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CONGREGAZIONE DELLO SPIRITO SANTO - CLIVO DI CINNA, 195 - 00136 ROMA

The 18th General Chapter Elects the Superior General and his Council

Fr Schouver elected for a second mandate

The most impressive thing about the Chapter was undoubtedly the unanimity of the delegates and invited guests who came from so many different corners of the world, from such different age groups, cultures and skills. It was not so much what we achieved ourselves as what happened to us in an almost miraculous way. It was not difficult to believe that the Spirit of the Lord was at work amongst us. He was clearly leading each of us to the source from whence comes everything that is close to love. We had a concrete spiritual experience of our Congregation: our mission, our life together, our collaboration with many different partners, and our sources of inspiration. We tried to discern and formulate this experience of the Congregation so as to give an idea of the meaning and challenges it has for us.

Fr. Pierre Schouver, Superior General



ALL COMING TOGETHER AS ONE

Fr Pierre Schouver was born in 1936 in the village of Meisenthal, Lorraine, France, one of five children. His secondary studies were completed at the apostolic schools of Neufgrange and Saverne. A Spiritan came to his village regularly to assist the Parish Priest. One of his uncles, Fr Paul Schouver, was a missionary in Dioghine, Senegal. After his Novitiate in 1954 and two years of Philosophy at Mortain, he was sent to Rome to do a Licentiate in Philosophy at the Gregorian. After his military service (14 months in Germany and 14 months in Algeria), he returned to Rome for a licentiate in Theology and another in Sacred Scripture at the Biblical Institute. He was ordained priest in 1964.



Fr Pierre Schouver

He taught Theology from 1967 to 1974 at Chevilly as a member of the consortium of Spiritans, African Missionaries of Lyon, Foreign Missionaries of Paris and Fathers of St. James of Haiti. His theological teaching was continuously informed by contact with the "profane" sciences.

Appointed to the Central African Republic in 1975, he participated in the setting up of the Bangui Pastoral Centre which was a research and development team at the service of the Episcopal Conference. This team organized pastoral meetings, the continuing education of the clergy and women religious, the formation of lay people and the renewal of the catechetical programme. At the same time for three years he was in charge of the church's programme of rural development. Simultaneously he worked with local communities on the outskirts of Bangui. He feels that he rediscovered theology in the concrete circumstances of pastoral and missionary activity. In 1987 he

also became Secretary of the Episcopal Conference and remained in this position even when he was nominated Principal Superior of the District of Bangui in 1988.

At Bangui from 1975 to 1988 Fr Schouver concentrated on transmitting the spirit and thrust of the Second Vatican Council through his pastoral practice and bringing into being a more African church through the formation of the laity and collaboration with the local clergy. In his capacity as Principal Superior he had an opportunity to be aware of the place of Spiritans in the local churches. He has participated in the last five General Chapters. Fr Schouver has played many sports: basketball, football, volleyball and handball. He likes to keep abreast of political and social affairs and reads a large number of general interest periodicals.

The 18th General Chapter of the Congregation took place at Maynooth College, Ireland from 12th July to 8th August. It brought together 71 delegates, 3 lay associates and about 40 functionaries and confreres involved in the various services.

There was a real experience of friendship and unanimity, both for the delegates attending the General Chapter for the first time as well as for the old-hands. Despite natural differences of background and approach, there was a basic unity that was echoed by the positive reactions to the reports of the Superior General and the General Bursar, and the enthusiastic reception of the 20 experiences presented. Unity was also seen most clearly perhaps in the virtually unanimous and rapid re-election of the Superior General, the delegates showing in this way their approval not only of Fr. Pierre Schouver, but of the direction that he and his team had given to the Congregation. Both the Superior General and 5 of the Councillors were elected at the first vote.

The New General Assistants

The election of the General Assistants took place between the 1st and 7th August. Herewith the curriculum vitae of the members of the new General Council:

John FOGARTY, Irish, 46.

First Assistant

Personal Data

Year of Birth: 1952
 Circumscription of Origin: Ireland
 Year of Perpetual Commitment: 1979
 Year of Ordination: 1981



Principal Functions in the Service of the Congregation

Provincial Secretary, Ireland (3 years)
 Rector, Spiritan Institute of Philosophy, Ghana (4 years)
 Assistant Provincial, Ireland (4 years)

Principal Pastoral/Missionary Responsibilities held.

Secondary School Teaching, Ghana (2 years)
 Parish Ministry, Ghana, (4 years)

Academic Qualifications: BSc. (NUI), STL (Fribourg).

Responsibility: GIHA (International Group for History and Anniversaries)

Correspondent: North America (Canada, TransCanada, US/E, US/W, US/Irish), Europe (England, Ireland), Caribbean (Trinidad), Asia (Pakistan, Philippines, Taiwan); **Region:** North America and Caribbean.

Michael ONWUEMELIE, Nigerian, 50.

Second Assistant

Personal Data

Year of Birth: 1948
 Circumscription of Origin: Nigeria
 Year of Perpetual Commitment: 1978
 Year of Ordination: 1979



Principal Functions in the Service of the Congregation

Provincial Bursar, Nigeria (4 years)
 1st Asst. Provincial, Nigeria (4 years)
 Provincial Superior, Nigeria (5 years)

Principal Pastoral/Missionary Responsibilities held.

University Chaplain (3 years)

Episcopal Vicar for Religious, Enugu & Nsukka (3 years).

Academic Qualifications: BD. (Urbaniana, Rome), LLB (Windsor, Canada), LLM (Warwick, England).

Responsibility: Education; First Appointments

Correspondent: South Africa (Malawi, SCAF, Southern Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe), West Africa (Gambia, Ghana, Kogi, Makurdi, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, WAF), Oceania (Australia, Papua New Guinea); **Region:** SCAR (South Central African Region).

Jean-Michel JOLIBOIS, French, 52.

Personal Data

Year of Birth: 1946
 Year of Perpetual Commitment: 1974
 Year of Ordination: 1974



Principal Functions in the Service of the Congregation

Vice-Provincial, France 1991
 General Council 1992-1998

Principal Pastoral/Missionary Responsibilities held.

Parish Ministry, Gabon: 1977 - 1985

Catechists Formation, Gabon : 1982 - 1985

Academic Qualifications: STL (Inst. Cath.)

Responsibility: Communications

Correspondent: Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Poland, Switzerland, French Seminary), West Africa (Algeria, Senegal), North America (St. Pierre-et-Miquelon), Caribbean (French Guyana, Guadeloupe, Haiti, Martinique); **Region:** European Region.



EIGHTEENTH C.S.Sp GENERAL CHAPTER

Twelve Newsflashes were sent out during the Chapter for the information of the confreres electronically accessible.

The September/October issue of Spiritan News is devoted mainly to the new GENERAL COUNCIL, and in this supplement we try to give a brief introductory note to the four main aspects of our spiritan life studied at the Chapter.

MAYNOOTH, IRELAND 12th July- 8th August 1998



Some delegates at the Chapter

PRESENTATIONS

Each delegate received a copy of the presentations. We include the names of the presenters and the topics treated. Interested confreres can request what interests them from their delegates.

From the outset, the Superior General outlined the importance, the procedure and the objective of the presentations: *"The emphasis in Maynooth, is on the analysis of these experiences and working out objectives. The process is one of listening, reflecting and discussing together in order to discern the future. The concern is to lead to action and to define precise objectives and guidelines...to identify what may be behind the experiences and to draw together different points of view...Overall, our concern is with a process that leads to action in keeping with the demands of our times. The presentations are meant to spark off ideas in the hearers"* (Fr Schouver).

In this sense, the exercise, while maintaining the basic approach of Itaici of starting with concrete experience, goes somewhat further than Itaici. The presentations are arranged around the **FOUR PRINCIPAL STRANDS OF OUR SPIRITAN LIFE.**

1. OUR MISSION

Peter Osuji, Ethiopia:

An Experience of First Evangelisation among the Nomads of Boranaland

Christ and his gospel is introduced through the media of people's lives, culture and milieu. For example, the coffee ceremony provides a context to introduce people to the gospel and the christian message, offering them the opportunity to respond as Borana or Guji.

Gérard Meyer, Senegal:

People of the desert, people of the savannah, people of the forest, people of the cities

Traditional religions in his area are very 'ethno-centric'. There is a strong sense of "us versus them" regarding all foreigners. "We are here on this piece of land and this is ours".

Chris Promis, USA/E:

Education in Spiritan Mission

He recalls the history of the conflict in the US Province between education and missionary work. Now they have gone beyond this. They are now concerned about the renewal of their educational institutions and how they can continue the Spiritan charism.

Emmanuel Meaudre, Bangui:

An Apostolate with Children

This is a moving presentation about work in organising children who are in situations of distress e.g. times of war, etc.

John Skinnader, Generalate:

Justice and Peace: General Perspective

It was the evil of slavery that provided Libermann with much of his motivation for mission. There are many forms of slavery today e.g. crushing debt, unemployment, deprivation of land, etc. It is important to integrate justice and peace into an overall apostolate. We as Spiritans should be clearly recognizable as a group that cares passionately about justice.

John Kilcrann, Brazil:

Justice and Peace: A Brazilian Experience

He describes an inter-congregational experience in justice work. The presentation is more descriptive than analytical. He wishes to put a face on the human suffering in Brazil, the face of the suffering Christ - to give a voice to the powerless who have no voice.

Philip Massawe, EAP: Refugee Ministry in EAP

Around 110,000 refugees are cared for by Spiritans.

They need action, not rhetoric; compassion not pity. Refugees need a human touch. If this is lacking, our ministry is reduced to nothing.

Gérard Sireau, Cameroon:

Justice and Peace in everyday life in Cameroon

Gérard describes the main kinds of Spiritan commitment in Cameroon such as work with prisoners, work in the diocese and parishes and some very effective examples of solidarity with neglected areas.

2. OUR SOURCES OF INSPIRATION

Gabriel Mbilingi, Angola:

Our Inspiration: A witness in a war situation - a time of grace

Spiritans have been present in Angola for 132 years and as a Province for 21 years. Now there are 64 priests, 5 Brothers, 17 professed students and ten novices. Through its apostolic commitments and its messages, the Church has done nothing less than maintain alight the flame of hope, convinced that God writes with crooked lines and that the destiny of people is in his hands.

Gabriel Luseni, WAF:

African Expression of Spiritan Charism

There are real signs of hope. With the founding of WAF, there is an enthusiasm in many young men in our founding Districts to join the Congregation especially in the Districts of Ghana and Makurdi where there are many vocations.

Antonio Jansen, Brazil:

Evangelization of a Missionary

This is a very personal story of a missionary with an experience of 29 years of presence in pastoral work who tried as a simple Spiritan to "announce the kingdom and to be present in places where it is difficult to find workers".

Konrad Breidenbach, Germany:

Re-motivating Aging Provinces

"What does this (aging) mean for the German Province? It means that the Province as it exists now, will cease to exist". This state of affairs has provoked frustration and anxiety among the members. Accordingly the German confreres decided to focus their attention on priorities: respect and esteem for each confrere, involvement of all in decision-making, pursuit of common goals, lay spiritans.

3 OUR LIVING TOGETHER

Javier Blanco, Paraguay:

International Community

It is a lively community of 23 altogether including students, coming from 7 different countries. They met

for the first time in 1987 and a detailed community plan was made up. The Itaici Chapter in 1992 gave them new impetus leading to their second meeting in 1993 in order to evaluate, renew and give boost to the community plan. They have meetings both at regional and national level. "our efforts in coming together have been rewarded".

René Tabard, Congo-Brazzaville:

Our Living Together

Over the last 6 years (1992-1998), only one confrere out of 40 has not lived in community. 3 confreres are living alone, two of them in parishes. 12 communities out of 15 are international, made up of confreres from Congo, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Gabon, Angola, Tanzania, Nigeria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Democratic Republic of Congo and Senegal. To live in community is first "an affair of the spirit and the heart". This supposes that everyone shares the following conviction: "I need others to fulfil my mission which I cannot do alone".

Anthony Amadi, Zimbabwe: Lived Solidarity

In his District (Zimbabwe) and Region (SCAR) solidarity is not limited to Spiritans but extended to those they work with and for. He spoke of solidarity on several levels: solidarity with the universal church, in the Congregation, in the region, in the circumscription and among Spiritans. Its importance and challenges were also highlighted.

Fr Jean-Paul Hoch, France:

Different types of Spiritan Community in Europe

"When we talk of Spiritan communities, we can no longer think simply in terms of Spiritans. There are religious sisters who share our lives, our prayer, our work. There are also salaried employees devotedly looking after indispensable services. Sometimes, the Spiritan community itself is situated within a larger entity. More and more, communities include members from other circumscriptions".

Brian Fulton, England:

The Experience of an Aging Province

Aging yes but very much alive and trying to remain so. There are signs of vitality - the apostolate "ad gentes", youth apostolate, collaborative ministry, work with marginalised groups, care of the sick and aged - not withstanding some obstacles to growth: lack of personnel, need for personal renewal and community life.

4. COLLABORATIVE MINISTRY

Benoît Diemé, CAF:

An African experience

Benoît speaks of his experience of living among and working with the laity in Cameroon. The idea of the laity sharing in our Spiritan missionary project has

spread within the Foundation and at several levels and has included “partnership with our families”.

Brendan Hally, Ireland:

Continuity of Charism in the Irish colleges

In his presentation he describes the extent and nature of Spiritan/Lay collaboration in the Irish Colleges. He notes that “while already extensive, the need for such collaboration is going to increase further in the future”. Thus he tries to identify ways by which they have been preparing for the future, in the hope that this may stimulate the delegates to look at our mission, whatever it may be, in a futuristic way, and not only as a present reality.

Three Lay Spiritan Associates, Mrs M. Soares, D.

M. Lúcia Magalhães and Mr Gary Warner were invited to the Chapter and they made moving presentations. “Not all lay people who work with Spiritans wish to become Lay Spiritans. Some of us have made this choice because we are attracted by the Spiritan charism. We are also attracted by the potential to deepen our spirituality and by the international community with which we can identify ourselves. We do not come empty-handed - we bring valuable experience, talents and skills to the Congregation. As lay people we can work with you to forge new or deeper patterns of collaboration by supporting or taking responsibility for specific Spiritan works, by initiating new areas of ministry and by bringing Spiritan spirituality to some areas of secular life which we can access more easily than our professed confreres”.

BRIEF OUTLINE OF THE CHAPTER DOCUMENTS

Preliminary remarks:

The full text of the documents will be published hopefully before the end of the year. In trying to give an outline of them below, we realize that it is impossible to give an adequate summary in the small space available.

- ◊ The text, though voted, is subject to redactional alterations by an editorial Committee and has not yet been numbered.
- ◊ We are aware that quotations taken out of context are subject to misinterpretation. It is only when their full context has been published that they can be accurately judged.
- ◊ We have tried to pick out some of the more characteristic passages but are aware that others might make a different choice.



Fr Osuji making presentation

O u r Mission:
Mission has always been at the heart of the life of the Congre-

gation. During the Chapter, in line with our recent activities in the Congregation, a style of mission emerged. The following characteristics appeared during sharing on the experiences and subsequent reflections:

“We go to people not primarily to accomplish a task, but rather to be with them, live with them, accompany them, listen to them and share with them. At the heart of our relationship is trust, respect and love”.

“The Spirit goes ahead of us on the path of mission. Mission is therefore a pilgrimage, an adventure; it is contemplation and discovery of the work of the Spirit. It is above all, witness and the quality of life. We are called to conversion and transformation through forgetting of ourselves”.

Reaffirmation of our commitment to the poor, putting stress on three particular areas (which often overlap): first evangelization, education and justice and peace.

Mission is to be conceived in terms of transcultural situations. Collaboration and solidarity at all levels are a necessity for mission today.

O u r sources of inspiration:
“ T h e sources of our inspiration are manifold and differ



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from person to person. Yet for all of us the primary source of inspiration is the Holy Spirit at work in our lives and in the world in which we live. The Spirit implants in us the desire to serve the poor and oppressed who inspire us by their hospitality, simplicity, solidarity and faith, and shapes our hearts to respond to this desire. Discernment of the inspirations of the Spirit is for us a way of life”.

This discernment should be focused on:

- ⇒ our mission itself, and on our relationships with the people to whom we are sent, especially the poor,
- ⇒ our life together, in friendship and fraternal correction,
- ⇒ our personal and community prayer,
- ⇒ taking care of our bodies and minds,
- ⇒ our founders and traditions, which we want to study more closely as we approach our anniversaries.



Hard at work

Our life together:

The importance of and the need for living together was strongly

reiterated. There are obvious benefits and joys that come from a life lived in common with our brothers. The different experiences shared in the Chapter testify to the great support derived from the community life by different confreres.

“While stressing the benefits we draw from community living, this Chapter acknowledges that it can be difficult. Some confreres find living in international and intercultural communities very challenging; others undergo serious personal difficulties in their life and ministry. The Chapter stresses preparation for community living as an important way of responding to some of these situations”.

“The task of building community is not the task of any one member. This Chapter addresses an urgent appeal to each confrere to play his part in building community. Community living is an art which needs to be continually worked at. Structures can be empty and lifeless unless there is a genuine personal effort of each confrere to live with the other. This calls for conversion”.



With our Spiritan Lay Associates

Collaboration in mission:

“While always maintaining our particular charism and identity,

we will pursue collaboration in every conceivable circumstance and with every possible group open to such collaboration: other institutes, leaders of local churches, temporary lay volunteers, NGOs, the mem-

The General Chapter approves a Spiritan project in the outskirts of Rome

Since March 1997, the General Council has been in contact with Cardinal Ruini, the Vicar of the Pope for the Diocese of Rome and President of the Italian Episcopal Conference, with regard to a Spiritan missionary project in the outskirts of Rome, in order:

- to integrate and root ourselves more clearly into the local Church of Rome;
- to be enriched by the vitality of the local Church of Rome, while making our own modest contribution in return;

bers of other churches and religions and, even more important, with lay people attracted by our spirituality”.

“While continuing to invite people, in the area where we announce the Gospel, to a collaboration in the service to the world, we give special attention to those who identify with our spirituality: Spiritan movements, Fraternities, Lay Spiritans and Lay Spiritan Associates”.

A call to all Spiritans to join the movement of the Congregation which has emerged more clearly during this Chapter (Fr Pierre Schouver, Superior General).

“Let nobody feel left out! Just because you are not engaged in one of our recent undertakings, it does not mean you are outside this movement. And we are anxious to strengthen ties with those who have somewhat distanced themselves from the Congregation.

We stressed that apart from some particular areas, first evangelisation is something that can be done everywhere; it is a movement where we understand people better in their lives and real needs.

We can all find inspiration in a mission that reaches out to others, particularly to the most abandoned.

Concern for the most abandoned is the thing that unites Spiritans of all ages and in all places.

We all feel the need to work for justice, peace and the integrity of creation; we must look for practical ways of carrying this out.

The need and opportunity for closer collaboration is to be seen almost everywhere.

The more we try to follow this movement of Spiritan mission and the desire for a deeper spiritual life, the more we feel the need for on-going formation and the up-dating of our professional skills.

In future, we will find our strength and our deep joy in the simplicity of our friendly relations with each other and with those to whom we bring the Gospel. The closer we get to the source in our prayer, the more we discover that everything is possible for those who believe.

To all of you who are not at the Chapter, and particularly to those who are going through difficult times, we wish you joy in living out our Spiritan vocation, with the assurance of our friendship and prayers”.

- to make our Congregation known in an Italian Church which is showing a great generosity towards mission across frontiers. The spiritan lifestyle could interest some Christians.

At a meeting on July 2, 1998, Cardinal Ruini assured the General Council that a parish would be available from September, 1999.

A team of 3 or 4 Spiritans, composed of Europeans and Africans will be appointed to this work.

Rogath KIMARYO, Tanzanian, 42.

Personal Data

Year of Birth: 1956
Circumscription of Origin: EAP
Year of Perpetual Commitment: 1986
Year of Ordination: 1987

Principal Functions in the Service of the Congregation

Formator (4 years)
Rector of Spiritan Philosophicum, Arusha (1 year)



Principal Pastoral/Missionary Responsibilities held.

Lecturer and Head of Department, Tangaza College (4 years).
Acting Principal, Tangaza College, Nairobi (1 year).
Academic Qualifications: BD (Urbaniana); J.C.D (Gregorian, Rome).
Responsibility: Formation, Spiritan Rule of Life
Correspondent: East Africa (Bagamoyo, EAP, Ethiopia, Kenya), Indian Ocean (FOI, Madagascar, Mauritius, Reunion).

Gabriel MBILINGI, Angolan, 40.

Personal Data

Year of Birth: 1958
Circumscription of Origin: Angola
Year of Perpetual Commitment: 1983
Year of Ordination: 1984

Principal Functions in the Service of the Congregation

Rector of Holy Spirit Major Seminary 1992-1995
Provincial of Angola 1995 - 1998



Principal Pastoral/Missionary Responsibilities held.

Parish Priest of S. João Baptista, Lobito, 1983 - 1988
Academic Qualifications: Licence in Phil. (Greg. Rome) STL. (Greg. Rome)
Responsibility: Justice and Peace, Formation
Correspondent: Central Africa (Angola, Bangui, Cameroon, Congo-Brazzaville, Congo Kinshasa, FAC, Gabon) South Africa (Mozambique); Region: Central Africa.

António FARIAS, Portuguese, 51.

Personal Data

Year of Birth: 1947
Circumscription of Origin: Portugal
Year of Perpetual Commitment: 1967
Year of Ordination: 1975

Principal Functions in the Service of the Congregation

Missionary Animation
Formator in 2nd Cycle, Theology

Principal Pastoral/Missionary Responsibilities held.

Parish Work in Brazil



Vicar General, Tefé.

Academic Qualifications: STL, (Inst. Cath., Paris).

Responsibility: Lay Associates, Formation

Correspondent: West Africa (Cabo Verde), Europe (Spain, Portugal), Latin America (Brazil Province and Districts of Amazonia, Alto-Jurua, Brazil South-East, Brazil South-West, Brazil Central; Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Mexico); Region: Latin America.

General Bursar

The eighth member of the General Council, the General Bursar, is not elected by the General Chapter but chosen by the Council, in consultation with the Major Superiors. The

outgoing General Bursar, Fr Moreira Dias, whose financial report was much appreciated by the capitulants, did not wish to be re-appointed for a further six years.

The General Council is in the process of looking for a new General Bursar.

THE FORMER GENERAL COUNCIL

The Congregation's many thanks go to the following members of the former General Council:

Fr. Bernard Kelly who will be doing a Sabbatical, principally in US, before returning to ministry in his Province of TransCanada; Fr Godfrey Odigbo, who will be doing a year's studies at St. Anselm, England, before taking up new ministry; Fr Bernardo Bongo who will take a sabbatical in Ireland before his new ministry, and Fr Frans Wijnen who will also take a break of at least six months before he takes up ministry in his Province of the Netherlands.

News Items

GENERALATE PERSONNEL

Fr Philip Sebastian NG'OJA replaces Fr Raymond Barry in the Information Service. Fr Philip was born in Rombo, Tanzania on May 26th, 1957. He made his Perpetual Commitment in 1987 and was ordained in 1988. After ordination he did a Licentiate in theology (Fribourg) in 1992, after which he went to Zambia where he worked as Diocesan Secretary, Livingstone, until his appointment to the Generalate.



NOMINATION: SPIRITAN BISHOPS

On 27th May, 1998, the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, named Fr Sergio Eduardo Castriani CSSp, as Coadjutor Bishop of the Prelature of Tefé, Brazil. Fr Sergio was born on May 31, 1954 in Regente Feijò (SP), Brazil. He was professed on February 2, 1975. He did his theological studies at the Poullart des Places Institute and was ordained priest in December 9, 1978. He was appointed to Feijò, Cruzeiro do Sul and he was there till 1984. In 1984 he was sent to the house of Philosophy in São Paulo as Director. Later, in the same year he was appointed Provincial bursar. In 1992 he was elected General Councillor, the post he held until he was named Bishop.



On 27th May, 1998, the Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, named Fr Mosé João Pontelo CSSp, as Coadjutor Bishop of the diocese of Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil. Fr Mosé was born on 18th Sept., 1942 in Sete Lagoas. He was professed on January 16, 1963. He did his theological studies in Divinópolis and was ordained priest in May 14, 1967. In 1968 he was appointed parish priest of Divino Spirito Santo Parish in the diocese of Governador Valadares. From 1971 to 1975 he was appointed Assistant parish priest of Nossa Senhora de Lourdes parish and became its parish priest from 1976 to 1981. In the same year, he was appointed parish priest of São João Batista parish (SP) and Assistant to the director of the House of Philosophy of the Congregation. In 1986 he was elected District Superior of Sul do Brazil and in 1990 he was elected Provincial Superior. In 1994 he was nominated Director of Instituto Poullart Des Places and Assistant parish priest of São João Baptista in Lapa until his nomination as Bishop.



Mgr Pontelo

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This change makes it possible to contact each member of the community directly.

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The area code for all regions in Italy has changed. For an external call to the Generalate, the prefix 39.6 has been changed to 39.06 (including the '0'!).

Our Dead

01 June	: Fr. Patrick J. FLYNN	(Ireland), 74
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