



# Bloodlines

Newsletter of the Atlantic Province  
Summer-Autumn 2021

## **From the Provincial and Council**

The provincial council met on Tuesday, September 7, at 11:00am via Zoom with all members present.

### **Approval of minutes from the last council meeting**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Agenda**

Fr. Mario stated that the purpose of the meeting was to go over the reports that were to be given during the Business Assembly which was cancelled due to the pandemic. These are listed here in the order given by Provincial Statutes 59 and 65 respectively.

### **The written report of the Provincial Director**

Fr. Mario said his biggest concern is for the future. He is looking for members who are willing and capable leaders and he is hard pressed to identify them. He was asked to submit two names for a leadership workshop that will be offered by the Generalate; he is considering asking for a third to be included. Another concern that Fr. Mario had was the malaise he senses is ingrained in the province. He realizes that all of us are suffering from the pandemic, but he feels something deeper and draining is taking place. There seems to be no energy for anything. The real question is, "Where are we going?"

### **The written report of the Provincial Treasurer**

Fr. Peter was not present for the report as he was out of the country. Fr. Mario made the observation that our financial shape is not as good as it could be. In reality, we are just getting by. New issues have arisen affecting the sale of the Bathurst property. Certain parishes were not included in the report nor from members not assigned to parishes. Two changes to the Provincial Customary suggested in the report will be acted on at the next council meeting. It was decided to table the report until Fr. Peter could provide further clarification.

### **The written report of the chair of the Vocation/Formation Committee**

Fr. Lui Santi submitted the report and Fr. Alarey was invited to the meeting for his further input. The challenges facing the province include the medical issues affecting Fr. Lui and the fact that there is no one currently in formation. There are, however, 3 inquirers at present.

### **The written report of the chair of the Mission Committee**

Deacon Jerome Hologa was invited to the meeting to review his report, which was singled out for its high quality. Issues remain with respect to our future involvement in Tanzania. Better communication and understanding is needed between the leadership of the Mission Office and the personnel who are working in Tanzania. The latter need to be more involved in decision-making and have some real power else they could feel they are simply working for the Atlantic Province and not for the Province of Tanzania. The fact that Deacon Jerome is Tanzanian should prove a big help in correcting a variety of problems. He was also encouraged to begin work on establishing the Mission Committee as stipulated by the Provincial Statutes. He was also encouraged to proceed with his plan for revising the content and frequency of the magazine with a view to reaching both mission project donors and members of the USC. Finally, he was commended for the remarkable increase in donations to the mission projects.

#### **The written report of the chair of the Investment Committee**

The report was unavailable.

#### **The written report of the Regional Director of the Union of the Blood of Christ**

The report was unavailable.

#### **The written report of the Archives**

In a report that carried the date 2019, Fr. Gary Luiz reports that the archives are in good shape and there is nothing new to report.

With the exception noted above, the reports were unanimously approved by the council.

#### **Personnel Issues**

A number of personnel issues was discussed.

#### **Approval of ordination to the priesthood**

Unanimous approval was given to request dimissorial letters from the Generalate for deacons Gerardo and Jerome upon receipt of their letters seeking admission to the order of presbyter.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 26, 2021, at Niagara Falls. If the border remains closed the meeting will be held once again by Zoom.



**Voice of the Founder**

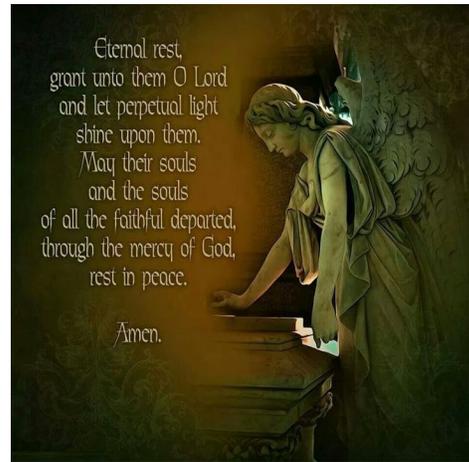
*In the Blood of Jesus Christ let all find the fountain of all good things, repose in trials, the security and peace one can have when hesitation arises...the union of love, the foundation of faith...the basis of Christian patience, the cause of rejoicing in Heaven.*



**Provincial Retreat**

*June 13-17, 2022*

Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre  
Niagara Falls, ON



In your charity, remember Pauline Luiz  
(+June 15), sister-in-law of Fr. Gary

## PROVINCIAL CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 - B - ATLANTIC VICARIATE EST. (1966)
- 1 - O - Patrick Gilmurray (2012)
- 2 - D - Nicholas Arioli (1992)
- 6 - B - Michael Mateyk (1973)
- 7 - I - Rene Cerecedo (1984)
- 9 - B - San D'Angelo (1967)
- 12 - B - Rene Cerecedo (1951)
- 29 - I - German Santiago Esteves (2012)
- 29 - I - Gregorio Hernandez Cortez (2012)

### OCTOBER

- 1 - I - Peter Nobili (1964)
- 7 - D - John Zywolewski (1993)
- 19 - B - Brendan Doherty (1940)
- 20 - O - Jeffrey Finley (1990)
- 20 - I - Augusto Menichelli (2004)
- 21 - **SOLEMNITY OF ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO**
- 22 - I - James Reposkey (1972)
- 26 - O - Gregorio Hernandez Cortes (2015)
- 29 - B - ITALO-AMERICAN DELEGATION EST. - 1928

### NOVEMBER

- 4 - I - Ronald Mahon (1975)
- 9 - D - Oreste Cerbara (1990)
- 10 - D - Patrick Sena (2012)
- 18 - B - Gary Luiz (1950)
- 20 - B - William Mnyagatwa (1946)

### DECEMBER

- 3 - FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (Patron of the Congregation)
- 3 - I - Brendan Doherty (1979)
- 3 - I - John Colacino (1979)
- 3 - I - Mario Cafarelli (1983)
- 3 - I - Luigino Santi (1983)
- 3 - I - William Mnyagatwa (1992)
- 3 - I - Sam D'Angelo (1998)
- 3 - I - Alarey Abella (2006)
- 3 - I - Michael Mateyk (2010)
- 3 - I - Patrick Gilmurray (2011)
- 3 - I - Gerardo Laguartilla (2020)
- 5 - O - Augusto Menichelli (2005)
- 13 - O - John Colacino (1980)
- 19 - D - Richard Masciangelo (1994)
- 22 - B - Alarey Abella (1969)
- 28 - D - St. Gaspar Del Bufalo (1837)

**From Around the Province**

*Definitive Incorporation of Jerome Hologa C.P.P.S. (May 24, 2021; St. Charles Borromeo)*





*Ordination to the Diaconate of Jerome Hologa C.PP.S. (June 5, 2021; St. Charles Borromeo)*





*Feast of the Precious Blood; July 1; St. Charles Borromeo*



*Feast of the Assumption; Rochester Mission House*



## Member Profile

*Fr. Josephat Msuya C.PP.S.*



I came to know the Missionaries of the Precious Blood through seminars given by vocation directors of various religious congregations to high school students. The explanation about the charism and spirituality of the Precious Blood caught my attention. It took me about three years to correspond with the CPPS vocation director until I made a formal application to join the congregation. I was accepted to begin my formation journey with the congregation in 1992.

It was in the formation years that I was introduced to the central identity of the CPPS, the spirituality of the Precious Blood put into existence by community life and various apostolates and ministries that members are involved with. What comes to mind is the many talks and seminars we had in the formation years of the three pillars of the congregation: Mission, Community and Spirituality. Every one of us is aware that all three of them are interconnected in our life and define who we are as Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

Ten years of formation prepared me for the final commitment to become a Missionary of the Precious Blood. Nineteen years after my ordination to the priesthood I am reminded that the “bond of charity” is an ongoing formation process which must be deepened in our daily life. This comes with some successes and failures. It is obvious that life experience teaches us that every circumstance in life, even those that seem to be negative, helps us to become better individuals. Trust in the Lord with a leap of faith is what keeps us moving forward.

As I think of many lessons I have learnt over the course of years and as Missionary of the Precious Blood, one that stands out to me is Jesus' statement to his disciples at the last supper, *I have given you a model to follow, so that as I have done for you, you should also do* (Jn 13:15).

It wasn't an easy gesture for his disciples to understand. It was a shocking gesture to them of God, especially for Peter. A gesture that reminded them, as it does us in our time, that their Master's entire life, whom they came to know was the Son of the living God, had been to serve his people. A God who insists that what he did has to remain with us as our model to follow. That same model leads us to look at him hanging on the cross drawing us all to him.

I believe being a Missionary of the Precious Blood means I am called to keep Jesus' stewardship alive more than anything else. This is what makes Precious Blood spirituality the mother of all spiritualities. I am thankful to God for calling me to be among the members of the CPPS. I am reminded to let the bond of charity shape me to be a true disciple of the Divine Master.