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COMUNION

General Curia, Rome



7 September 1204: According to ancient tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared to St. Felix of Valois in the choir at Cerfroid on the night of 7-8 September 1204.



IV centenary of the death of St Simon de Rojas (1624-2024)

"One aspect that undoubtedly needs to be emphasized in our saint is the singular and trusting love he nurtured from childhood for the Virgin Mary. His intense Marian devotion continually increased. As a religious and a priest, he spread this devotion by all possible means among those close to him and everyone he encountered. A very personal expression of this devotion was the saint's "bondage" or filial relationship with the Mother of God. He frequently repeated the invocation and greeting "Hail Mary" so much that he was often referred to, with sympathy, as the "Hail Mary Father." He also popularized the prayer of the Holy Rosary. The new saint is truly for us a close and providential model of Marian life.

*(Homily St John Paul II,
Canonization of St Simon de Rojas
3 July 1988)*



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Mexico: Pastoral Visit



Last July, the Minister General, accompanied by the Vicar General, visited Mexico as part of a pastoral visit. This was, first and foremost, a valuable opportunity to immerse himself in the life of this region by meeting and sharing with different communities about their fraternal and spiritual life, as well as their various pastoral activities.

Additionally, it was an occasion to advance the ongoing unification process of the Delegation of Mexico with the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province (USA-Philippines).



Rome-Italy: Solemn Profession



On 12 July, at the conclusion of the Year of Preparation for Solemn Profession (APPS), Br. Rémi Albert Randriamanjato (Madagascar), Br. Jean Pierre Nicolas Rasolofoniaina (Madagascar), Br. Enrique Jérémy Jordan Rakotonirina (Madagascar), Br. Mamitiana Rafidihalison (Madagascar), Br. Diarinasandrata Ny Za Herimanjaka (Madagascar) of the Province of Our Lady of Good Remedy, and Br. Abin Varghese (India) of the Vice-Province of St. Michael of the Saints, made their solemn professions in the hands of the Minister General. The celebration took place in the Basilica of St. Chrysogonus Martyr (Rome) during a Eucharistic celebration, which was attended by many Trinitarian religious men and women, along with numerous priests and faithful who gathered for the occasion.



Lima-Peru: Trinitarian Nuns



From 6 to 10 August, the Federal Council of Trinitarian Contemplative Nuns was held in Lima, Peru.



Cameroon: Simple professions



At the end of their novitiate, Sister Rebecca, Sister Justine, Sister Divinah, and Sister Pascaline, all Trinitarian nuns from Valence, made their first profession on 24 August in Yaoundé, Cameroon.



Spain: Programmatic Assembly

From 29 to 31 August, at the spirituality house of the Discalced Carmelite Convent in Segovia, where the tomb of St. John of the Cross is located, the Programmatic Assembly of the Holy Spirit Province was held to organize the next three years.



Porto-Rico: Appointment of Episcopal Vicar



Our brother, Fr. Dairo Hernando Arboleda Ibarra, Vicar Minister of the Vicariate of Blessed Dominic Iturrate (Colombia-Porto Rico), was appointed Episcopal Vicar for the area of Bayamón, in the Archdiocese of San Juan de Puerto Rico.



Moramanga-Madagascar: Provincial Chapter



From 2 to 14 September 2024, the Provincial Chapter of Our Lady of Good Remedy Province was held in Moramanga, Madagascar, during which the following Council was elected:

- **Fr. Raymond Rakotoarisoa** : Minister Provincial
- **Fr. Lucien Rafiononantsoa**: Provincial Vicar
- **Fr Jean Pierre Ranaivomanana**: Councillor
- **Fr. Gregoire Ramahefarisoa**: Councillor
- **Fr. Henri Désiré Ranaivoarisaona**: Councillor
- **Fr. Zandri Hinel Rabonary**: Provincial Secretary

Best wishes to the new Provincial Council!



Mexico: Prayer for persecuted Christians



Under the initiative of SIT-Mexico, a pilgrimage to the Basilica of Guadalupe took place on 7 September in Mexico. The walk was accompanied by the image of Jesus Nazarene, around which pilgrims gathered in prayer for our brothers and sisters suffering persecution for their faith.



Antequera-Spain: A Trinitarian Archpriest



The Bishop of Malaga has appointed our brother Antonio Jiménez, who is the parish priest of the Holy Trinity Parish in Antequera, to the post of archpriest of Antequera.



Moramanga-Madagascar: Entry into the Novitiate and Simple Professions



On 8 September in Moramanga, 12 young postulants entered the novitiate, and 17 young novices made their first religious profession. These two events were marked by the notable presence of the Minister General and the newly elected Minister Provincial of Our Lady of Good Remedy Province (Madagascar).



Vietnam: Simple Profession

On 8 September, the Trinitarian Religious of Valence, Vietnam, participated in the joy of novice Maria, who, surrounded by her family and her sisters, as well as religious men and women from other congregations, made her first religious profession in the presence of the Mother General.



Spain: 50th Anniversary of Religious Life

Congratulations to Sister Ines, Trinitarian Religious of Valence, who celebrated her 50th anniversary of profession on 8 September after a long service as a school headmaster. The celebration was attended by the Mother General, the Regional Superior, people from France, and her many friends from Alcázar in Spain.





Rome: 25th Anniversary of Religious Life



On 8 September 2024, Sister Maria Lucia Capuano, Trinitarian Religious of Rome, gave thanks to the Most Holy Trinity for her 25th anniversary of religious life. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Bishop Baldassare Reina in the Church of St. Pius V, Rome.

Concelebrating with our Bishop were the Vicar General, the Procurator General, the parish priest, and several Trinitarian Brothers from various communities in Rome.

The liturgy was animated with great enthusiasm by all the sisters in attendance. In addition to the sisters and confreres, family members from Somma Vesuviana and many friends from Rome were present.



SIT: Persecution of Christians in Nicaragua, North Korea and Congo



Nicaragua: The situation of persecuted Christians in Nicaragua has generated growing national and international concern. In recent years, the Nicaraguan government, led by President Daniel Ortega, has intensified repressive measures against religious communities, especially against Christians who have openly criticized government policies.

Priests and religious leaders have been subjected to intimidation, arbitrary arrests, and smear campaigns. In some cases, churches have been attacked, and their property damaged by government supporters.

North Korea: North Korea is, without a doubt, one of the countries where religious persecution reaches alarming levels, especially towards the Christian community. Under the totalitarian regime of Kim Jong-un, every religious manifestation is seen as a direct threat to the cult of the supreme leadership—an ideology that the North Korean government has imposed with an iron fist since the time of Kim Il-sung, the founder of the state.



Christians in North Korea face a brutal reality. Simply possessing a Bible or praying in private can lead to arrest, torture, and even execution. An estimated 50,000 to 70,000 Christians are currently in forced labor camps, known as 'kwanliso,' where they are subjected to inhuman conditions. These camps amount to labor prisons where prisoners, including Christians, are physically and mentally exploited.



Congo: On 4 June, the village of Masau in the Democratic Republic of Congo was the scene of a brutal attack in which armed militants burnt down eight houses, killing 10 men and six women. According to local Open Doors staff, at least 80 Christians were murdered by radical groups in North Kivu province between 4 and 10 June.



IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Jean Christian Randrianantenaina



Fr. Jean Christian Randrianantenaina, a religious of the Province of Our Lady of Good Remedy (Madagascar), died on 9 July 2024. Brother Jean Christian was born in Longozabe (Anosibe an'Ala) on 28 August 1973. He started his novitiate in Moramanga on 28 June 1994, made his first profession in Moramanga on 29 June 1995, made his solemn profession in Moramanga on 27 September 2003, and was ordained a priest in Antananarivo on 24 September 2011.

May the Most Holy Trinity, source of infinite mercy, welcome Brother Jean Christian into the joy of Paradise. R.I.P.

Sister Jean Bernard Bonnetier



Sr. Jean Bernard Bonnetier of the Trinitarian Sisters of Valence entered into the joy of the Triune God on 30 August 2024 in Annonay, France. She was born on 11 February 1928 in Réchicourt-le-Château in Moselle, France. She was the eldest of eight children; four were nuns, and among them were two Trinitarian nuns.

In her life, she devoted herself to teaching, and in Paris, at the Generalate, she performed an important service for the Congregation for about twenty years: she was appointed General Bursar. May the Most Holy Trinity, source of infinite mercy, welcome Sr. Jean Bernard into the joy of Paradise. R.I.P.

We ask you to apply the suffrages established for their souls.



AGENDA

October 13, 2024: Avezzano, Italy



On the occasion of the 290th anniversary of the birth of the servant of God, Mother Maria Teresa Cucchiari, founder of the Congregation of the Trinitarian Sisters of Rome, for whom the cause of beatification is underway, an event sponsored by the municipality of Avezzano (where her mortal remains rest in an urn at the parish of San Giovanni) will present the figure of Cucchiari as a shining example of a life totally given to God, her brothers, and, in particular, to the youth, as well as her precious works of good.



COMPLEANNI, CUMPLEAÑOS, ANNIVERSAIRES, BIRTHDAYS

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2	Fr. Venanzio di Matteo (Prov. San Giovanni de Matha)
3	25° Professione Solenne Fr. Jean de la Croix Félix Ranaivoarisoa (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
4	Fr. Francesco Prontera (Prov. San Giovanni de Matha) Fr. Benjamin-Francklin Bekale Mba (Vic. S. Agnese)
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6	Fr. Henri Raharijaona (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
7	Fr. Augustin Rakotoarinosy (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
8	Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio 60° Professione Solenne Fr. Pietro Lorusso (Prov. San Giovanni De Matha) 60° Professione Solenne Fr. Venanzio Di Matteo (Prov. San Giovanni De Matha) Fr. Albert Anuszewski (Prov. Cuore Immacolato di Maria) Fr. Germán Llona Rementería (Prov. Spirito Santo) Fr. Livah Zézé Amédé Andriamitantsoa (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio) Fr. Rigoberto Cortés Gonzalez (Prov. San Giovanni de Matha) Fr. Georges Ratsimbazafy (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
9	25° Ordinazione Sacerdotale Fr. Alexander Córdoba Córdoba (Vic. Beato Domenico Iturrate) Fr. Lijo Abraham Vattukulathil (Vice Prov. S. Michele dei Santi) Fr. Alain Randriankoto ((Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
10	Fr. Allan Gastardo (Prov. Cuore Immacolato di Maria)
11	Fr. Rodrigo Dallos Garcia (Vic. Beato Domenico Iturrate) Fr. Patrick Rakotoarison (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
12	Fr. Wilfredo Echevarría López (Vic. Beato Domenico Iturrate)
13	Fr. Brice-Armand Ibouanga (Vic. S. Agnese)
14	Fr. Oscar Alexander Chacón González (Vic. Beato Domenico Iturrate) Fr. Jean Alain Ratahirinirina (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio) Fr. Luiz Carlos De Souza (Vic. S. Simone de Rojas)



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16	Fr. Pierrot Romuald Razafimampandry (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
17	Fr. Thierry Knecht (Prov. Sacro Cuore di Gesù)
18	Fr. Sylvain Cléodas Randriamiaratsoa (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio) Fr. Ranto Fanova Razanadrakoto (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
19	Fr. William Joseph Moorman (Prov. Cuore Immacolato di Maria) Fr. Pierre Ramananandro (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio) Fr. Anselme Angelo Ravalaharimanana (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
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22	Fr. Anaclet Martin Nkenda (Vic. S. Agnese) Fr. Andrianiaina Tolotra Rakotomanana (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
23	Santissimo Redentore Fr. Javier Carnerero Peñalver (Prov. Spirito Santo) Fr. José María Ledesma Martín (Prov. Spirito Santo) Fr. Alberto Luis Luna Andrine (Vic. S. Simone de Rojas)
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25	Fr. Kurt Klismet (Prov. Cuore Immacolato di Maria) Fr. Lee, Gee-Moon (Guillermo) (Prov. Spirito Santo)
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28	Fr. Carlos Cantón Rodríguez (Prov. Spirito Santo) Fr. James Day (Prov. Cuore Immacolato di Maria)
29	Fr. Pablo Ignacio Orozco Ortega (Prov. San Giovanni de Matha) Fr. Jacinto Jimenez Tepetlixpa (Prov. San Giovanni de Matha)
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*To each and every one,
May the cordial good wishes of the Order be conveyed.*

