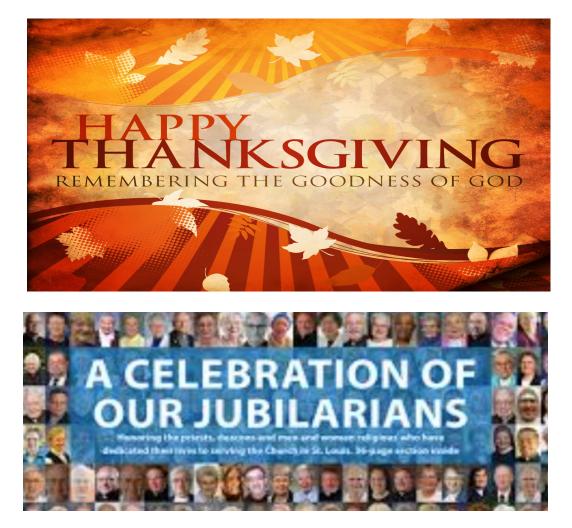
# Passionist News Notes St. Paul of the Cross Province





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	SCANLON, Terrence
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John McMillan CP
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 Robert Carbonneau CP, Michael Moran CP
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 Bernard McEachern CP, Stephen Dunn CP
 Carlos Luis Rodriguez Hernandez CP

# PRAYER FOR THE 48<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL CHAPTER

«HERE 1 AM... SEND ME» (15 6:8)

PASSION OF CHRIST: OUR SOURCE OF LIFE AND MISSION

**LINK to Prayer** 



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The Provincial

October 10, 2024

Dear Brothers, Associates and Colleagues,

"A journey of transformation through prayerful listening and surrender to growth in transparency, authenticity and humility." – Joachim Rego, CP

Greetings from Rome where we have begun the 48th General Chapter. I am here with 78 capitulars including Justin Kerber, CP. We have passed through an initial period of pre-chapter which included community building and communication exercises, and the Chapter began on Monday with a day of recollection.

The most striking physical change to the chapter room is that it has been completely renovated to facilitate a synodal style of gathering. Gone is the amphitheater seating, replaced by round tables where capitulars engage in spiritual conversations on our main topics – inner life, belonging, leadership, configurations and new ministries. We are modeling our synod on the Synod on Synodality taking place at the Vatican this month as well.

Father Joachim set the tone for the chapter reflecting on his 12 years of service as superior general. In his address, he called us to conversion, renewal and a more profound willingness to trust in the action of the Spirit. The challenges that the Congregation faces are many, but we have been asked to be hopeful, creative and collaborative before the extraordinary agenda of the crucified God.

Please remember the chapter in your personal and communal prayers, and I will share up-dates weekly as we proceed.

In JXP,

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Father Jim O'Shea, CP Provincial



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# THE PASSIONISTS

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October 17, 2024

Dear Brothers, Associates and Colleagues,

I am happy to share with you the election of **Father Giuseppe Adobati Carrara, CP** as the new General Superior of the global Passionist congregation. Father Giuseppe was elected on the second ballot taken among the seventy-eight participants representing the congregation throughout the world. Attached is the official communication with some background of Father Giuseppe.

Please remember Father Giuseppe in your prayers as well as the process for the election of General Consultors to assist him which will begin today. The general chapter has one remaining week in which final decisions will be taken on important matters that have been discussed thus far.

I also want to take this opportunity to thank **Farther Joachim Rego, CP** who completed his twelve years as General Superior. He was a great friend to the Province of St. Paul of the Cross and a faithful supporter of our efforts, as he cared for the entire congregation. May the Lord give him many healthy years to pursue the next part of his journey as a Passionist.

In JXP,

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Father Jim O'Shea, CP Provincial



# NUEVO SUPERIOR GENERAL P. GIUSEPPE ADOBATI CARRARA, C.P.

El 17 de octubre de 2024,

el 48º Capítulo General de la Congregación de la Pasión de Jesucristo

eligió Superior General al P. Giuseppe Adobati Carrara, quien hasta ahora era Superior Provincial de la Provincia MAPRAES.

El padre Giuseppe nació el 12/09/1969. Hizo su profesión el 14/09/1991 y fue ordenado sacerdote el 01/06/1996.

Pedimos vuestras oraciones por él, que sea iluminado por la luz del Espíritu para la tarea que le ha sido confiada.

Del mismo modo, con la misma docilidad, que toda la Familia Pasionista en el mundo experimente, a través de este misterio, la confianza de permanecer unida en el amor de Cristo revelado en la Cruz.

## NEW SUPERIOR GENERAL FR. GIUSEPPE ADOBATI CARRARA, C.P.

On the 17th of October 2024,

the 48<sup>th</sup> General Chapter of the Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ **elected Giuseppe Adobati Carrara Superior General.** Up until now he has been the Provincial Superior of MAPRAES Province.

Father Giuseppe was born 12/09/1969. He was professed 14/09/1991 and ordained a priest 1/06/1996.

We ask that you pray for him so that he will be illuminated with the light of the Holy Spirit to fulfil the task that has been entrusted to him.

Likewise, with the same openness of spirit the Passionist Family throughout the world are invited to share in this mystery praying for the faithfulness to remain united in the love of Christ on the Cross.



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October 19, 2024

Dear Brothers, Associates and Colleagues,

I am happy to share with you the new General Consultors who were elected this morning in Rome:

Paul Francis Spencer (PATRICK) Aurelio Miranda (EXALT) Aloysious Nguma (GEMMA) Jose Gregorio Valente (MAPRES) Eddy Vasquez (SCOR) Paul Cherukudoth (THOM)

These consultors represent all geographical parts of the Congregation. Please pray for them as they take up this important ministry.

As we continue this time of General Chapter, we join with you in preparations for the feast of our founder, Paul of the Cross, which we, in Rome, will celebrate tomorrow. May the stirrings of the Holy Spirit enliven within ourselves and within our communities an ever-deeper desire to encounter the fullness of the reality of the Crucified – Christ, Humanity and Creation.

In JXP,

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V. Rev. James O'Shea, C.P. Provincial

# A New General Council



Frs. Paul Francis, Jose, Paul, Fr General – Giuseppe Adobati – Eddy, Aloysious, Aurelio

#### From the Configuration of Charles Houben (CCH) -Northern and Central Europe

Fr. **Paul Francis Spencer,** from the Province of St. Patrick (PATR - Ireland, Scotland, France, England, Wales). Fr. Paul Francis was born in Scotland on March 2, 1954. He professed on September 25, 1977 and was ordained a priest on June 28, 1980.

Fr. Paul Francis was subsequently elect as the First Consultor.

## From the Configura6on of Paspac. (PASPAC) - Asia and the Pacific,

Fr. Paul Cherukoduth, from the Vice Province of St. Thomas the Apostle (THOM, India).

Fr. Paul was born in India on June 26, 1965. He professed on May 18, 1986 and was ordained a priest on April 24, 1993.

## From the Configura6on of the Sacred Heart. (SCOR) - Spain and much of Latin America,

Fr. Eddy Alejandro Vásquez López, from the Province of the Sacred Heart (SCOR - Spain, Fr. Eddy Alejandro was born in Peru on July 31, 1968. He professed on February 17, 1991 and was ordained a priest on June 4, 1995.

#### From the Configura6on of Passionists Africa (CPA) - Africa

Fr. Aloysius John Nguma, from the Vice Province of Santa Gemma Galgani (GEMM, Tanzania). Fr. Aloysius John was born in Tanzania on October 10, 1960. He professed on August 9, 1991 and was ordained a priest on June 29, 1996.

# From the Configura6on of Jesus Crucified. (CJC) -North and South America

Fr. Aurélio Aparecido Miranda, from the Province of the Exalta6on of the Holy Cross (EXALT, Brazil). Fr. Aurélio was born in Brazil on April 15, 1979. He professed on February 27, 2005 and was ordained a priest on September 6, 2009.

## From the Configura6on of Mary Presented in the Temple (MAPRAES) Western Europe

Fr. José Gregório Duarte Valente, from the Province of Mary Presented in the Temple Fr. José Gregório was born in Portugal on July 30, 1989. He professed on July 30, 2011 and was ordained a priest on October 30, 2016. St. Paul of the Cross Feast Day Mass in the Basilica of Sts. John and Paul in Rome

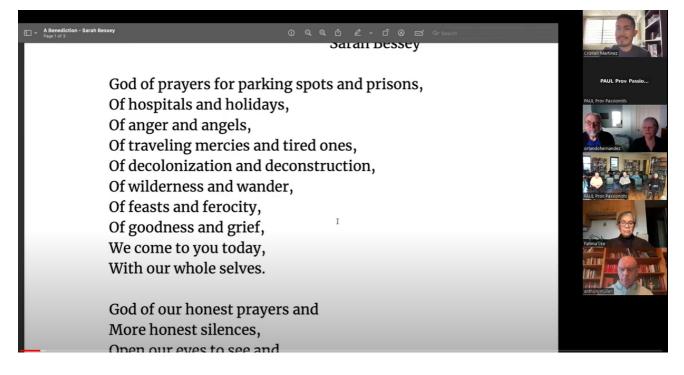


The Principal Celebrant is the newly elected Superior General, Most Rev. Father Giuseppe Adobati, C.P. *You can listen to his homily by converting the Italian to English, by clicking on CC (at the bottom)* 

LINK to Video of the Mass

# **Passionist Charism Day on ZOOM**

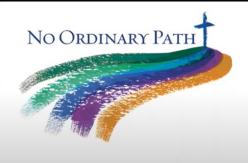
Morning Session, Opening Prayer and Sr. Maria Pascuzzi, CSJ



**VIDEO** 

# Afternoon session: Fr. David Cinquegrani, CP and Fatima Lee

# THE PASSIONISTS



"We want our walk through life to become an announcement of hope for all!" CP Rule



**VIDEO** 

# The Global Migration Crisis: What can a Retreat House Do?

## By Michael Nasello

Any community or institution, social or religious, looking at the current crisis of global human migration might be easily overwhelmed and be left feeling hopeless. Over the past year, some Passionist Retreat Center teams have stepped out of their comfort zones to try some unique local responses. They have all begun with the same questions and assumptions: "This seems to be overwhelming.", "We have to do something.", "Our resources are limited.", and "Some people in our communities might be upset with us."

Here are some of the initiatives Passionist Retreat Centers in the USA have been implementing.

# RETREAT CENTERS ARE PLACES THAT OFFER RETREATS

Several communities have spent time discerning the questions, "What can we do?" and "What do we have to give?" The answer to the second question has also answered the first: we can plan and lead a



retreat program of renewal and reflection to the staff people who work in the local migrant/refugee support centres.

So it was that the St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center team in Detroit, MI invited the staff members from the migrant/refugee support centres in the greater Detroit area to a retreat. And they came – 25 strong! They enjoyed and were refreshed by a morning of reflection and lunch. And, given that many had never met before, they began to network, to share needs and resources, to plan, and to support each other. The retreat centre team offered space for donors to drop off donated furniture and clothing, and to store it until it could be picked up and redistributed. That first encounter was such a success that they did it again, and again. The retreat centre is now one of this group's regular meeting places.

Similar initiatives are underway at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Center in Sierra Madre, CA and Holy Name Retreat Center in Houston, TX. Holy Name has generously used one of the conference rooms to host a Day of Recollection for in Spanish to raise funds for two local migrant center charity organizations, with an amazing response from a community that identifies itself closely with the migration reality. Now, new friendships and support networks are evolving, communities are supporting other communities of migrants and refugees, all from confronting the questions: "What we are good at?" and "How are we being called to respond to the crucified in this present moment?".

#### RETREAT CENTERS ARE PLACES OF PRAYER AND PREACHING



Another aspect of retreat leadership is the call to bring a message of welcome, inclusion, and hospitality to the many retreatants who come for renewal. Retreats provide opportunities to engage retreatants in prayer and reflection on the deep and troubling questions of our time, including migration: "What are our politics and economics telling us? What is our faith telling us? Can we see in the faces of migrants the face of Christ Crucified? What are our hearts telling us?" The Spiritual Direction program at Holy Name Retreat Centre, Houston TX, and the staff at Mater Dolorosa Retreat Centre in Sierra Madre, CA, have both become more intentional in this. At Mater Dolorosa, regular food collections support the St. Francis Center in Los Angeles, CA. At Holy Name, and in Houston, TX,

students from the Spiritual Direction Programs contribute monthly to assist migrants in their community. This allows the students to experience faith and contemplation in action.

These engagements have inspired both good dialogue and generous responses. A planned café at Our Lady of Florida Retreat Centre in North Palm Beach, FL will extend this simple response in new ways. "Food for thought" is becoming "food for migrants". Whether in prayer or through preaching, the message is that the crucified Christ lives in the children, women and men who are displaced from their homes and are seeking safety and security in a new land. Their stories are the story of Jesus, Mary and Joseph fleeing to Egypt, now made visible in our own cities. Migrants and refugees are asking: "Are we welcome here? Is there a place for us?" One of the young women who is a guest at the centre recently commented that she never would have imagined such hospitality and welcome from Christians

#### RETREAT CENTERS ARE PLACES WITH ROOMS

One retreat center has taken a creative and bold approach to this challenge by providing rooms, support, and training to small groups of migrants and refugees. The community at Thomas Berry Place in Jamaica, NY in partnership with the RECONNECT program is taking a novel approach, in the spirit of St. Paul of the Cross's call for his "retreats" to leave room in the house for those who may come knocking at the door in need of shelter.



For over a year, a small group of asylum seekers, young men from various parts of Latin and South America, have been welcomed to live, for a short time, in a wing of the retreat centre. There they are given a room, a hot meal each day, a transit pass, a personalized work-training program, a daily class in English, an opportunity to give back to the local community through service, and communal support to help them through their cultural and personal transition into this new living

situation.

The goal is that this opportunity be transitional for each of the men, to help them move toward something more permanent and sustainable.

More recently, a small group of Muslim Afghan refugee women, sponsored by the

Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, have been welcomed into another small wing of the retreat house to create a temporary home, with one of the sisters living with and accompanying them through their transitional journey. On top of all the other benefits, the opportunity to share stories and experience the support of a caring community has proven to be significant in rekindling hope for the future. One of the young women who is a guest at the centre recently commented that she never would have imagined such hospitality



Sr. Karen Cavanagh with two of the young women who escaped from Afghanistan who are now living with her at Thomas Berry Place.

and welcome from Christians. It has changed her life for the better and has given her hope.

Indeed, this can be said for everyone involved.

## Fr. Rob Carbonneau, C.P., Ph.D gave this lecture on the History of Sign Magazine

Last month, *PassionistsPray.org: A Step into the Digital World*, described the way that Victor Hoagland is using modern media to share the mission of the Passionists.

This lecture by Fr. Rob Carbonneau is a great insite what the Passionist SIGN Magazine accomplished in 61 years to share the Passionist mission.



# SIGN MAGAZINE:

PASSIONISTS PROCLAIM THE MESSAGE THROUGH MEDIA (1921-1982)

# MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7-8 PM ET | 6-7 PM CT | 5-6 PM MT | 4-5 PM PT

**VIDEO** 

# Congregation of the Passion "The Passionists" St. Paul of the Cross Province, East Coast USA *Laudato Si* Action Steps

On September 28, 2021, the entire Passionist community made a public commitment to join the worldwide Catholic community in responding to Pope Francis' appeal to participate in a seven- year journey towards sustainability and integral ecology by implementing the seven Laudato Si' Action Platform (LSAP) Goals.

Since then, the St Paul of the Cross province have worked to address the seven goals of the Platform: Care for Earth and Care for the Poor, Ecological Education, Economics, and Spirituality, Simple Lifestyles and Community resilience and empowerment

Each local community has unique structures and resources and were asked to review each of the goals in light of their unique capabilities. This is an *ongoing, living* document intended to both summarize those collective efforts and encourage and inspire future efforts. Before the next Chapter in 2026, the report will be sent to the Laudato Si' Action Platform/ Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development in Rome.

For each of the LSAP goals below, we will report on our Province's progress as reported to the Provincial Office. For the purposes of this report, local communities are identified as follows:

> HF – Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center, West Hartford, CT IC- Immaculate Conception Monastery and Parish, Jamaica NY PTT- Pittsburgh Monastery and Retreat Center PSN- Passionist Solidarity Network TBP- Thomas Berry Place, Jamaica NY

#### RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF EARTH

- In 2018, the Province began working with Catholic Energies, a program of Catholic Climate Covenant, to
  install solar systems on our buildings. Thus far, solar panels have been installed in three sites: Puerto Rico,
  Jamaica NY and West Hartford.
- HF- The decision was made to keep the 40 acres of property as open space, therefore enabling the wildlife and vegetation to thrive.
- HF- A program of composting has been put in place for all meals served at the Center through Blue Earth Composting.
- HF- Our Just-Faith Social Justice Ministry has provided for 975 trees to be planted in the inner city and the
  program will continue in the spring of 2023.
- HF- Season of Creation yielded projects and donations to bring awareness to the local community about the need for greater and immediate attention to the earth and its plight regarding the dangers of global warming.
- PSN- facilitated acquisition of painting The Passion of the Earth and engaging in promotion of its arrival in various Passionist houses as a catalyst for Ecological reflection and learning

- PTT- Prioritize the garden area improving walkways for safety and handicap accessibility. Increase in
  planting and pruning, expanding it to the front areas of the retreat center. Ten plaques with quotes from St.
  Paul of the Cross have been installed in the garden.
- PITT- Working with Catholic Energies to assess the viability of installing solar panels.
- IC- A Mary Garden was created at the Monastery with very intentional planting of flowers, trees and herbs
  that bloom at all times of the year. An indoor area for plants outside the public chapel draws attention to
  prayers for the earth.

#### RESPONSE TO THE CRY OF THE POOR

- TBP- Serves to provide temporary housing to young women who are refugees from Afghanistan and young
  men who have migrated from Central and South America. English language programs and job assistance
  are offered to help them acclimate to this country.
- HF- weekly presence at the Hartford Catholic Worker, developing relationships with those who are assisted by HCW and its leaders.
- HF- Promotes the sale of products made by refugees through the "Beautiful Day" organization.
- HF- Regular excursions to Immaculate homeless shelter.
- HF- Organize collections for people recently released from prison.
- HF- Retreats for LGBTQ+, Persons Who Are Deaf, those addicted to drugs and alcohol, are among the many
  offerings for groups who are typically excluded from society.
- HF- Approximately \$150,000 is provided each year in scholarship funding for those unable to pay for their retreat.
- HF- New materials have been created for those who have seeing impairment and these materials are
  offered at each retreat.
- HF- ART EXHIBITS with art from incarcerated persons will be a regular offering in the MONASTERY GALLERY OF ART
- TBP- One wing at Thomas Berry Place is used to house young men who have migrated to Us, mostly from South America. In collaboration with the Sisters of St. Joseph, another wing houses young women who are refugees from Afghanistan.

#### ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS

- HF- Regularly scheduled meatless meals at each retreat and for every group. Healthier foods, the utilization
  of composters and reduction and ELIMINATION of the use of fertilizers and pesticides by our landscaping
  company
- TBP- The harvest from the 30 boxes that comprise the organic garden is used to assist in the meal creations for retreatants cutting down on cost and providing fresh and healthy vegetables and herbs.

#### SIMPLE LIFESTYLES

- HF- A robust recycling program is already in place at Holy Family. The continued suggestion of plant-based meals, use of less meat in the food offerings, conservation of energy in the complex and on the grounds, recycled take-home containers are now used. Paper products instead of plastic in almost every area of food service is now the norm. These materials are made from natural or recycled and recyclable materials.
- HF- The Sunday worshipping community prays weekly for the healing of the earth and more attention to the plight of the climate. Every project carried forth by the community is weighed in terms of this ideal.

#### ECOLOGICAL EDUCATION

- HF- The Retreat Team is committed to create and/or expand the printed materials and online resources to
  embrace the vision of Laudato Si and Fratelli Tutti.
- HF- Team members preach regularly and use video presentations to raise awareness of these two seminal documents. A six-week course was recently offered to our community on the topic of "Laudato Si" and will be offered again in the coming months.
- HF- Regular study days will be implemented in the coming year for these important topics.
- IC- The Passionists in the monastery have the opportunity to engage in movie nights with movies concerning the environment.
- PSN participated and co-lead Passion of the Earth, Wisdom of the Cross zoom sessions
- PSN wrote the draft material for Passion of the Earth, Wisdom of the Cross session 6
- PSN- wrote mini-article on Composting for HCP LS newsletter
- PSN- engage with young adults from around the province and HCP to develop a youth network for education, advocacy and action

#### ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY

- The St. Paul of the Cross Province celebrated the Season of Creation in 2023 and 2024 through daily online reflections in social media.
- HF- Homilies on Catholic social and moral teaching regarding care for creation; annual celebration and commitment to the Season of Creation are carried out each September 1 to October 4;
- HF- Laudato Si' is integrated into all facets of the ministry at Holy Family and is brought forth at each staff and Board meeting
- IC The Mary Garden at IC Monastery promotes an approach to climate change and an environmental spirituality through the devotion to Mary.
- IC- A Season of Creation display was placed in the lobby of the monastery featuring the art collection on Fr. Neil Davin, CP who died in 2020.
- PSN- Passionist Solidarity Network purchased Brother Michael Moran, CP's painting "Passion of the Earth", inspired by Thomas Berry, CP. The painting portrays the environmental degradation created by the human community as an expression of the suffering of the Crucified One - the Crucified Earth. It beautifully portrays the interconnectedness of Creation and the ecological challenges of our time and has stimulated conversations as to how we might respond. In all our activities, meetings, and presentations we offer prayers and reflections that support ecological conversion.

- Pitt: Weekly workshops at parish-based retreats Also Lenten retreat on "What does the Passion mean to a Crucified and suffering earth," and offering plant based soup for lunch to raise awareness of the poor and the luxury of meat while embracing solidarity with our sisters and brothers on the margins.
- Pitt: 10 Plaques with quotes from St. Paul installed throughout the garden.

#### COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND EMPOWERMENT

- HF- Legislators have been invited to speak at Holy Family regarding these topics and are on the agenda for the future.
- HF- Regular video nights of education on inclusivity and the need for greater collaboration are planned.
- HF- Interfaith dialogue is taking place with our community and support of the community in Haiti through Fr. Rick Frechette is ongoing.
- HF- The promotion of books and ideas by Passionist Fr. Thomas Berry accompany all of our activities in caring for our common home and implementing the ideals of Laudato Si.
- PSN- Written and signed numerous advocacy letters to U.S. and Canadian government officials on various
  ecological issues and legislative initiatives: SOOT regulations, Reduction of plastics legislation, Climate
  Change initiatives, support for COP 28 proposals, etc.
- PSN- co-chair of Holy Cross Province Migration Commission working on facilitating responses of HCP local communities to the needs of migrants in their locales
- PSN Facilitated 2023 & 2024 InterCouncil meetings on Migration, including its link to the Climate Crisis
- TBP/ IC- An interfaith service to bless the solar panels was held outdoors in the monastery garden. Local
  interfaith leaders were invited.
- TBP- Continues to actively collaborate with Reconnect, a job and mentoring organization for young disenfranchised men.



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Office of the Provincial

September 30, 2024

Dear Brothers, Associates and Colleagues,

I am happy to share with you that **Robert Joerger, CP** and **Edward Beck, CP** have been appointed as Campus Ministers for *Manhattan University* (formerly Manhattan College) in Bronx, New York. The university is sponsored by the *Brothers of the Christian Schools*. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community to be present on a college campus and engage young adults, as well as faculty.

I also would like to recognize that Bob Joerger has finished his mission at Calvary Hospice in the Bronx. Bob has done an exemplary ministry in the constant presence of illness, death and family heartbreak. He will be sorely missed by the administration, staff, and above all by the families and patients he most tenderly ministered to.

Please remember Robert and Edward in your prayers as they begin this new ministry and initiative for the province.

Me complace compartir con ustedes que **Robert Joerger**, **CP** y **Edward Beck**, **CP** han sido designados como Ministros del Campus de la Universidad de Manhattan (anteriormente Manhattan College) en el Bronx, Nueva York. La universidad está patrocinada por los Hermanos de las Escuelas Cristianas. Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa para que la comunidad esté presente en un campus universitario y se involucre con los adultos jóvenes, así como con el personal docente.

También me gustaría reconocer que Bob Joerger ha terminado su ministerio en Calvary Hospice en el Bronx. Bob ha realizado un ministerio ejemplar en la presencia constante de la enfermedad, la muerte y el dolor familiar. La administración, el personal y, sobre todo, las familias y los pacientes a los que ha atendido con tanto cariño lo extrañarán profundamente.

Por favor, recuerden a Robert y Edward en sus oraciones mientras comienzan este nuevo ministerio e iniciativa para la provincia.

In JXP,

~ OM

Father Jim O'Shea, CP Provincial