



# Bloodlines

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## PROVINCIAL'S MESSAGE

**J**ESUS OFFERED HIS BODY AND BLOOD AT THE LAST SUPPER TO FEED AND SATISFY OUR HUNGER AND THIRST. This

nourishment fuels our spiritual life so that we may be passionate and spiritually healthy to proclaim God's love and mercy.

Just as the sun and water nourish the wheat fields, flowers, grass, and our vegetable gardens, so we need the spirit of Christ in us to grow. We need Jesus to enter our souls, or else we fade away.

As we celebrate the Eucharist in our parish communities or in our community houses, it is vital that we gather and receive him with an open heart. The gift of his Body and Blood is a high priority if we wish to remain with him and in him. How do we ground ourselves to believe in his promise that he is among us?

We receive Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Jesus says, *Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life.* (John 6:54) To believe and trust in his words is a great leap of faith and trust. As we humble ourselves in receiving him under the elements of bread and wine, we partake of him in faith, and Jesus becomes part of us and for us to share with others. Jesus will transform our heart, mind, spirit, actions, and make us more like him.

We can also adore our Lord. It is an honour to listen to his voice at the daily Mass readings, while reciting the breviary, moments of silence in our day. In these instances, he pours his love and grace into us and we in return are renewed.

As we are fed, we are also strengthened to continue our service in our ministry. As we consume, listen,



Mesia, was such a wonderful host who attended to every need possible. During the meetings, the General Curia drafted guidelines regarding *Sexual Misconduct*, a task which has taken one and a half years to prepare. These guidelines, approved by the MMS, are now to be implemented into each individual Province's policies.

On the third day of the assembly, a summary was given by **Father Alois**

and adore, then we are asked to pour unto others what Jesus freely gives to us. Catherine Doherty, founder of Madonna House, writes, we are to be *a chalice of love ... we are to be a man to God ... and a reflection of God's love.* Let us try to be a vessel of compassion, be it at home or on the streets.

A greater challenge is to be Christ with those with whom we live. We can see and taste Christ in the Eucharist, how about the person who sits at our dinner table? Do we see Christ in him or her? Can we listen, respect, and forgive those with whom we may disagree or those by whom we feel we have been hurt?

As I drink from the chalice at the Eucharist, can I be a living chalice with my brothers in community? Let us pray that we renew our daily commitment to the spirit of the Bond of Charity, to listen, to forgive, and to respond to the call of discipleship.

## MEETING OF CPPS MAJOR SUPERIORS 2023

**THE MEETING OF MAJOR SUPERIORS** of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, hosted by the Latin American Province, was held in Chaclacayo, a district of the Lima Province in Perú, from September 18 to 22. The Provincial Director, **Máximo**

**Schlachter** on the Formation Workshop, which was held in Rome, from September 1 to 5. Some positive comments and recommendations were made for future workshops. The following day was devoted to the Lay Associates: those who minister and share in our spirituality (USC, Associates, Friends, Sojourners, Companions, et al.) Also, a request from the Holy See, for there is a need to update the USC Regional Statutes.

The following day a discussion was held, and suggestions were put forward to hire for a full-time position for the Communications Office. This individual does not necessarily need to reside at the General Curia. More details are to follow. The Curia is sponsoring a Brothers Gathering in Chicago in October, for which an invitation for CPPS Brothers worldwide is being communicated.

And finally, a new agreement for the Funding of the General Curia. **The Atlantic Province's portion allocates 8% for the 2024-2025 budget.**

After the formal meetings, we had two days to visit our CPPS houses/parishes, take in a mini tour of the city, and enjoy each other's friendship.

– **FR. LUIGINO SANTI**  
CPPS





### CPPS MAJOR SUPERIORS CONVENE IN PERÚ

**B:** Fr. Daniel Mokwa, Fr. Luigino Santi, Fr. Jeff Kirch, Fr. Alois Schlachter, Fr. Emanuele Lupi, Fr. Ilija Grgić, Fr. Angelo Anthony  
**F:** Br. Juan Acuña, Fr. Máximo Mesía, Fr. Luis Manuel Bairrada, Fr. Chesco Msaga, Fr. Vedasto Ngowi, Fr. Trenzio Pastore, Fr. Ferdinand Zech

### SPIRITUALITY

During the years of *special formation*, we learn how to pray the breviary, different styles of praying and individually we were given *The Manual of Prayers for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood*, which holds a treasure of Precious Blood prayers and devotions. Over the years, I have come to greatly appreciate the Chaplet of the Precious Blood. When the Chaplet is prayed and meditated slowly, the mysteries bring solace, renewed spirit, and meaning to our ministry as disciples of the Precious Blood.

How do we apply each mystery in a practical way in our lives?

#### FIRST MYSTERY

*The Lord shed blood at the Circumcision.*

We meditate on God's covenant as we seek purity and obedience to God's will.

“**WHAT A FORTUNE FOR US**  
*to use the short time we have here*  
*in this present pilgrimage*  
*for winning souls!*  
*What is needed there*  
*is for the Apostolate!*  
*Meditate often on the words:*  
*‘If anyone serves me,*  
*the Father will honour him.’*”  
 – ST GASPAR, LETTER 1915

#### SECOND MYSTERY

*The Lord shed blood at the Mount of Olives.*

We pray to overcome fear and loneliness and to be steadfast in our prayer.

#### THIRD MYSTERY

*The Lord shed blood at the scourging.*

We meditate for patience and enduring injustices shown to us.

#### FOURTH MYSTERY

*The Lord shed blood at the crowning with thorns.*

We pray for dignity and endurance of misjudgment.

#### FIFTH MYSTERY

*The Lord shed blood at the carrying of the Cross.*

We pray and meditate for being grateful, to remain faithful and true to unending love.

#### SIXTH MYSTERY

*The Lord shed blood at the Crucifixion.*

We meditate for forgiveness and trust in abandonment.

#### SEVENTH MYSTERY

*The Lord shed blood and water at the piercing of his side.*

We pray for an open heart towards each other, and the graces received in each sacrament.

As we meditate on these mysteries, let us ask for the grace to forgive others truly and fully so that His saving Blood will again move our hearts and touch the souls of our neighbours and thus obtain the joy and glory of our Father in Heaven.

*We remember  
and pray for...*

October 7

JOHN ZYWOLEWSKI

We pray for our deceased CPPS members, family members, friends, and benefactors.



FATHER LEON FLAHERTY  
1935-2023

*Father Flaherty, CPPS, died in the infirmary of St. Charles Center,*

*Carthagena, Ohio. He had been in failing health and was receiving palliative care. Father Flaherty served on the General Curia and preached many wonderful retreats. Requiescat in pace.*

### LOOKING AHEAD...

**PLEASE CALL FATHER ALAREY  
IF YOU ARE ATTENDING  
ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO DAY**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 23**

Come celebrate  
**AMERICAN THANKSGIVING**  
at our house on the Parkway.  
Dinner at 5:30pm.

Please call the House to reserve your seat and if you wish to stay overnight.

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 3**

**FEAST OF OUR PATRON  
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER.**

Fathers Mario and Gerardo will forward details for the dinner at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

*We celebrate!*

#### YOUR BIRTHDAY

October 19 BRENDAN DOHERTY

#### THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR INCORPORATION

October 1 PETER NOBILI

October 21 JOSEPHAT MSUYA

October 22 JAMES REPOSKEY

#### THE ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR ORDINATION

October 26 GREGORIO CORTES



## USC CELEBRATES FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS

On September 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, Woman of the New Covenant, was celebrated at St. Charles Borromeo Church in Toronto. USC members from the various USC groups celebrated the Eucharist, with **Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla**, as presider, and **Father Brendan Doherty, Father Peter Nobili, Father Alarey Abella, and Father Xavier De Pinto** concelebrating.

Following the Eucharist, **Sister Mary Joane, FSP**, shared a reflection in the parish hall. The inspiring presentation encouraged the members to be the voice of truth and be a presence of compassion with those who suffer in silence. Mary, the mother of sorrows, assures victory to those who suffer. Mary brings them joy and renewed hope. When we sit with them, listen to them, we patiently bring Christ to them. Jesus and Mary were sensitive to the suffering poor so that we may be courageous and a sign of lasting hope.



– **FR. GERARDO LAGUARTILLA CPPS**

## PAPAL PRAYER INTENTION FOR

*October 2023*

### FOR THE SYNOD

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



## PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF SORROWS

*Our mother of sorrows,  
with strength from above  
you stood by the cross,  
sharing in the sufferings  
of Jesus,  
and with tender care  
you bore Him in your arms,  
mourning and weeping.*

*We praise you for your faith,  
which accepted the life  
God planned for you.*

*We praise you for your hope,  
which trusted that  
God would do great things  
in you.*

*We praise you for your love  
in bearing with Jesus  
the sorrows of His passion.*

*Holy Mary,  
may we follow your example,  
and stand by all your children  
who need comfort and love.*

*Mother of God,  
stand by us in our trials  
and care for us  
in our many needs.  
Pray for us now  
and at the hour of our death.  
Amen!*

## USC MARIAN CELEBRATION: ST CHARLES BORROMEIO CHURCH FROM TOP:

- 1 Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla, with concelebrants
- 2 Members of the USC Spirituality for El Shaddai
- 3 Altar server Daniel leads the recession with concelebrants Fr. Alarey Abella, Fr. Xavier De Pinto, Fr. Brendan Doherty, Fr. Peter Nobili
- 4 Fr. Gerardo and Sr. Mary Joane, together with members of the USC, following the celebration of the Holy Mass

# In brief...

## PASTORAL INSTALLATIONS

► **Father Alarey Abella** was installed as Pastor of St. Alphonsus Church by **Bishop Robert Kasun**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, on September 24. Many parishioners came together for this celebratory event.

► On September 9,

**Father Mario Cafarelli** was installed as Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church by **Bishop Ivan Camilleri**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Toronto, who presided over the ceremony. It was a beautiful evening for the parish community and the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Bishop Camilleri reminded congregants that we have a responsibility to pray for one another and to forgive one another. It is part of being a family, a community, the family of God. We are brothers and sisters. He also encouraged us to pray for our spiritual leaders, our Holy Father, our Bishops, and our pastors.

### PRAYER FOR OUR PASTORS-ELECT

*GRACIOUS GOD,  
You have nourished and  
protected your Church  
by providing it with pastors  
who are stewards of your word  
and sacraments.*

*Strengthen our brothers  
ALAREY and MARIO,  
as they begin a new ministry  
among us, and help us all  
to follow your Son, Jesus Christ,  
Who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.*



**LET US PRAY FOR**  
those men and women who are  
called to take up their cross  
and follow Jesus  
as priests, deacons  
or in consecrated life.



### PASTORAL INSTALLATION OF FATHER MARIO CAFARELLI

Concelebrants at the Installation Mass: Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla, Bishop Ivan Camilleri, Fr. Mario Cafarelli, Fr. Luigino Santi, Fr. Peter Nobili, Fr. Brendan Doherty, Fr. Jim Reposkey

## SAINT GASPAR: A MODEL OF OBEDIENCE AND HUMILITY

**R**ELECTING ON SAINT GASPAR'S LIFE AND THE APOSTOLIC WORKS THAT HE UNDERTOOK,

I find him to be an inspiration to me in my life as a Missionary of the Precious Blood.

Against all odds and trials, Gaspar believed that everything is possible, if we place God at the

center of our lives. Indeed, our ministry and shared lives in community are meant to give glory to God.

The birth of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood is a profound testament to Saint Gaspar's desires and life priorities. Placing complete trust and dependence on God, Gaspar was convinced that the work of the community was the work of God, where each member shared in the building up of the kingdom of God on earth.

Gaspar's wisdom came from loving God. As one of his followers today, I strive to imitate his life and rely upon the Spirit of God for all that I do. Gaspar understood well that we are weak and limited human beings. And yet, we can learn from his example to humbly ask for the Spirit of Wisdom from God in prayer to guide our actions and thoughts. The rules and guidelines he wrote to accompany our Institute are proof of his wisdom and discerning spirit.



obedience and love of the community are testament to his great love for the community and its members.

How is Saint Gaspar important in *your own* missionary life? His selfless love of God's people urged him on. Gaspar shows us the importance of humility and obedience. Listening to God's voice is the first step in being humble and then acting on what we hear through prayer. He urges us to have complete trust and obedience to the Will of God. *Not my will, but your will be done.* Relying upon God's grace, accepting each other in community, and living the rule can help



to guide each of us to be faithful to our charism as Saint Gaspar was in his own lifetime.

— **FR. ALAREY ABELLA**  
CPPS



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## VOCATION PRAYER

**LORD GOD,**  
*You called St. Gaspar  
 del Bufalo  
 to renew the Church  
 through the ministry  
 of the Word  
 and the proclamation  
 of our salvation  
 in Christ's Precious Blood.*

*Continue to call  
 men and women  
 to share in that mission  
 as brothers, sisters, priests  
 and companions  
 who respond to  
 the cry of the Blood  
 in our world today.*

*Give them the graces  
 they need  
 to answer the call  
 and live as your  
 ever-faithful servants.  
 We ask this  
 in the name of Jesus,  
 who shed his Blood for us.  
 Amen.*

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|-----------|---------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| <b>1</b>  | Alarey Abella       | <b>17</b> | William Mnyagatwa               |
| <b>2</b>  | Mario Cafarelli     | <b>18</b> | Josephat Msuya                  |
| <b>3</b>  | Brother Anthony     | <b>19</b> | Peter Nobili                    |
| <b>4</b>  | René Cerecedo       | <b>20</b> | James Reposkey                  |
| <b>5</b>  | John Colacino       | <b>21</b> | Lui Santi                       |
| <b>6</b>  | Samuel D'Angelo     | <b>22</b> | Germán Santiago                 |
| <b>7</b>  | Brendan Doherty     | <b>23</b> | Phillip Smith                   |
| <b>8</b>  | Patrick Gilmurray   | <b>24</b> | Ron Wiecek                      |
| <b>9</b>  | Joseph Grasso       | <b>25</b> | USC Members                     |
| <b>10</b> | Gregorio Hernandez  | <b>26</b> | Deceased CPPS Members           |
| <b>11</b> | Jerome Hologa       | <b>27</b> | Our benefactors                 |
| <b>12</b> | Dominic Jung        | <b>28</b> | Our family and friends          |
| <b>13</b> | Gerardo Laguartilla | <b>29</b> | The sick                        |
| <b>14</b> | Gary Luiz           | <b>30</b> | Pope Francis<br>and our Bishops |
| <b>15</b> | Ron Mahon           | <b>31</b> | Our Provincial Council          |
| <b>16</b> | Michael Mateyk      |           |                                 |

*Let us remain united in prayer*