

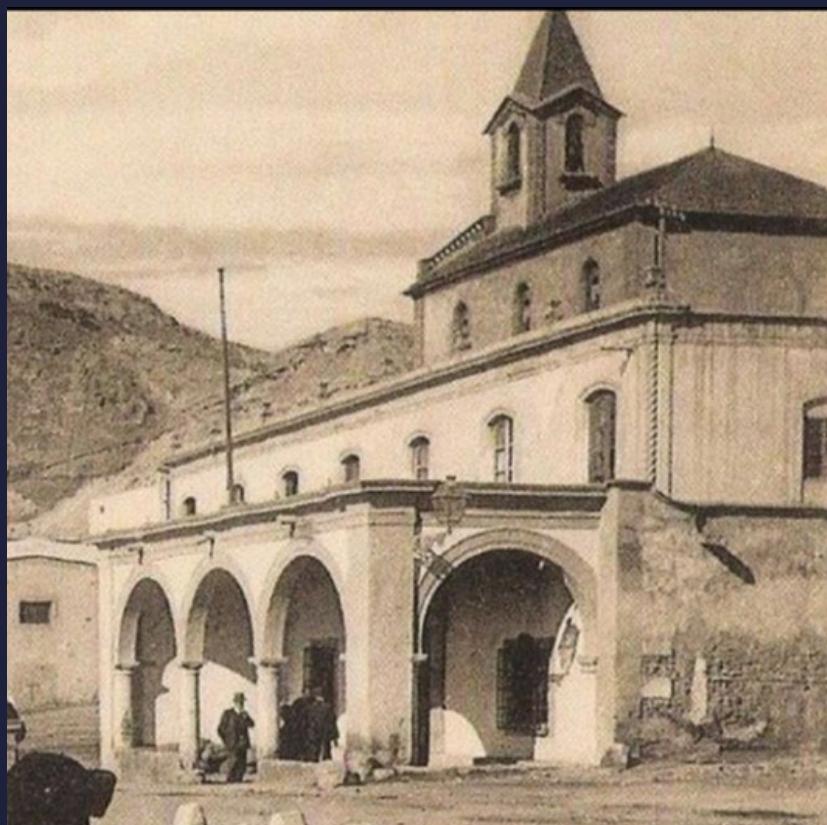
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New Trinitarian House in South Korea



Trinitarian Heritage

05 December 1492, the Royal Convent of the Holy Trinity was founded in the city of Almeria, Spain.

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India: Entry into the novitiate



Bros. Asher Paul and Darius Dhar were received into the Novitiate by the Minister Vice Provincial of Indian Vice Province Rev. Fr. Pradeep Abraham OSST on 8th October 2024 during the 2nd Vespers on the Feast of Our Lady of Good Remedy. Fr. Joshy Abraham OSST, the director of the Postulants and Fr. Biju N Varghese OSST, the Director of the Novices were assisting the ceremony. Rev. Fr. Minister Vice Provincial instructed the brothers in his speech about the importance of accepting their vocation and responding to it positively.

There were priests from neighboring parishes and religious communities attending the ceremony. The program concluded with a dinner prepared in our community.



Immaculate Heart of Mary Province Chapter (USA-Philippines)



The Provincial Chapter of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province (USA-Philippines) was held from October 21-25, 2024 at Bon Secours Retreat & Conference Center, Marriottsville, MD, at which the following Council was elected:

- **Fr. William Sullivan** Minister Provincial;
- **Fr. Santhosh Kozhippadan:** Vicar Provincial
- **Fr. Joshua Warshak:** Second Councilor
- **Fr. Stan De Boe:** Third Councilor
- **Fr. Edward Owens:** : Fourth Councilor;
- **Fr. Victor Scocco:** Provincial Secretary;;
- **Fr. Kurt Klismet:** Provincial Bursar

We wish the new Provincial Council a fruitful mission!



SIT-General: Ukraine



On October 25, the Minister of the Trinitarian Community of Krakow, the Procurator of Redemption, and the President of SIT departed at dawn for the Ukrainian city of Leopoldis. Accompanying them were two trucks carrying tons of food, clothing, and utensils to be distributed to Ukrainian citizens suffering from the war. From there, they traveled the next day to Zaporizhzhia, a city on the border with Russian troops. The Russian army was, in fact, just 30 kilometers away.

They stayed for more than a week to distribute food and supplies necessary to face the harsh winter. During their time there, they lived under constant siren warnings of shelling and faced the uncertainty of whether they would have to leave the city quickly due to the advancing Russian forces.

In the end, they were left with the satisfaction of being able to represent the entire Trinitarian Family in places where few are willing to go, and where their charism becomes especially vibrant and essential.





The centenary celebrations of the Trinitarians' arrival in Canada, which began on March 15, 2024, with a Eucharistic celebration at Regina Mundi Church in Granby, presided over by Msgr. Aldo Berardi, Vicar Apostolic of North Arabia, concluded magnificently at Holy Family Church in Granby on October 27, 2024. The closing Mass was presided over by Msgr. Cristian Rodembourg, Bishop of Saint-Hyacinthe, and attended by two other bishops, the Minister General and his Council, members of the Trinitarian Family, and over one hundred faithful. This jubilee year was marked by a spirit of gratitude for the many blessings accomplished since the foundation of the community in 1924 by Father François Xavier of the Immaculate Conception. It also looked forward with hope for the future, reflected in the chosen jubilee slogan: Their lives were not taken away, but transformed.

The centenary was a celebration of the Trinitarian mission to continue being a witness to God's love and mercy. As Fr. Louis Gagnon, Vicariate Minister, expressed: "This centenary is an extraordinary opportunity to reflect on our history, the passion that has inspired so many confreres, and the boldness that has allowed us to open new paths in creative fidelity to the charism. It is also a chance to recognize the presence and action of the Most Holy Trinity in the events of history, despite our human weaknesses and frailties."





Vicarial Chapter of the San Simone de Rojas Provincial Vicariate.



From November 4 to 8, 2024, the Vicarial Chapter of the Provincial Vicariate of San Simone de Rojas (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru) convened in Lima, Peru. During the Chapter the following Council was elected:



-**Fr. Mauricio Alberto Saldia Leal** : Vicarial Minister.

· **Fr. César Mellano**: Vicar and first councilor

· **Fr. José Milton Villalba**: Second councilor

· **Fr. José Miguel Marengo**: Third Councilor

· **Fr. Adrián Vásquez**: Vicarial Secretary

We wish the new Vicariate Council a fruitful mission!



Vicarial Chapter of the Blessed Dominic Iturrate Provincial Vicariate.



From November 10-20, 2024, the Vicarial Chapter of the Blessed Iturrate Provincial Vicariate (Colombia and Puerto Rico) was held in Estrella, Antioquia, Colombia. During the Chapter the following Council was elected:

· **Fr. Giovanni Quintero Quiroga**: Vicarial Minister

Fr. Sergio Jear Pereira Fernández:
First Councilor

· **Fr. Luis Fernando Torres Agudelo**:
Second Councilor

-**Fr Jairo Vargas Tovar**: Secretary

We wish the new Vicariate Council a fruitful mission!





Lyon-France: Perpetual Profession



On November 24, during a Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. Hervé Gaschignard, Sr. Justine Rahelivao, a Malagasy national, made her perpetual profession to the Congregation of Trinitarian Women Religious of Valence. The celebration took place in Pont-de-Beauvoisin, Lyon, France, in the presence of Mother General Sr. Myriam and a large congregation.

We offer her our encouragement and support through our prayers.



Rome: Visit of Cardinal Andrew Yeom Soo-Jung



On December 3, Cardinal Andrew Yeom Soo-Jung, Archbishop Emeritus of Seoul (South Korea) and titular of the Basilica of St. Chrysogonus (Rome), met with the Enlarged General Council of the Order during a working session in Rome following the annual visit to the basilica.

The cardinal encouraged the Order in its mission to support persecuted Christians and emphasized the importance of the Trinitarian presence in South Korea. On December 17, the Solemnity of St. John de Matha, the Minister General, together with the Minister Provincial of the Spirit Province, Fr. Pedro Aliaga Asensio, will inaugurate a new house in South Korea, which is part of the Spirit Province.



Enlarged General Council



From December 2 to 6, the Enlarged General Council, the last of the sexennium, was held in Rome at the General Curia. The work primarily focused on updates, beginning with the last Enlarged General Council held in Antequera in April 2023, and included reports from the various secretariats of the General Curia and jurisdictions, most of which celebrated their Chapters this year. Discussions also centered on formation and the work of various commissions, including:

- The Commission for drafting the new Ratio Generalis Institutionis et Studiorum Ordinis SS. Trinitatis
- The Commission Pro Legibus and Liturgy
- The Preparatory Commission for the General Chapter 2025

As the last Enlarged General Council before the General Chapter of 2025, this meeting was a major event for our Order and held a prominent place in the assembly's agenda. The gathering also addressed various organizational aspects.

Rome: Inaugural course on “Religious Freedom”



President of Collegium Maximum, represented by Fr. Gerard Whelan, SJ, and the Minister General, Fr. Luigi Buccarello, Prof. Ambrogio Bongiovanni, Director of the Center for Interreligious Studies, Collegium Maximum, and moderator for the day, introduced the course.

In a hall packed with numerous Trinitarian religious men and women, as well as laypeople, the speakers addressed the following topics:

On December 4, the course on “Religious Freedom” was inaugurated at the Pontifical Gregorian University. This course resulted from a collaboration between the Order and the Gregorian’s Center for Interreligious Studies.

This initiative stems from the SIT-General’s project to promote study and research on issues central to our charism, such as religious freedom, the persecution of Christians, and interreligious dialogue. At the inaugural session, after institutional greetings from Fr. Pino Di Luccio, SJ,



- “Dignitatis Humanae, the Church and the Right to Religious Freedom” by Dr. Paolo Trianni of the Center for Interreligious Studies, Collegium Maximum.
- “Religious Freedom in the Tradition of the Trinitarian Order” by Fr. Pedro Aliaga Asensio, Historian of the Order and Minister Provincial of the Holy Spirit Province.
- “Religious Freedom in the Arab World in a Time of Profound Transformations” by Dr. Sihem Djebbi of the University Sorbonne Paris Nord.





In a society increasingly characterized by religious pluralism and the instrumentalization of religion for human interests or to justify violence, members of the Trinitarian Family—religious, clergy, and laity—are encouraged to engage deeply with the topic by enrolling in the course. It is open to both internal students and those seeking to explore the subject further.

Città del Vaticano: Benedizione del “Signum Ordinis Sanctae Trinitatis et Captivorum”



On April 25, 2022, Pope Francis welcomed the participants of the SIT-General Convention in a private audience. On that occasion, he received a miniature copy of the Signum Ordinis Sanctae Trinitatis et Captivorum as a symbolic gift. This mosaic, which was donated to the Pope and later recreated in its original size by the differently-abled boys at the rehabilitation center of the Trinitarian Fathers of Venosa-Bernalda, was placed in the Vatican Gardens on the morning of December 5, 2024,

and blessed by Cardinal Vergez Alzaga, President of the Governorate of Vatican City State. In addition to the Cardinal, the ceremony was attended by the President of the SIT-General and the Minister General, along with the officers of the Governorate, the Mother General of the Trinitarian Religious of Rome, the Enlarged General Council, and numerous Trinitarian religious, clergy, and laypeople.





This event marks a historic moment for the entire Trinitarian Family, linking two epochs: In 1210, in the presence of St. John de Matha, the “Signum” was placed over the portal of the wall of the complex of the Church of St. Thomas in Formis, a stone’s throw from the Lateran, then the seat of the Pope; in 2024, the mosaic is placed in the Vatican Gardens, the current seat of the Pope. A unique symbol, a unique reminder: “It reminds those who pass by that the only liberator is Christ.” (Cardinal Vergez Alzaga).



Today, as in the time of St. John de Matha, many Christians continue to be persecuted—more than 360 million worldwide. This mosaic in the Vatican Gardens echoes the Pope’s words to the participants of the SIT Congress: your “charism is flagrantly relevant, unfortunately... in our time, too many men and women, even children, are reduced to living in inhuman conditions, enslaved.” (Pope Francis). We are proud to be Trinitarians, living our charism by bringing Christ the Redeemer to our brothers and sisters.



At the end of the ceremony, a statue of St. John de Matha was presented on behalf of the entire Trinitarian family by the Minister General to Cardinal Vergez Alzaga.



South Korea: Inauguration of the new “Domus Trinitatis”

On December 17, the feast of our Founder, St. John de Matha, the Minister General, along with Fr. Pedro, Minister Provincial of the Holy Spirit Province—the jurisdiction to which South Korea belongs—inaugurated the new house of “Domus Sanctae Trinitatis.” The event was attended by Korean Trinitarian religious, numerous priests, and laypeople.

This milestone marks the realization of a dream 23 years in the making—a story of faith and perseverance. The Trinitarian presence in Korea began in 2001 with a small group of candidates accompanied by Brother AHN Chanmo.



The early years were challenging, marked by limited resources and humble living conditions. Difficulties and moments of pain, such as the 2013 fire that destroyed archives and part of the house, tested their resolve. These initial years were a profound lesson in total dependence on divine providence.

From their initial request to the General Chapter in Rome in 2001 to their relocation to Masan in 2002, which solidified their establishment in Korea, the community endured a period of testing. In 2010, they moved to their current location, and in 2015, the community was officially incorporated into the Holy Spirit Province.

Through perseverance and the support of the General Council and various Provinces of the Order, the Korean Trinitarian community has slowly grown.

The new house in Korea stands as a symbol of freedom and hope for the Order and the entire Trinitarian Family.



IN MEMORIAM

Fr. Daniel Houde



Fr. Daniel HOUDE, a religious of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province (USA-Philippines), passed away on Oct. 11, 2024.

Fr. Daniel, born in Holyoke on 05-08-1950, began his novitiate in Baltimore on 11-08-1978, made his first profession in Baltimore on 11-08-1979, made his solemn profession in Hyattsville on 08-12-1984 and was ordained to the priesthood on 09-27-1987. We join in communion of prayer with our brothers of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Province.

May the Most Holy Trinity, source of infinite mercy, welcome Father Daniel into the joy of Heaven. R.I.P.





We ask you to apply the established suffrages for his soul.

*The editorial staff of Comunion wishes everyone a Merry
Christmas and a peaceful New Year!*

