **Sup. Gen. (6)**.
TORRES NEIVA (48), Port., educ., miss. anim. Portugal (18), **Gen. Asst. (6)**.
TRACHTLER (41), Germ., min., educ. Brazil (10), miss. anim. Germany (2), **Princ. Brazil South (2)**.
VAN LANKVELD (53), Dutch, min., educ. Brazil (22), **Princ. Brazil Cent. (1)**.
VAN MOORSEL (40), Dutch, min. Cameroon (10), **Princ. Doumé (2)**.
VAN SONSBEK (54), Dutch, min. Brazil (16), Princ. Brazil Cent. (5), **Gen. Asst. (6)**.
WALSH (64), Canadian, educ., min. USA (30), **Gen. Asst. (6)**.
WATERS (57), Irish, miss. anim. Ireland (12), min. Brazil (9), admin. Ireland (3), **Prov. Ireland (4)**.

FUNCTIONARIES

Moderators:
G. RENAUD (Can.)
M. PIAT (Maur.)
Facilitators:
C.YUHAUS, C.P. (USA)
D. NESTI (USA)
Secretariat
Organization:
H. LITTNER (Gen.)
J. McDONNELL (Gen.)
Minutes:
B. McMAHON (Gen.)
J. LABRECHE (Can.)
Simult. Trans.:
R. HEYRAUD (Fr.)
B. KELLY (Tr/Can.)
and 3 others
Written Trans.:
H. LITTNER (Gen.)
R. QUESNEL (Gen.)
and 4 others
Typists:
H. LITTNER (Gen.)
J. GODARD (Gen.)
J. McDONNELL (Gen.)
R. QUESNEL (Gen.)
and 2 others
Information:
J. GODARD (Gen.)
Photocopying:
J. McDONNELL (Gen.)
Office Supplies:
B. McMAHON (Gen.)
A. KERVAREC (Fr.)
Liturgy:
Recreation:
Bursar:
(not yet named)

OBSERVERS

Local Churches:
2 or 3 Spir. Bishops
African Spiritans:
N. GOBINA
Brothers:
A. O'KEEFFE (Ire.)
and 2 others
Young Spiritans:
S. CASTRIANI (Braz.)
First Evang.:
J. KITCHEN (Pak.)
Scholastics:
(not yet named)

EXPERTS

Formation:
A. GEOGHEGAN (Ire.)
A. ONYENEKE (Nig.)
Mission:
B. HEARNE (Kenya)
D. REGAN (Brazil)
Religious Life:
(not yet named)
Government:
C.YUHAUS, C.P. (USA)

NEWS

Appointment of Major Superiors

- On Dec. 6, the General Council appointed Fr. Josef KOLASNY for a third term as Provincial of Poland, as from Dec. 5.
- On Jan. 25, the General Council confirmed the election of Fr. Karl H. SCHADER as Principal Superior of Alto Jurua for a second term, as from Jan. 7.
- On Feb. 12, the General Council appointed Fr. Vincent EZEONYIA as Provincial of Nigeria East, his first term of office beginning on March 1.

Change of Telephone Number

The telephone number of the Principal Superior of Senegal, in Dakar, is now 23.06.98.

Response to 'Priorities'

The 1978 Enlarged General Council decided on several priority commitments that would be a sign of coresponsibility between the Provinces and Districts and the Generalate Team. The follow-up (since May 1978) to those recommendations has not been as good, maybe, as one might have hoped, but it has been substantial nevertheless:

ANGOLA: One Spiritan from England, one from Ireland and two from Spain (one of them a scholastic) have been assigned here. A Portuguese and two Spanish scholastics are due to join them.

EAST AFRICAN FOUNDATION: two Irishmen (one from Sierra Leone and one from Kenya).

CENTRAL AFRICAN FOUNDATION: one Frenchman and one Nigerian.

SOUTHERN AFRICA: one American (U.S.A. East) and a possibility of one or more Irishmen, depending on visas.

BELGIUM (Gentines): one Frenchman (from Rome).

PARAGUAY: one Spaniard, one Portuguese, one Frenchman.

PAKISTAN: one Irishman.

GUINEA-BISSAU: two Frenchmen, one Portuguese.

LONDON MISSIONARY INSTITUTE: one Irishman (from Trans-Canada).

ISLAMIC STUDIES: two Frenchmen.

GENERALATE: one Portuguese (from Cape Verde), one Dutchman (from Bagamoyo), one Irishman (from Sierra Leone), one Trinidadian.

AUTEUIL: two Frenchmen.

MIGRANTS: several (difficult to give an exact figure).

MEXICO: one Frenchman (from Canada).

INDIAN OCEAN ISLANDS: one Frenchman, as theologian.

DUQUESNE: cooperation planned for summer courses.

Some 'priorities' have not yet been met: Puerto Rico; an animation team for Martinique, Guadeloupe and French Guiana; the Dioceses of Bafia and Kindu.

Unwelcome Publicity

During a meeting of Superiors General in Rome (22-25 Nov. 1979) on the theme 'Strengthen your Brothers', Fr. Joseph McNamara, Superior General of the Servants of the Holy Paraclete - a small American Congregation (46 members) that specializes in helping priests in difficulty - spoke on how his Congregation helps priests with alcoholic problems. Getting its lines crossed, Radio Luxembourg announced on Dec. 4 that the Superior General of the Holy Ghost Fathers had accused the members of his Congregation of drinking to excess! The French

Provincial wrote to Radio Luxembourg asking for a rectification, but without success. A few days later, a Dutch radio station repeated the garbled news, adding comments of its own.

In its January bulletin the French Provincialate referred to the matter, with a touch of humour and the comment that "a similar confusion about the Apostles was to be found in public opinion on the morning of Pentecost".

Work for Refugees

Fr. Kevin DOHENY, of the Province of Ireland, who has been engaged for the past few years in relief work in Ethiopia, is now organizing relief work for refugees on a wider scale, under the sponsorship of MISEREOR. His address is: Catholic Secretariat, Refugee Department, Box 1965, LUSAKA, Zambia.

Jubilarians

75 years of Profession:

Sept. 23: Archbishop Moises ALVES DE PINHO (Portugal).

65 years of Profession:

Aug. 21: Fr. Charles KAPP and Br. Cantius SZURSZEWSKI (USA/E).
Sept. 29: Fr. David HEELAN (Ireland).

60 years of Profession:

Aug. 16: Fr. Stanislaus ZABOROWSKI (USA/E).
Aug. 28: Fr. Denis KENNEDY (Ireland).
Sept. 23: Frs. Cosmas BOHEMEN, Christianus SPAANS (Holland), Cornelius VERMUNT (Bagamoyo), and Petrus VANDERLEYDEN (Belgium).
Sept. 29: Fr. Joseph SUTTER (France).

50 years of Profession:

Sept. 3: Mr. Philip LYNCH (Ireland).
Sept. 9: Brothers Robert JANTZEN (Martinique), Guérin LAURENT, Cassien LE BLEIS, Yves LE GOFF, Barnabé MORVAN, Tarcisius MOYSAN and Bernard TROUILLET (France).

60 years of Priesthood:

Sept. 8: Fr. Henricus STRICK (Holland).

Our Dead

Dec. 13: Fr. James M. O'BRIEN (Ireland), 67.
Dec. 18: Br. Olivier CALVAR (France), 72.
Dec. 18: Fr. Jacobus HENDRIKS (Brazil Cent.), 65.
Dec. 19: Fr. Joseph CHENU (France), 69.
Dec. 20: Fr. Cillín O'NUALLAIN (Kenya) 53.
Dec. 21: Fr. Patrick NOONAN (Ireland), 65.
Dec. 26: Fr. José Neiva ARAUJO (Angola), 80.
Fr. José GONÇALVES ARAUJO (Spain), 47
(Total of deaths in 1979: 72)
Jan. 3: Fr. Jean EON (France), 58.
Jan. 12: Fr. Stephen CLOONAN (Ireland), 73.
Jan. 16: Fr. Joseph B. DONAHUE (USA/E), 78.
Jan. 17: Fr. J. Ward LOUGHLIN (USA/E), 56.
Jan. 19: Fr. Gabriel GIROUD (Switzerland), 65.
Feb. 4: Fr. Josef HAFENSTEINER (Germany), 79.
Feb. 4: Fr. Henri DE BRUIJN (Belgium), 76.
Feb. 13: Fr. Raymond WILLMANN (Martinique), 70.
Feb. 15: Fr. Henri KEHRWILLER (France), 65.