

## FAIRHAVEN PROVINCIAL NEWS

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The 49<sup>th</sup> Eucharistic Congress was held in Quebec City, June 15-23, 2008. Pope Benedict XVI gave the homily via satellite for the closing Mass, which was concelebrated by 30 Cardinals, 300 Bishops and 1,500 priests. As our own Congregation Charism is centered on the Eucharist, **Pope Benedict's** words are a reminder to us:

*“Reception of the Eucharist, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, by this we mean deepening our communion, preparing for it and prolonging it. ... It is also about allowing ourselves to enter in communion with Christ and through Him, with the whole of the Trinity. ... Every liturgical celebration, because it is the action of Christ the Priest and of His Body, which is the Church, is a sacred action surpassing all others. No other action can equal its efficacy... it is proclaiming the death and resurrection until He comes...”*

In the May 2008 “Info.”, Superior General, **Fr. Javier Álvarez-Ossorio** wrote that some brothers considered references to Adoration in our official documents as altogether too weak. He stated:

*“The actual practice of Adoration, the amount of time the Brothers spend in prayer before the Eucharist, seems to be inadequate. For others however, just speaking about the topic makes them smile skeptically as they consider it past history, outdated, something for those movements in the Church that are conservative and nostalgic for a bygone era.”*

Former Superior General, **Sister Paloma Aguirre**, in the Sisters' May 2008 “Info” reminds us that the Sisters' request to Rome to suppress the official title “And of Perpetual Adoration” was not accepted by the Vatican in 1968. In the May 2008 issue, **Sr. Paloma** writes:

*“I am convinced that Perpetual Adoration calls me, calls us, to an uninterrupted attitude of Adoration, which is expressed in a visible way in the act of Adoration and silence before the Blessed Sacrament as asked for by our constitutions. I daily ask for this grace and I ask it as well for the Congregation.”*

For our SS.CC. Congregation, an ongoing reflection about the Eucharist/Adoration we should keep in mind the Constitutions Article 53.4

*“Each community will seek concrete and significant ways in which to live the Adoration and to insure that the Eucharist will be the constant point of reference in its life.”*

A suggested agenda item for the next Expanded General Council/General Chapter might be a contemporary discussion on what it means to be a member of the **Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary and of Perpetual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar** in the context of today's world.

The next Eucharistic Congress will be held in the year 2012 in Dublin, Ireland.

Fraternally in the Sacred Hearts,



Bill Petrie, ss.cc.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Fr. Ben Folger** continues at Damien Residence to have a speedy recovery from his foot surgery. Several times a week a visiting nurse comes to change the bandages and examine the progress of his wound.

**Fr. Fred Meyers** is still in residence at San Juan Nursing Home in Texas. Fred is now using a walker and wheelchair for mobility.

**Fr. Roy Yurco** and **Fr. Bill Mitchell** both remain in good health at their respective nursing homes.

Please remember **Fr. John Fee**, who was hospitalized for several days but has now returned to his home at Queen of Peace Rectory in Harper Woods, Michigan

## USA WEST PROVINCIAL CHAPTER



Congratulations to **Fr. Donal McCarthy** who was re-elected for a second term as Provincial of the continuing USA West Province. **Frs. Richard Danyluk**, Vicar Provincial and **Gerry Holland**, Councilor, replaced **Frs. Pat O'Hagan** and **Pat Crowley**. With the presence of Superior General **Fr. Javier Álvarez-Ossorio** and General Councilor **Fr. Richard McNally**, along with facilitator **Fr. Stan Kolasa** and retreat master **Fr. Tom McElroy** and the two USC Provincials, **Frs. Chris Keahi** and **Bill Petrie**, there was a profound SS.CC. gathering and bonding. New statutes were voted upon and restructuring discussions will continue within the USC and the General House.

## SS.CC. AREA DIRECTORS

The Provincial Council has appointed new SS.CC. area Directors (contact persons) and has readjusted the area communities from six groups to five, merging the former chaplains group with the Fairhaven area community. The area contact person is designated for coordinating SS.CC meetings, Chapter preparations, ministry planning and family gatherings/celebrations. The SS.CC area contact person will be a source for animation and team building.

1. Fairhaven Area Community – **Fr. Michael Annunziato**
2. Dioceses of Fall River and Washington, DC Parishes and Wareham Community – **Fr. Stan Kolasa**
3. Diocese of Nassau, Bahamas – **Fr. Mike Kelly**
4. Diocese of Brownsville, Texas, Diocese of Reynosa – **Fr. Bob Charlton**
5. St. Margaret of Scotland/Pre Novitiate – **Fr. Columban Crotty** \*\*

**Father Richard Lifrak** and **Bro. Paul Alves** will belong to the parish area group

**Frs. Bill Petrie, Alan Nagle, John Fee** and **Al Dagnoli** will belong to the Fairhaven Area Community

**Fr. Chris Santangelo** will belong to the Texas area group until September

SS.CC. visitors and visiting missionaries will be part of the Fairhaven Area Community

(**Frs. Richard McNally, David Reid, Michael Shanahan, David Lupo and Subal Nayak.**)

\*\* Although the St. Margaret of Scotland community is part of the Fairhaven parish group,

**Fr. Columban Crotty** will be the contact person for the local community when it is not feasible to attend the Massachusetts meeting.

## PARISH PROFILES

Not all the parish profiles were received for the June 24-26, 2008 Provincial Council meeting. A decision was made to duplicate all the profiles for the council members to study in preparation for the September 2-5, 2008 Provincial Council meeting. Three days will be devoted to the prioritization of personnel as mandated by the Assembly.

## FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE SEMINARY CONSTRUCTION IN BANGALORE

A letter of intent has been sent to the community in India informing of a guarantee of the funds (approximately \$800,00.00) for the construction of the Bangalore Seminary. The money will be transferred in intervals upon the completion of certain stages of the construction. Upon its completion, we will have four SS.CC. properties in India: Damien House, Kolkata; Pabitra Hrudaya Sangha Community, Bhubaneswar, Orissa; the Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) Phulanakhara, Orissa and soon, the Seminary in Bangalore

## DONATION RECEIVED FROM THE BAHAMAS

The children in the Diocese of Nassau in the Bahamas collected over \$2,000.00 from their lenten penny boxes. The donation was to be used for the retired SS.CC. at Damien Residence. Both **Frs. Ben Folger** and **Brian Marggraf** served as missionaries in the Bahamas. This is the first time one of our missions has donated for our home mission work. Congratulations and thank you **Fr. Martin Gomes** for facilitating this gift.

## CONTRIBUTION TO SOLIDARITY

The Provincial Council approved a donation to the Solidarity Fund for two projects: provide financial assistance for starting a Secular Branch in Ecuador; and ongoing formation studies for **Fr. Noel Flaviano** who has agreed to become a formator in the Philippines International Community.



Fr. Noel Flaviano & Fr. Bill Petrie

## NEW CHURCH NAME

On June 5, 2008, **Fr. Clyde Guerreiro** informed us that the Catholic Community of Molokai has changed the name of their parish to Blessed Damien Catholic Church. Hopes and expectations are for a 2009 Canonization of **Blessed Damien**.

## KOLKATA, INDIA

**Frs. Sudhir Nayak** and **Stephen Banjare**, who have begun their parish ministry at St. Patrick's Parish, have now set up their residence with the Christian Brothers St. Mary's Orphanage. This will be a temporary arrangement until plans are made for the development of a new parish from the division of St. Patrick's Church in Dumdum, West Bengal. Both Sudhir and Stephen are busy with house visits and have requested booklets for the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the home.

## THEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN INDIA

After the profession of **Brother Bipin** and **Brother Golak** in the Philippines, they returned to India instead of beginning theological studies in Manila. They are the first two SS.CC. to begin their theological studies at Morning Star College in the Archdiocese of Kolkata. The present arrangement is for them to live with the Claretian Community which has a residence near the seminary campus. Morning Star Seminary is a short distance from **Frs. Sudhir** and **Stephen** in Dumdum and approximately 45 minutes away from Damien Residence in Kolkata.

## FR. SUBAL NAYAK

**Fr. Subal Nayak** has finished his pastoral experience in Fairhaven and will be at Our Lady of the Assumption Cape Verdean Church in New Bedford, MA during the month of July. Subal lives at the Damien Residence where there is a large community to offer support and affirmation, in return Subal gives his love, talents and availability. With the arrival of **Frs. David Reid** and **Michael Shanahan** there is a good representation from the Region of India in the Province.



## FR. HILBAR LOYAGA MENDEZ



**Fr. Hilbar Loyaga Mendez** from Ecuador, is continuing his English classes in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. with his residence at St. Margaret of Scotland parish in Seat Pleasant, Maryland. He plans to visit the SS.CC. Texas area after his studies.

## WAREHAM ACTIVITY

During the month of July, **Bro. Damien O'Hare** will move to Damien Residence. Both **Frs. Michael Shanahan** and **Richard McNally** will be living at the retreat house from July to September. Candidates **Andrew Kellner** and **Willbrod Frank** will also spend time at the Retreat House for prayer, reflection and work before the pre-novitiate in September.

## GLOBAL ENTHRONEMENT MOVEMENT

**Frs. Bill Petrie and Richard McNally** composed a Mission Statement for a new movement "The Enthronement of the Sacred Heart for Creating a Civilization of Love". Coordinated by Gloria Anson from Syracuse, NY, this is a follow-up to the **Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey** Centenary Celebration in 2007. It is interested groups, committed to the enthronement work, who are desirous of fostering the Enthronement Apostolate to all continents during the next decade. The mission statement is:

*"THE ENTHRONEMENT OF THE SACRED HEART FOR CREATING A CIVILIZATION OF LOVE is a global movement to renew societies by centering families on the Love of God incarnated in the Heart of Christ. The movement was founded by Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey, ss.cc. in Parlay-le-Monial, France in 1907. It was endorsed by the Church as a global movement which continues to renew families in every continent for creating a civilization of love."*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- There will be no newsletter during the month of August.
- **August 1-3, 2008** Conference of Major Superiors of Men, joint assembly with the Leadership Conference of Religious Women, Denver, Colorado
- **August 10, 2008** SS.CC. Sisters' 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Arrival in Fairhaven
- **August 17, 2008** Men of the Sacred Heart picnic at the Provincial House grounds in Fairhaven 12:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- **September 2-5, 2008** Provincial Council Meeting, Fairhaven, MA
- **September 27, 2008** The 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Boston, Symposium on Religious Life, Stonehill College, North Easton, MA
- **October 16-26, 2008** SS.CC. Coordinators Meeting with the Superior General in Rome
- **November 11-13, 2008** Formation/Vocation Meeting in California with USC Provincials and Formators
- **April 14-19, 2009** Japan/Philippines First Chapter for becoming a new Province
- **May 10-14, 2009** United States Conference (USC) Meeting in California
- **May 18-22, 2009** USA East Provincial Chapter of Elections and Affairs
- **August 24-29, 2009** USA East Province Annual Retreat, Wareham
- **August 28-30, 2009** 60th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Japanese Mission

## SS.CC. PAX CHRISTI GROUP

The USA East Province has formed a *Pax Christi* group with **Fr. Richard Lifrak**, **Bro. Jim Rukavina** and **Fr. David Lupo**. On June 25, 2008, the third meeting was held with visiting **Fr. David Reid**. A process of formation, based on materials from the Catholic peace organization, Pax Christi USA, was discussed and the group is developing the qualities of a faith sharing group, a study group, a prayer group, and an action group. The goal is to integrate the principals and spirit of Catholic peace making within SS.CC. life. The group welcomes any SS.CC. (Brothers and Sisters) who have an interest in the same goals. You may contact Richard or Jim to ask any questions, contribute insights or attend a future meeting.

## SS.CC. ALUMNI

**David Nelson**, a former SS.CC., is willing to coordinate an SS.CC. Alumni Newsletter once again. Anyone who was part of the USA East, USA West, Hawaii, Japan, India or the Irish/English Province would be most welcome to be part of this Alumni Group. Our current list consists of the following names:

Clement Beaulieu	Frederick LaBrecque	Jerry J. Omakanim
James Beirne	James Larabee	Chris O'Neil
Bernard F. Brennan	Hugh Leonard	Stanley Polan
Fred Clement	Romualdo Leydon	John Polka
Stephen Cordeiro	Richard Lynch	Frank Powaza
Joseph Coyne	Philip A. McGovern	Miguel Rascon
Walter deCremieux	Harry Meyer	Charlie Reynolds
Denis Farrell	James Mitchell	Cyril Sheehan
Andre Fournier	Larry Morrison	John Venegas
Francis Gillespie	Joseph E. Murphy	Harold Watters
Anthony Holmes	Robert Nee	
Timothy Keane	David Nelson	
Gus Kennedy	John Nutterville	

If you know other former members of the Congregation who were professed or were part of the seminary formation program, would you please send their names and addresses to the Provincial House c/o Kathy Hinds ([khinds@sscc.org](mailto:khinds@sscc.org)). We are hoping to have an SS.CC. Alumni Reunion in conjunction with the celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Mission in Japan and our SS.CC. Jubilarians on the weekend of August 28-30, 2009 in Wareham. Please inform Kathy if you are interested in being a part of the organizing committee for this event.

## MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

- During the month of July, **Frs. Bill Petrie, Stan Kolasa, Tom McElroy**, and **Bro. Paul Alves** will be away. With the capabilities of internet and voicemail, a council member or I can be contacted. In our absence, **Fr. Martin Gomes** will be the contact person in case of emergency. He can be reached in the Bahamas at the special Massachusetts number (508) 536-6891.
- **Deacon Frank Tremblay** concludes his work at the Sacred Hearts Retreat Center on July 11, 2008. He and his wife have been accepted by **Archbishop Patrick Pinder** as missionaries in the Bahamas. They will be ministering on one of the islands at a parish where there is no priest. We send Deacon Frank off with our supportive prayers and gratitude for his years of work and ministry in our retreat Apostolate.
- The official memorandum of understanding between the **USA East Province** and **Mass Audubon** has been signed. This allows the conservation group to raise the necessary funds for the wetland and specified areas of our property to be in perpetual conservation.

- **Fr. Jim McDonough** will leave the Wareham Retreat Center on August 21, 2008 for a vacation at home with his family before returning to Japan in September 2008.
- **Fr. David Lupo** is presently at St. Joseph's Church in Nassau, Bahamas. His formal sabbatical renewal program will begin in September 2008 after his vacation.
- Attending the July 11-13, 2008 Sacred Hearts Communities in Collaboration gathering at Bon Secours Spiritual Center in Marysville, Maryland will be three representatives from the USA:  
**Frs. Brian Guerrini, David Reid and Richard Lifrak.**
- The Independence Day 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic will be held at Damien Residence at 12:00 PM. Please call **Fr. Michael Annunziato** if you plan to attend.
- **Fr. John Roche**, USA West, will reside at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Seat Pleasant, Maryland while he completes formation courses. He will be with two great formation mentors, **Frs. Fintan Sheeran and Columban Crotty.**
- **Fr. Bill Heffron** and **Sr. Helene Wood** will conduct the Community in Mission training for the Molokai Project during the month of July.



*Fr. Mike Barry Celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Profession looking fit and healthy after open heart surgery*

***A FEW OF THE BROTHERS FROM THE USA WEST  
PROVINCIAL CHAPTER***



*Fr. Mike Brooks and Tom Muller walking to the dining hall at the Serra Retreat House in Malibu, California*

*To the Sacred Hearts of Jesus & Mary  
Honor & Glory*