



News from the Generalate

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Perpetual Professions

Congratulations to the following religious who made their perpetual profession of vows: on October 4th at Dhaka, Bangladesh, **Mr. Subash Joseph Costa (SH)**; on October 11th at St. John the Baptist Church, Toomilia, Bangladesh, **Brother Placid Ujjal Pereira (SJ)**; on October 17th at Holy Rosary Church, Tejgaon, Dhaka, Bangladesh, **Sister Renu Teresa Rozario CSC, Sister Tuli Drong CSC, Sister Anita Gomes CSC, Sister Sheema Purification CSC**; on October 31st at Mary Help of Christians Cathedral Grotto, Shillong, India, **Sister Lucy Lalsangzuali CSC**.

Congratulations and *ad Multos Annos* to our newest professed members in the Congregation of Holy Cross and the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

General Council

The General Council met October 6-10 in Rome; all members were present. Among items considered were the following:

- Review and approval of the July 2008 General Council meeting minutes;
- Finalization of the agenda and schedule for the November 2008 Council of the Congregation meeting;
- Review of the nominating ballot results for the election by the provincial chapter of the provincial superior in the Province of St. Joseph (Bangladesh);
- Review and approval of the general visitation report for the English Canadian Vicariate;
- Review of matters pertaining to personnel: petitions for admission to perpetual profession;
- Review of various matters presented by the provinces, vicariates, districts requiring general-level approvals including: approval of chapter configurations in several provinces; review of financial matters submitted by various entities;
- Conducted the annual meeting of the Holy Cross International (USA) Board of Trustees;
- General Chapter 2010 preparations: compiled input on major issues identified by superiors for general chapter consideration; reviewed recommendations of the Mission of Hope conference; surfaced issues identified in general visitation reports.

--Review of reports from: **General Archivist; General Steward** (including report of the Finance Commission meeting of September 2008; foundation grant applications in process; investments; report of July 2008 finance visit to Haiti by Fr. Ebey and M. Bélanger); **Education Committee** (including publication of the *Holy Cross International School Directory*); **Causes for Beatification and Canonization; Religious Life Commission** (including progress on the formulation of a Congregational Directory of Prayers); update on the **Congregational Website** reconstruction currently in progress; **Regional Planning** (including IP/EP and EB/SW discussions in the USA, and African and Asian regional planning meetings;), **Solidarity Commission; Vocations and Formation** (including speakers/topic for presentations at Council of the Congregation)

--Review and update of the calendars for General Visitations, General Council meetings and 2009 Provincial and Vicariate Chapters.

North Eastern National Integration Movement (NESNIM)

This annual peace program, sponsored by the **Province of North East India** since 2001, was held in Agartala, Tripura, India, October 2-5. Holy Cross School was the main venue for the 527 student participants who represented over twenty ethnic

communities, assisted by over a hundred animators and an equal number of volunteers. The program provides an excellent platform for students and citizens to develop their responsibility in peace keeping efforts through sessions, workshops, and dramatics. Traditional dance performances and a patriotic song competition add to the festivity of the days. Unfortunately, a serial bomb blast in Agartala town forced the cancellation of a planned 4000-strong student peace rally there. Instead, a symbolic rally was held during the concluding ceremonies. Thanks to all who helped make NESNIM 2008 a great experience of cooperation, community-building and appreciation of God's gift of one another in the trouble-torn Northeastern region of India.

An Anthology of Poems

On October 21st at Holy Cross House, Notre Dame, **Brother John Paige** presented **Father Richard Teall (IP)** with a copy of *An Anthology of Poems* compiled from his previously published works. This new collection of poetry was selected and edited by **Brother George Klawitter (MW)**, professor of English at St. Edward's University, who provides an introduction to the publication. A postscript is included from a commentary on Fr. Teall's works written by **Father Christopher J. O'Toole CSC**.

In his introduction, Brother George notes: "when Father Richard Teall penned many of his gentle lyric poems...he was ministering to the Hispanic community in and around Austin, Texas....He brings to all his verses not only a practiced eye for details, the eye of an artist, but he also brings the caring soul of a professional priest who aches and rejoices in the ups and downs, comings and goings, of those entrusted to him." Thanks to **Father Paul Leblanc (C)** of the generalate staff, the anthology is simply laid out and published in a convenient format; copies will be shared with members of our Holy Cross Formation Houses worldwide.

Justice and Peace

Brother David Andrews writes:
As the Coordinator for Justice and Peace I have visited Peru and Chile, two places where extractive industries and water issues have coincided and about which Holy Cross religious have sent out alerts. I am sure that there are a number of issues and places where Holy Cross has identified these issues as serious concerns. At meetings of men and women of Holy Cross at the International Office of Justice and Peace at Saint Mary's in South Bend, Indiana, for example, some Holy Cross women from Canada have spoken about the role of Canadian based mining companies in

environmental and human rights contexts. I have met with the Religious Working Group on Water here in Washington, DC and do believe a survey being proposed could be very useful. I invite readers of *News from the Generalate* to contribute to this important piece of data collection: Water and Extractive Industries Mapping Questionnaire: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=sXD9LO1ukjXFs3fTUwDKIA_3d_3d

I know that I will be able to use it when working on these issues, especially now as a regular advisor on food and water at the United Nations for the President of the General Assembly.

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- A new study said that industrial farming practices -- also known as confined animal feeding operations, or CAFOs -- take more money away from rural communities than they leave behind, and leave less money in rural areas than do smaller, family run farms. "It is clear that industrialized animal production has adverse impacts on rural communities," the study said. "The consolidation of the nation's animal agriculture has led to a more concentrated, industrialized model, which has had dramatic and increasingly problematic impacts on rural communities and the traditional farm." The study, "Impact of Industrial Farm Animal Production on Rural Communities," was conducted

by **Tim Kautza**, a science and environmental education specialist for the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, and Holy Cross **Brother David Andrews (EB)**, a former executive director of the conference and congregational Coordinator for Justice and Peace. The study was issued Sept. 24 by the Pew Commission in Industrial Farm Animal Production, on which Brother David served as a member.

Holy Cross International School Directory

The 2004 General Chapter of the Congregation of Holy Cross recommended the "network[ing of] Holy Cross education ministries across international borders...[to] promote sharing and solidarity among Holy Cross educational institutions in diverse contexts" (Rec. 15).

The Holy Cross Congregational Education Committee, therefore, is happy to make available a copy of the first **Holy Cross International School Directory (Edition 1-October 2008)**. The Microsoft Excel file format makes for a convenient electronic reference for information on schools affiliated with the Congregation of Holy Cross.

We sincerely hope that this tool helps schools to network among themselves and share the wisdom, experience and talents of our great family of Holy Cross educators.

An electronic copy may be requested from Brother John Paige CSC at <johnp2@cscroma.org>.

Visitations

Brother John Paige, Father Mario Lachapelle, and Father Eric Jasmin conducted the general visitation to the Midwest province in October. In addition to individual visits in the South Bend area and conducting a "Closing of the Visit" session for province members at Holy Cross Village at Notre Dame, the visitors also met religious and visited ministries in Ohio and Michigan (Fr. Eric), in the Chicago area (Fr. Mario), and in Texas, Florida, South Carolina and Indiana (Br. John).

Generalate Visitors

Visitors to the generalate this month included: General Councilors **Father Richard Warner, Brother Bijoy Rodrigues, Father Eric Jasmin**; other guests: **Bishop Moses Costa CSC, Sr. Margaret Ann Dailey OSB, Florian Fischer, Father Richard Zang (IP)**. We also enjoy the regular presence of Holy Cross religious studying in Roma: **Father Russ McDougall (IP)**, a student at the Biblicum and residing at the generalate, and Gregorian University students **Father Michael Wurtz (IP)**, residing at Casa Santa Maria, and **Father Alexander Susai (SI)**, residing at the Angelicum.