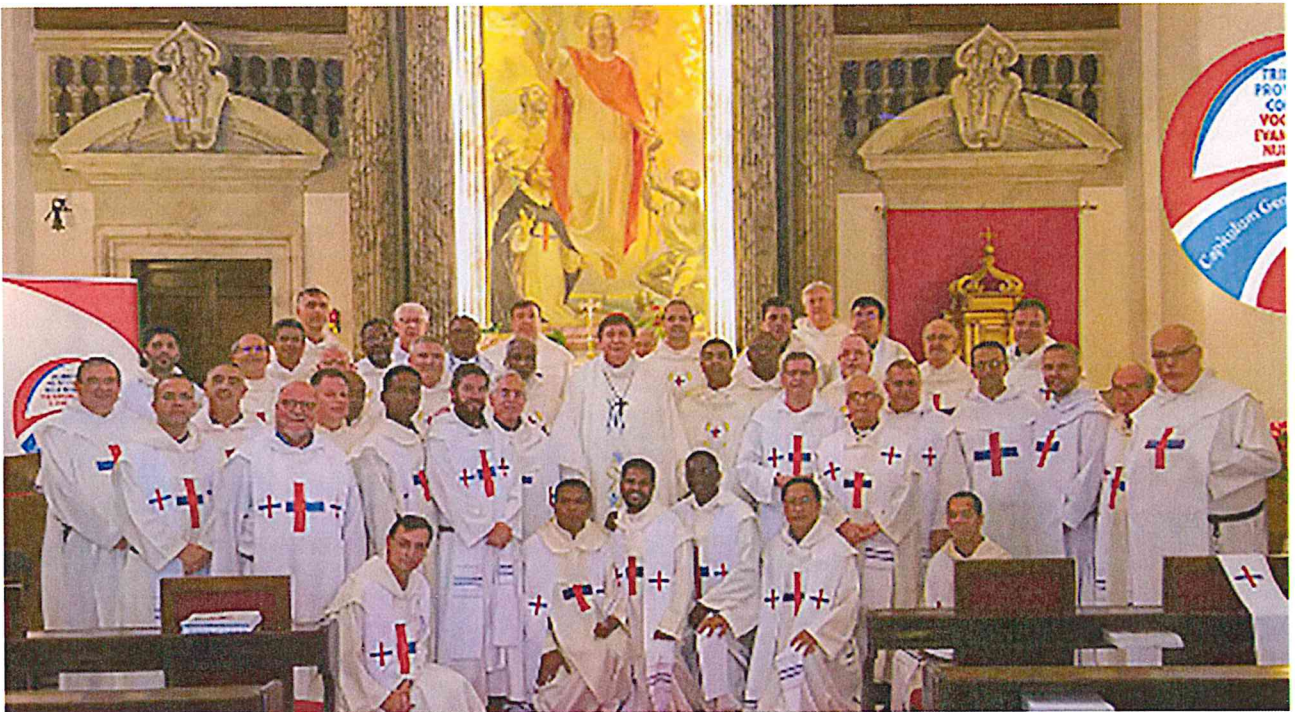


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## Short News

### 9-23 JUNE, ROME: 2019 GENERAL CHAPTER



The Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives celebrated its General Chapter from June 9 - 23, 2019 at the Spirituality House of the Passionist Fathers, Piazza San Giovanni e Paolo 13, Roma: (Italy). The theme of the chapter was: "Called by the provident design of the Trinity to proclaim the Gospel". For the first time

in our centuries-old history, the General Chapter brought together not only the religious men, but also some other members of the Trinitarian Family: religious women of the various institutes of the Order and lay people. In an atmosphere of intense fraternity and dialogue, the variety of cultures emerged as a source of great wealth for the Order, and the effort to incarnate the redeeming-merciful charism of John de Matha was emphasized. The Chapter celebrated in two stages: initially the new General Council was elected and then moments of profound reflection followed. Special note of thanks to the intervention of Card. Joao Braz de Aviz, Prefect of the Congregation of Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, of the Vicar Apostolic in



northern Arabia, His Excellency Mons. Camillo Ballin, of Tonino Palmese, Episcopal Vicar for the charity and justice of the Archdiocese of Naples, and of Sister Leslye Sandigo, FMA facilitator who gave us some indication that orient the work of the Chapter, and have helped us to rediscover the extraordinary relevance and dramatic urgency of our charism. Three principles have been pointed out as obligatory points of reference to our mission: a spirituality rooted in the Trinity Redeemer, a fraternal life in community and a shared mission with the Trinitarian Family that generates a vocational culture.

The Chapter asks all the jurisdictions of the Order for concrete actions, letting themselves be illuminated by the conclusions of the General Chapter, *the Instrumentum Laboris* and the

Address of the Holy Father. It is therefore an invitation to all the brothers to bear concrete fruits of renewal in the life of the Order, especially in the accompaniment of young people towards the encounter with Christ and an invitation not to give in to pessimism but to ask for the strength of the Holy Spirit and the company of Blessed Vergin Mary, Mother of the Good Remedy, of the martyr Saint Agnes, our young Patroness, and of the holy fathers and brothers of our Order and family.



Thanks to the outgoing General Council



Our deepest thanks for the work carried out in recent years by the members of the outgoing general government: Fr. Jose Narlaly, Minister General, Fr. Pedro Aliaga Asensio, Vicar General, Fr. Albert Anuszewsky, Councilor and General Bursar, Fr. Isidoro Murciego Murciego, Councilor and Secretary for the Family, Fr. Jean Claude Rabetsiferana, Councilor and Secretary for the Apostolate, Fr. Saverio Murano, Councilor, Fr. Javier Carnerero Peñalver, Procurator and Postulator General, Fr. Thierry Knecht, General Secretary and Fr Antonio Aurelio Fernandez Serrano, president of the general SIT. Our heartfelt thanks go to them for the great mission they have fulfilled with much dedication for the love of the Order.



## Election of the General Council 2019-2025

On the occasion of the General Chapter, there was the election of the new government of the Order. Fr. Luigi Buccarello was elected as the new Minister General. Fr. Aldo Berardi, Vicar General, Fr. Maximilien Daudet Tsirahoanandresy Maherisoa, Fr. Antonio Aurelio Fernández Serrano and Fr. Sibi Puthussery Rockey, Councilors, Fr. Carmel Gladys Ulrich Dinamona, Secretary General and Fr. Javier Carnerero, Procurator General.



We wish them all a good mission in this new journey under the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the glory of the Most Holy Trinity.



## June 15, Vatican City: Meeting of the participants in the 2019 General Chapter with the Holy Father.



On 15 June 2019, Pope Francis granted an audience to the participants in the General Chapter. The Pope's speech had an enormous resonance in the various media, and he emphasized above all the importance of following the young and accompanying them on their journey of life and faith.

The Holy Father also welcomed the presence of numerous young religious and urged us to look at the future with courage and to make the charism of John de Matha shine today's context of the Church and of the world. In the following years the Pope's words must accompany us as a light that guides our reflection, our prayer and our pastoral orientation towards young people .

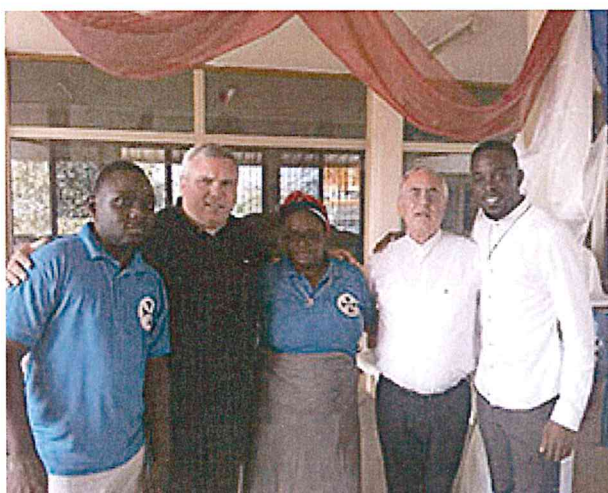


## 23-27 August, Vicariate of st. Agnes. Celebration of the Vicariate Chapter

The Vicariate of St. Agnes in Africa celebrated its programmatic chapter from August 23-27, 2019, at the Bleues Sisters in Libreville in Gabon.



This great meeting in the history of this young jurisdiction was blessed by the presence of the newly elected Minister General, Fr. Luigi Buccarello. It all began with the opening mass presided by Fr. Giovanni Martire Savina, interim Provincial Minister of the Province of St. John de Matha, in which the recently elected Vicarial Council took the oath. The opening ceremony continued with the solemn procession of the Chapter members to the hall prepared for the occasion. 16 friars from the Congo, Brazzaville, participated in this chapter; from Cameroon, Italy and those of Gabon.



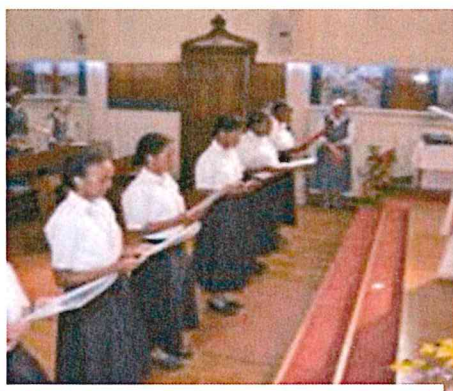
Two significant events were celebrated in this chapter. First of all, the Chapter members adopted the Statutes of the Vicariate of St. Agnes. Then, they celebrated 20 years of the Trinitarian presence in Gabon, with a solemn Eucharistic celebration in the church of St. Francis of Assisi in Kinguele entrusted to the Trinitarians. The Mass was presided over by the Minister General of the Order and concelebrated by all the chapter fathers with a large and enthusiastic participation

of lay faithful from different localities in Libreville. Later, regarding the increase of friars in formation, the construction of a new formation house was decided. This new structure, with 18 rooms, will be built in Brazzaville in Congo. The project is entirely financed by the Province of St. John of Matha. The religious went to Brazzaville ended with a visit to the Apostolic Nunciature and a fraternal agape near the majestic Congo River.



### Trinitarian sisters of Valence: Simple profession

24 August 2019 was a day of celebration and joy for the Trinitarian Sisters of Valence. In a packed church, accompanied by their sisters, Sr. Maria, Sr. Mireille, Sr. Daniella, Sr. Letitia, Sr. Salomé and Sr. Sheila, after a period of novitiate, made their simple profession.





## Province of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: Fraternal and fruitful collaboration with the Province of our Lady of Good Remedy

It is an experience that brings a remarkable enrichment to everyone, as well as a breath of joy in Fraternal collaboration between the Province of Our Lady of Good Remedy and the Province of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is bearing fruit. Fr. Mahéri Andrianaivomalala, Fr. Césaire Randriatsarafara and Fr. Michel Rakotomalala of the Province of Our Lady of Good Remedy arrived from Madagascar, to bring new energy to the Canadian community.



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## The Trinitarian nuns of Andujar: Celebration of the eucharist presided over by his Excellency Monsignor Amadeo Rodriguez on the 450th anniversary of the martyrdom of blessed Mark Criado

Tuesday 24th September, the day on which the liturgical memorial of Blessed Mark Criado, a solemn Eucharist presided over by the bishop of the diocese Mgr. Amadeo Rodríguez, is commemorated, was celebrated in the convent of the Trinitarian nuns of the Andujar. This year marks the 450th anniversary of the martyrdom of Fr. Mark, in La Peza (Granada). The Trinitarian communities, in communion with the Diocesan Church of Jaén and the extraordinary missionary month, wished to honor this witness of the Gospel in a special way.





Together with the bishop concelebrated the Minister Provincial, Fr. Pedro Huerta, the Trinitarians of the community of Andújar, Shrine of the Virgen de la Cabeza and Valdepeñas (Ciudad Real), the priests of the parishes and the sons priests of Andújar, together with our deacon, Andres Borrego. In addition to the concelebrants, many faithful, representatives of different communities, religious and lay groups participated with the participation of the choir of the Parish of Santa Maria. Archbishop Amadeo started the homily, greeting those were present, and imploring

God's protection of the city of Andújar, which has as its exceptional mediator the Virgin of Cabezza, the same one who protected Mark Criado as a child. The bishop then briefly emphasized the vocational journey of Blessed Mark, and continued highlighting the most significant events of his life and mission.

The most beautiful thing about this celebration - said Archbishop Amadeo- is that Mark Criado is one of ours, he is one of our compatriots, emphasizing that his only argument was the announcement of Jesus Christ and for Him he gave his life.

After the celebration, many of the participants approached to congratulate the community, expressing their joy and gratitude for the celebration of the event. Commemorative images of the anniversary of the blessed were distributed and a fraternal agape was offered in the assembly hall of the community.



## The Saints of the month

### 24 September: Blessed Mark Criado

On September 24 this year was the 450th anniversary of the martyrdom of Blessed Mark Criado. He was born in Andujar in the mountains near Granada in Spain on April 25, 1522. He was distinguished as genius, even as a child, especially in learning Christian doctrine. In 1536 he embraced the Trinitarian Order in his hometown, where he also completed his philosophical and theological studies. Ordained a priest, he exercised the sacred ministry of the word in Andújar, Jaén and Ubeda. The obedience destined him to be the missionary of the diocese of Guadix of the neighboring region, stronghold of the Muslims. His zeal for the glory of God and for the salvation the of souls was tireless. After a short break at La Peza as a chaplain, he travelled on foot, alone and among



a thousand dangers, to the towns and villages of the rugged heights of the Alpujarras, everywhere comforting the weak in faith. When the revolt of the Moors of the Alpujarras broke out, Mark Criado was the first victim. Conduced, between beatings and insults, not far from La Peza, he was tied to an oak tree, where he remained for three days, singing hymns and praying to God for his murderers. He died, finally, stoned to death on September 25, 1569. La Peza venerates his patron, the Alpujarras his apostle, the Trinitarian Order one of his most authentic children. His immemorial cult was solemnly confirmed by Leo XIII on 24 July 1899.



## 28 September: St. Simon de Rojas

St. Simon de Rojas is a saint with a fascinating life. Born on 28 October 1552 in Valladolid, Castile, at the age of twelve he entered into the life of the Trinitarians. He was a true follower of St. John de Matha whose Rule conquered his heart. Ordained a priest, after completing his studies in philosophy and theology in 1577, he immediately undertook to help men in need, bringing them closer to Blessed Virgin Mary. He is well appreciated and noted on his talents and virtues, above all on his humility. During his religious life he held different positions of prestige and respect: provincial of the religious Province of Castile, superior of various communities, and professor of theology in the prestigious University of Toledo. Even though these tasks already seem more than sufficient, the most delicate task also added to his life that was to be tutor to the children of Queen Isabella of Bourbon, in 1619. He was a man of humility and extreme poverty, even though he lived at the Court of the Queen of Spain.



Nothing stopped him to lead an adventurous and humble life. He refused every privilege that were given to him in order to remain faithful to his determined faith. Humble and disinterested he moved through the premises of the palace, without paying attention to the place, but only to the souls to bring to God. He loved tenderly the poor and the needy that he visited and with great care. It is said that for them he did not hesitate to give anything, even the small personal objects he owned. St. Simon de Rojas, poor on earth, arrived rich in heaven for having made of Charity, the banner of the Truth of Christ in the world. Maria was the name that made him smile and warmed his heart. For this reason he was canonized by His Holiness. John Paul II, during the Marian year of 1988.



### AGENDA:

- 01-02 October 2019: Elective Chapter in the Province of St. John de Matha (Italy)
- 21-25 October 2019: Elective Chapter in the Vice Province of St. Michael of the Saints (India)
- 25- 28 October 2019: Annual Conference in Rome of the Lay Trinitarians in Italy

## IN MEMORIAM

**Fr. Mario Maggi:** Fr. Mario Maggi, from the Province of St. John of Matha, returned to the house of the Father on 02 August 2019. He was born in Secinaro (AQ) on 25 October 1933. He entered novitiate at Cori on 6 October 1952, and made his solemn profession on 8 December 1955 in Rome. He was ordained a priest on 29 September 1959 in Marseilles. May the Lord grant him eternal bliss.

R.I.P.

**Suor Marie Bruno Thievenaz :** Sr. Marie Bruno Thievenaz entered the joy of God, the Trinity on 30 August 2019 at Point de Beauvoisin. She was born into a family of nine children , 18 May 1923 at Echelles in Savoy,. A very close family in which there was a lot of love. She felt the call to religious life during her solemn Communion at the age of 12, and entered the novitiate at the age of 18. She loved to remember her novitiate and considered the inevitable trials as being permitted by God to die on the path to Him. She was very grateful to the people, the sisters, who supported her on this journey! May the Lord welcome her into the glory of His Paradise.

R.I.P.

**Suor Marie Chantal Roux:** Sr Marie Chantal Roux is called to eternal rest at Pont de Beauvoisin on 03 September 2019. She was born into a peasant family, animated by a great spirit of faith on 30 July 1921 in Vimines in Savoy. She made his profession on 26 August 1944 at Pont de Beauvoisin. Her love for young people drew her to undergo a training to become a teacher in the S. Siméon de Bressieux and Cordèac center. And further within the community of the Monastery of Clermont. Unforgettable years of her life totally given to God and in the service of adolescents who trusted a lot in her. Marked by the Catholic education lived in a rural environment, she has not lost any opportunity to help children and young people to relate to their neighbor, nature and its Creator. She was always available, welcoming and the door was open to everyone. Our fraternal affection and our prayers for you dear Sister Marie Chantal,

R.I.P.

**Fr. Emiliano Tiburcio Moreno:** Fr. Emiliano Tiburcio Moreno, from the Holy Spirit Province, Spain called to eternal rest on 07 September 2019. He was born in Lagartera (Toledo) on 24 March 1944. He entered the novitiate of Antequera on 30 September 1961, made his simple profession on 1 October 1962 in Antequera and on 8 September 1986 at the Alcazar of S. Juan the solemn profession. He was ordained a priest on March 20, 1971 in Salamanca. We join in prayer with our brothers from the Province of the Holy Spirit and thank Triune God for the gift of our brother Emiliano. May the Holy Trinity receive him in His bosom of infinite love.

R.I.P.

