



# Bloodlines

Newsletter of the Atlantic Province  
Summer 2018

## **ACTA, Special Business Assembly Thursday, June 14, 2018**

This extraordinary assembly was convoked to deal with one issue, namely, the selling of the Bathurst St. property in Toronto, and the possible investing of that money in another site. It was convoked by the Provincial Director. Of the 26 members eligible to vote, 17 members were present hence forming the required quorum.

After a lengthy discussion, Fr. Peter Nobili moved that the Province be authorized to sell its 1/3 interest in the Bathurst St. property. Fr. Ron Wiecek seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was 16 in favor and one against. The motion passed.

After further discussion, Fr. Peter Nobili moved that the Province be authorized to purchase the Dufferin St. property contingent on city approval for building a third floor and on the acceptance of a 60-40% interest in partnership with the owner, and with a view toward eventual purchase of the property in total. The motion was seconded by Fr. Michael Mateyk. The vote on the motion was 10 in favor; 6 against; and one abstention. The motion passed.

## **Provincial Council Meeting June 15, 2018**

On Friday, June 15, 2018, the Provincial Council met at the Carmelite Spirituality Centre in Niagara Falls, Ontario, at 12:25 a.m. All Council Members were present: Fr. Mario Cafarelli, Fr. John Colacino, Fr. Ronald Wiecek, and Fr. Michael Mateyk. Fr. Peter Nobili, the Treasurer, was also present for the financial report. Fr. Augusto Menichelli was present for the Formation Report. The meeting began with a prayer by Fr. Mario.

### **Approval of Previous Minutes:**

The minutes of the previous Council Meeting, March 8, 2018, were accepted as written by the council members unanimously.

### **Formation/Vocations**

Fr. Augusto attended the meeting to present the revised Program of Formation for which he sought approval by the Council and, after further potential modifications resulting from the next assembly, would be included in the Atlantic Province's Provincial Norms and Guidelines. He stated that he made some minor changes in the footnotes, but that the copies the Council received in advance were generally the same as far as content. Fr. Mario suggested that additional quotes from St. Gaspar and Venerable John Merlini might be added to the document in the text itself or in various footnotes. After Fr. Augusto presented the document, Fr. Ron Wiecek made the motion that we would accept the document as working policy. Fr. John seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### **Mission Office**

Fr. Mario stated that some clarification needed to be made about the current status of the Mission Office. By default, he is Fr. Mario is acting as Director. He clarified that Fr. Patrick Gilmurray did not resign as Director of the Mission Office, but that his mandate had expired and he did not wish to continue in the position. He thanked Fr. Patrick because everything has been cleaned up financially and there has been good transparency. There have been no problems with the Canada Revenue Agency for the past three years.

It is the opinion of both Fr. Peter and Fr. Mario that everything seems to be going well. The water business at Manyoni was sold to the government for \$400,000. The schools are doing well. St. Gaspar Elementary School is set to be financially independent. Two dorms for girls have been built and one for boys is nearing completion. There is still another dorm for boys that is still in the planning stages. The high school is proceeding according to plan. The water project is being subsidized by Dr. Batt. We are not abandoning Tanzania, but we will be in a support mode only in the future. We will continue to have fund raisers and there are benefactors for the work in Tanzania, but we will not be directly responsible for the water project or the schools.

Fr. Ron Wiecek wanted to give a brief update as to what is happening in Mexico. Everything seems to be running smoothly at the moment. Furthermore, the Archbishop of Mexico City has asked the Pope to separate three zones from the Archdiocese and make them independent dioceses under the Metropolitan See of the Archdiocese. Iztapalapa, where our men are, is one of those sections.

### **Statute Revisions**

Fr. John, who is chairman of the ad hoc committee, gave an update on its work. Section II of the Provincial Statutes and the Provincial Customary remain for consideration and the complete set of recommendations will be sent around to the membership for discussion at district meetings prior to the assembly. He said that the entire section in our Official Documents binder regarding the Mission Office needs, however, to be revised. He stated further that the membership of the Mission Committee needs to be publicized and to function according to the relevant provincial norms and guidelines. The latter could, in his opinion, be replaced by a limited number of provincial statutes that could cover this area though a detailed job description for the Mission Director would still be needed. He will take this up with the committee at its next meeting

### **USC**

The USC is being established in Precious Blood parish in the Toronto Archdiocese. Fr. Xavier, the pastor, is very supportive of our activity there. Our candidate, Gerardo Valencia Laguartilla came from that parish and continues to minister there. The program in Kamloops, British Columbia continues to take shape. Fr. Peter informed the Council about Merlap IV taking place in September and indicated there would be lay members going with him to that meeting. The August 15 celebration will be all in English this year and is being planned by Fr. Peter, Fr. Augusto and the two candidates Gerardo and Jerome Antoni Hologa. Fr. John is giving the keynote address and the Apostolic Delegate to Canada will be preaching and celebrating the Mass in the morning.

### **Personnel**

Fr. Mario informed the Council that Fr. Dominic Jung has requested, and received approval for, a sabbatical.

Fr. Ron Mahon will be returning to Toronto, Canada, July 1. He will be residing at the house of formation and serving there as spiritual director.

### **Other Items**

The kitchen area needs to be redone at the Niagara Parkway Centre and is being totally redesigned.

Next year's Electoral Assembly will take place at the Mt Carmel Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls on June 10-14, 2019.

The next Council Meeting will be held at the Niagara Parkway Centre on Monday, November 5, 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was closed with a prayer by Fr. Mario at 2:30 p.m.



### **Voice of the Founder**

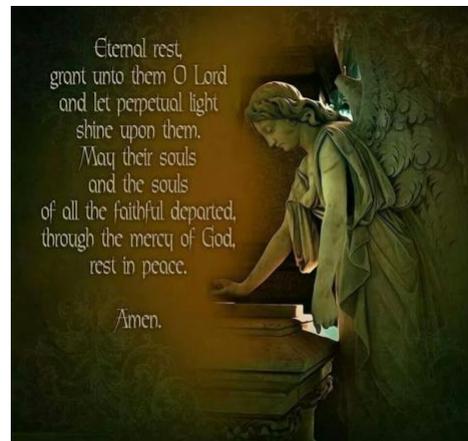
*“May your spirit always remain calm, your trust in God most vibrant, and forgiving your neighbor in keeping with the laws of charity. Do not forget to work hard, to be active, and to stimulate everything through prayer” (Letter 2732).*



### **Provincial Electoral Assembly**

*June 10-14, 2019*

**Mt. Carmel Spiritual Centre  
Niagara Falls, ON**



*In your charity please remember:*

*Lucy Whang  
(Mother of Fr. Dominic)*

*Micaela Santiago Estevez  
(Sister of Fr. German)*

# Calendar

## JULY

### 1 – SOLEMNITY OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

- 1 - O – Alaray Abello (2007)
- 3 - O – Dominic Jung (1995)
- 3 - O – Sam D’Angelo (1999)
- 12 - B – Augusto Menichelli (1973)
- 12 - B – Joseph Grasso (1955)
- 16 - B – James Reposkey (1946)
- 29 – B – Patrick Gilmurray (1963)
- 31 - O – St. Gaspar Del Bufalo (1808)
- 31 - O – Joseph Grasso (1992)

## AUGUST

- 3 - I – Anthony Canterucci (1949)
- 8 - B – Peter Nobili (1942)
- 14 - O – Carlo Della Vecchia (1948)
- 15 – **C.PP.S. Foundation Day** (1815)
- 15 - I – Ronald Wiecek (1965)
- 18 - D – Sebastian Contegiacomo (1982)
- 19 – B – Carlo Della Vecchia (1924)
- 24 - B – Luciano Baiocchi (1930)
- 24 – D – Francisco Dell Valle Milan (2016)
- 25 - I – Dominic Jung (1994)
- 28 - B – Venerable John Merlini (1795)
- 29 - I – Joseph Grasso (1991)

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 – B – ATLANTIC VICARIATE EST. (1966)
- 1 - O – Patrick Gilmurray (2012)
- 2 - D – Nicholas Arioli (1992)
- 7 - I – Rene Cerecedo (1984)
- 9 - B – San D’Angelo (1967)
- 12 - B – Rene Cerecedo (1951)
- 29 – I – German Santiago Esteves (2012)
- 29 – I – Gregorio Hernandez Cortez (2012)

## OCTOBER

- 1 - I – Peter Nobili (1964)
- 7 - D – John Zywolewski (1993)
- 19 - B – Brendan Doherty (1940)
- 20 - O – Jeffrey Finley (1990)
- 20 – I – Augusto Menichelli (2004)
- 21 – **SOLEMNITY OF ST. GASPAR DEL BUFALO**
- 22 - I – James Reposkey (1972)
- 26 – O – Gregorio Hernandez Cortes (2015)
- 29 – B – ITALO-AMERICAN DELEGATION EST. - 1928

*Scene from May 24, Feast of Mary Help of Christians; St. Michael's Church, Fort Erie, ON*



*Ministry of Lector conferred on Gerardo Laguartilla  
Entrance into Special Formation of Jerome Hologa*

*Scenes from Retreat 2018; Courtesy of Fr. Augusto*







*From Around the Province*

St. Roch's Church  
and the  
Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Atlantic Province

cordially invite you to  
honour and celebrate  
the 70th Anniversary  
of ordination to priesthood  
of  
***Rev. Carlo Della Vecchia, C.P.P.S.***

Sunday September 2, 2018  
at St. Roch's Church  
Toronto, Ontario

Mass of Thanksgiving at 10:30am  
Refreshments to follow in the parish hall  
and a luncheon/dinner  
for the Missionaries in the rectory at 1:00pm

Please confirm your attendance by August 1, 2018.

**Member Profile**  
**Fr. Patrick Gilmurray C.P.P.S.**



Born and raised in Toronto, my earliest memories of Mass were of gymnasiums, first in a public junior high school, then in September of 1968 in the newly opened St. Roch's school, where I was a newly enrolled kindergarten student. Growing up in St. Roch's parish, I witnessed the stages of growth in the parish, from the building of the parish hall, then the church, and finally the addition of the rectory over the offices and hall. More importantly, I had the opportunity over the years to come to know a few of our members – and future members – quite well.

In Grade 11, at the Mass of the Lord's Supper celebrated at St. Roch, I became aware for the first time that God might be calling me to the priesthood. After high school I followed that call to the house of studies at St. Mary's in London Ont. where I lasted one semester before leaving to enter the working world.

Over the next 18 years I progressed through positions in retail and warehousing and eventually entered the fields of accounting and finance, logistics management, and consumer goods marketing. While as the Controller for a mid-sized logistics company in Toronto I experienced a reawakening of my vocation to religious life and, at 44 years of age, left the working world to attend the University of St. Michael's College and begin formation.

I was incorporated on December 3, 2011 and ordained on September 1, 2012, the day that would also have been my parents' 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Since then I served for 2 years as associate pastor at St. Michael's parish in Fort Erie, Ontario with Fr. Jeff Finley. After a term as Mission Director I returned to St. Michael's as pastor in July of 2015. Since returning as pastor we have begun to follow Divine Renovation, a relatively new but widely acclaimed program of parish renewal. I am excited about the next stages in our growth and renewal process which we will begin in the fall. At least for now, I am blessed with the feeling of being in the right place at the right time, engaged in the right ministry.

## *St. Roch's Celebrates its 50th Anniversary*

St. Roch's Church in Toronto is a multicultural parish. The parish community is comprised of 28 different ethnic groups and brings a richness to the gift of faith that we celebrate in our parish. The demographic of the parish community and the area has changed dramatically since its birth. It was founded in 1968 by Fr. Oreste Cerbara C.P.P.S. The Missionaries dedicated their ministry to the early Italian immigration. Over the years many have died or moved out of the parish boundaries, yet the parish continues to welcome new comers from Vietnam, Philippines, Latin America, Mexico, Nigeria, East Asia and many other countries.

St. Roch's has an active St. Vincent de Paul Society which is run by dedicated volunteers. Each team of three members makes home visits and then distributes different kind of foods to those struggling with poverty. The Catholic Women's League (CWL) is very active and supportive in spiritual matters and is a positive witness and presence within the community. The Knights of Columbus continue to be pillars of encouragement, charity, welcome and assistance.

Regarding the sacramental life of the parish, we have fewer weddings simply due to the climate of the modern culture but baptisms are celebrated almost every weekend. We have an active RCIA team with an average of 8-9 candidates each year.

Throughout the year we encourage and invite parishioners to celebrate our Precious Blood feast days and our annual patron's feast day in mid-August which attracts hundreds of people. The feast begins with a novena to St. Roch and ends with a full day celebration on the Sunday with solemn Mass, procession, live entertainment, dancing, food, activities for children and prizes for all.

This year we are celebrating the parish's 50th anniversary. Each month of 2018, beginning in January, we are highlighting a special event and will be completing the year with a Mass celebrated by Thomas Cardinal Collins, who has accepted the invitation. In January we began the year with a Commencement Event held in the church followed by a wine and cheese social in the parish hall. The attendance was overwhelming with past and present parishioners in attendance. In February, Frs. Jim Reposkey, Ron Mahon, Patrick Gilmurray, and Fr. Anthony Iacobelli, a son of the parish ordained for the Archdiocese of Toronto, returned to preside at the Sunday liturgies. In March, both the English and Italian Lenten mission were given by Fr. Conrad Fernandes OFM, a powerful preacher, who reflected on the "Life and Holiness of St. Roch," that left many inspired and renewed.

In early May we heard sacred arias and chants by *Belli Voci*, the famous Canadian a capella choir who performed at the Spring Concert. They donate their time and lovely gift of music to the parish. In June we feasted on multicultural foods at the International Food Day. This event reflected the mosaic makeup of the parish and Bishop Vincent Nyugen will join us.

In mid-August we will welcome Bishop John Bousseau, our regional bishop, at the annual St. Roch's parish festival. Come September, Bishop Wayne Kirpatrick, the Vicar for Religious, has accepted an invitation to celebrate with us at the autumn Coffee Sunday. Then on October 21 we will have the parish's Gala Luncheon in conjunction with St. Gaspar's feast day.

Bishop Robert Kausin will preside at the Sunday Masses and join us in our community festivities. As mentioned earlier, in November we will be honoured to have His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins come to the parish to highlight the yearlong celebration. Finally, on December 11, the actual founding day of the parish, there will be a full day of prayer, adoration, hymns, and Eucharist followed by refreshments and music in the parish hall. Each month a holy hour with the Blessed Sacrament and with the relic of St. Roch available for veneration is also scheduled. This hour of prayer is dedicated to an increase of vocations to the Church and to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

Ministry at St. Roch's is rich in culture and spirituality that keeps us busy with five weekend Masses and two daily Masses with an average of 2-3 funerals a week. A Spanish prayer group meets on Saturdays and twice a month the Swahili community gathers to celebrate Mass with full colour, dance and music.

In addition to the existing outreach and parish programs, we have recently initiated a Young Mom's Group, created an interactive parish website, hold a monthly movie night and weekly Tai Chi, purchased major appliances for the parish hall, and formed a Children's Choir. Mass attendance has increased and we continue to do important repairs and maintenance for the church and rectory such as security cameras that will be installed around the church building. As a parishioner, Alberto Sturino, says, "We feel the doors have been opened again and we are welcomed."

Ministry at St. Roch's is demanding. People are thirsty for the Word of God and hungry for the sacraments. We share our Precious Blood spirituality in our daily reflections, Sunday homilies and pastoral activities. People have noticed that we Missionaries are different from the other priests and this is certainly a fine compliment. Frs. Lui Santi and William Mynagatwa serve the parish and, until recently, Carlo Della Vecchia, who has been moved to Providence Villa. Rev. Mr. Ignacio Matteo, a diocesan permanent deacon, assists with some of the parish's ministry especially various catechetical programs.

Many of the Missionaries who were assigned here can concur with the good that this faith community has accomplished in these years. We give thanks to our Lord for the blessings and graces we have received over these 50 years. It is wonderful, yet hard to imagine, the commitment, faith, and drive that it took for the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and a few parishioners to start a new parish. It would have been much easier to join up with one already in existence. They did so, not out of vanity, but because they felt called to do something new thereby reading the signs of the times. We Missionaries are happiest when we are with people and are able to serve them well.

As we mark this special milestone of our history it is satisfying to witness young families who choose to renew their faith by assisting at liturgies and parish life. In the midst of our struggles and joys, we stay focused on celebrating Jesus Christ and being the Body of Christ. Come and join us in this year's celebration. -- *Lui Santi C.P.P.S.*

## *USC News*

On the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ in Precious Blood parish, Toronto, 20 new members were received into the USC of the Atlantic Province by the Provincial Director, Very Rev. Mario Cafarelli, during the 5:00pm Mass. The pastor, Fr. Xavier Pinto, was the main celebrant while the Provincial was the homilist; other concelebrants were retired Abp. Lawrence Saldanha, Fr. August Menichelli, Director of Formation, Fr Alarey Abella, Director of Vocations and Fr. Peter Nobili, USC Delegate. Together with their pastor, the 20 inductees from the parish finished the 6-month formation program led by Fr. Peter and facilitated by our students, Gerardo Laguartilla, Jerome Hologa. The Precious Blood choir from St. Charles parish sung at the celebration and who concluded by singing a hymn to St Gaspar in Italian. All participated in a sidewalk procession with the Blessed Sacrament throughout several parish streets stopping at three different homes of bedridden parishioners to impart on them a special blessing. Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament followed in church and all were invited for refreshments in the parish hall. The pastor graciously invited the concelebrants and the students to a delicious meal in the rectory, ordering the students to gather the leftovers to take home following Jesus' example, so that nothing went to waste!

## *USC members at Kamloops, BC*

During the Sunday Mass on June 10 at St John Vianney parish, Msgr. Jerry Desmond held the rite of incorporation for USC members, Deacon Eddie Lavoie, and Lloyd and AnnMarie Babcock. Many members of the CPPS mission group came out to show their support. The mission group in Kamloops has been active for many years sponsoring young adults from the local high school to Tanzania for summer programs. Many teenagers and adults have taken the trip and worked in Tanzania. The whole city of Kamloops knows about C.PP.S Mission Projects. The time has come to forge a spiritual bond by fostering the USC in this part of the world by providing a long overdue spirituality to motivate and unite our collaborators to us and to feed their missionary spirit. – *Peter Nobili C.PP.S.*

## *Feast of the Precious Blood; Rochester Mission House*

The mission house community along with some visiting guests celebrated the feast day on Sunday July 1 followed by a celebratory luncheon. It will be 11 years until the feast falls again on a Sunday – so this was a rare opportunity to share our spirituality with a broader audience.





*ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO PARTICIPANTS IN A MEETING  
PROMOTED BY THE FAMILIES OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD*

*Paul VI Audience Hall  
Saturday, 30 June 2018*

Dear brothers and sisters,

On the eve of the month of July, in which Christian piety turns in a special way to the Blood of Christ, I am glad to meet with the Societies of Apostolic Life and the male and female religious Institutes, with their respective lay aggregations, who are inspired by the spirituality of the Blood of Jesus. I greet you all with affection and I thank Fr. Terenzio Pastore and Sister Nicla Spezzati for the words with which they introduced this meeting, sponsored by the Sanguis Christi Union.

Since the beginnings of Christianity, the mystery of the Blood of Christ has fascinated many people. Your founding Saints too cultivated this devotion, placing it at the basis of your Constitutions, because they understood in the light of faith that the Blood of Christ is the source of salvation for the world. God chose the sign of blood, because no other sign is so eloquent to express the supreme love of life given for others. This donation is repeated in every Eucharistic celebration, in which alongside the Body of Christ, His precious blood is made present; the Blood of the new and eternal Covenant, shed for all for the redemption of sins (cf. Mt 26: 26).

The meditation of Christ's sacrifice leads us to perform works of mercy, giving our life for God and for our brothers, without sparing. Meditation of the mystery of the Blood of Christ shed on the cross for our redemption drives us, in particular, towards those who could be cured from their moral and physical sufferings, and who instead are left to languish on the margins of a society of consumption and indifference. It is from this perspective that your service to the Church and to society becomes evident in all its importance. For my part, I suggest to you three aspects that may help you in your activity and in your witness: the courage of the truth, attention to all, especially to the most distant, and the ability to fascinate and to communicate.

The courage of the truth. It is important to be brave people, build courageous communities that are not afraid to stand up to affirm the values of the Gospel and the truth about the world and man. It is a matter of speaking plainly and not turning away in the face of attacks on the value of human life from conception to its natural end, on the dignity of the human person; before social ills, and before the various forms of poverty. The witness of the disciples of Jesus is called to touch the lives of the parishes and neighbourhoods, not to leave indifferent but to affect, transforming people's hearts and lives.

The second aspect is attention to all, especially to those who are distant. In your mission you are called to reach out to everyone, to make yourselves understood by all, to be "popular" by

using a language through which everyone can understand the message of the Gospel. The recipients of the love and goodness of Jesus are all: neighbours, but above all those who are most distant.

Therefore, we need to identify the most suitable ways of being able to bring together a multiplicity of people in homes, in social environments and on the street. To do this, you have before you the example of Jesus and of the disciples who walked the streets of Palestine announcing the Kingdom of God with the many signs of healing that confirmed the Word. Strive to be an image of a Church who walks the street, among the people, even running personal risks, sharing the joys and hardships of those you meet.

The third aspect that I suggest for your witness is the ability to fascinate and communicate. This is aimed especially at preaching and catechesis, the itineraries for a deeper understanding of the Word of God. It is a question of inspiring ever greater involvement in order to offer the contents of the Christian faith and to allow it to be savoured, encouraging new life in Christ. The Gospel and the Holy Spirit evoke words and gestures that enflame hearts and help them to open up to God and to others. For this ministry of the Word, we can draw inspiration from the attitude with which Jesus dialogued with people so as to reveal His mystery to all, to fascinate ordinary people with lofty and demanding teachings. The strength of this attitude is hidden in “the way Jesus looked at people, seeing beyond their weaknesses and failings: ‘Fear not little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the Kingdom’ (Lk 12: 32 )” (Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, 141). Imitating the style with which Jesus preached, He helps us to approach others by making them perceive God’s tenderness. I think we are living in a time in which it is necessary to bring about the revolution of tenderness.

Here are three characteristics that can be useful for your journey of faith and your apostolate. But let us not forget that the true strength of Christian witness comes from the Gospel itself. And this is where the centrality of the Blood of Christ and its spirituality emerges. It is a question of relying above all on the “superabundance of love” expressed in the Blood of the Lord, which brought to light the Church Fathers and the great saints and mystics of Christian history, from Saint Bonaventure to Saint Catherine of Siena, up to a Saint especially dear to you: Saint Gaspar del Bufalo. This Roman priest, founder of the Missionaries of the Most Precious Blood, endeavoured to keep alive the ardour of faith in the Christian people by travelling through the regions of central Italy. With the example of his love for God, his humility, his charity, he was able to bring reconciliation and peace everywhere, tending to the spiritual and material needs of the most fragile people who lived on the margins of society.

Dear brothers and sisters, it is in Christ that we find the sure principle of our existence: He is our fundamental and definitive hope. In the journey of your communities, priority goes to prayer, to listening to the Word of God, to contemplation, and to docile obedience to the voice of the Holy Spirit. May communion and collaboration grow among you, indispensable conditions for the apostolic mandate received from the Lord to bring abundant spiritual fruits for the benefit of the whole people of God. I accompany these wishes with my prayerful remembrance for you and for your mission and, as I ask you to pray for me, I cordially impart my Apostolic Blessing to you.