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Ávila

On January 30, 2016, at the end of her third mandate, **Mother María Luisa Gómez Tejeda** has been re-elected abbess of Santa Ana d'Ávila (Diocese of Ávila, Spain) for an indefinite term.

2016 - The Venerable Seniors of the Order

On February 2, 2016, on the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, **Sister Edwige of Blauvac is 103 years**. **Sister Edwige Talagrand** was born on February 02, 1913 in S. Laurent-les-Bouy (France). She entered the monastery on March 11, 1941 and made her solemn profession in 1946. She is the Venerable Senior of our Order with **Father Bernard**, of Scourmont, who will be 103 years in a few months... We already wish him a happy birthday!

Father Bernard de Givé was born in Liege, Belgium, on May 8, 1913. He entered the Society of Jesus in 1931, and became a Cistercian at the abbey of Scourmont in 1972.

During the year, we will also celebrate :

Sister Gérard Emond of Val d'Igny (born on December 03, 1915 and entered the monastery on August 17, 1943)

and we will celebrate the one hundredth birthday of **Father Joseph Benedict Donnelly** of Guadalupe (born on October 03, 1916 and entered the monastery on January 22, 1965).

We thank your brothers and sisters for their witness and their fidelity!

et nous fêterons le centenaire de

Père Joseph Benedict Donnelly de Guadalupe

(né le 3 octobre 1916 et entré au monastère le 22 janvier 1965)

Merci à nos frères et soeurs pour le beau témoignage de leur fidélité!

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Our computer technician , Gabriele and his team are preparing the transition of the Website of the Order (www.ocso.org) to a new version of the program on which the site is built.

This transition will provide greater security and better adaptation of the site to different units that connect to www.ocso.org (desktops, laptops, tablets and smartphones). Everything should be finished by the end of May.

Mont-des-Cats

Dom Jacques Delesalle, Abbot of the monastery of **Mont-des-Cats** (diocese of Lille, France) since 2010, presented his resignation to the Abbot General. With the consent of his Council, the Abbot General accepted the resignation which became effective on 25 February 2016.

On 26 February 2016, Dom Ginepro Riva, Abbot of Tamié and Father Immediate of Mont-des-Cats, appointed **Dom Marc-André Di Péa** as Superior *ad nutum* of the Community. He began his service on that same day.

Dom Marc-André has been Superior of Maromby from 1999 to 2002 and from 2008 to 2014. At the time of his appointment, he was prior of the Community of Mont-des Cats.

Arnhem

On April 4, 2016, the Community of the Abbey of Koningsoord – **Arnhem** (The Netherlands) elected as abbess, for an indefinite term, **Mother Julian Pieters**.

At the time of her election, Mother Julian was Superior *ad nutum* of Arnhem.

Jubilaem Misericordiae

In some monasteries of the Order the main door of their church was chosen by the bishop of their diocese as the Holy Door in this Holy Year of Mercy ...

We would be very grateful to these communities if they would notify us and if they might have some pictures to share with us, please send to the Secretariat Order (Sr. Claire, ocsoroma@gmail.com). Thank You

Tibhirine

On 15, 16 and 17 April 2016, a pilgrimage to Tibhirine was held for the families of our seven brothers, for some abbots of the Order and also the Christians of the Diocese of Algiers.

Message of Dom Stanislas of Mepkin after the earthquake in Ecuador :

Dear All:

The earthquake in Ecuador yesterday (04/16/2016) was about 40 miles south of our Sisters in Esmeraldas, but they suffered very, very little damage, thank God. Here is a note I shared with the Brothers and the Juniors who are with us for their Seminar:

BROTHERS AND SISTERS

I just spoke with Sister Mónica at Esmeraldas. She assured me that they were well. After we talked she wrote:

Dear Fr. Stan,

Thanks for your message and phone call. The sisters have been very brave. After the quake we got together and we were all amazed at the fact that nobody started yelling or tried to run out or anything. We all just stayed calm and prayed. Fr. Richard was coming over with Mireya, for dinner. They had to take the hit on the sidewalk, they could not walk in any direction and they could hardly stand up! After two big movements in different directions, everything started rocking as if we were inside a boat in rough waters.

We hope full power will be restored today. Fortunately I found an outlet to connect things, charge phones, etc... Maybe later on we will have no power at all.

The town of Pedernales, I think, must be totally destroyed. We have good friends there (a priest and a sister). Please, help us pray for them.

*Thanks for everything. Peace,
Mónica*

Let us keep them all in prayer as well as all the people who were so badly affected.

Mothers Yosúa and Miren along with Sister Karinia are in Chile for their Regional Meeting, hoping to return on Wednesday if the airports are back open.

In Jesus' love,

Stan

Dom Eamon

Our Abbot General, Dom Eamon, was operated on May 13, 2016 for gallstones. The operation went very well. The intervention was at the "Clinic Karol Wojtyła" in front of the Generalate. We could almost see the window of his room from the garden of the Casa!

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Gabriele and the team of "MGquadro" worked hard during these past weeks so that the new version of our website "www.ocso.org" could be published online at the end of May as promised ... Again thank you to **Gabriele, Andrea, Ilaria, and all the other**

21/05/1996 – 21/05/2016

It was twenty years ago that the world learned of **the execution of seven Trappist monks** kidnapped two months before in Notre Dame of Atlas monastery in **Tibhirine** (Algeria).

Brothers Christian, Luc, Michel, Célestin, Bruno, Paul et Christophe

May the death of our brothers

resound like a call to fellowship in today's world torn by blind violence.

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Ampibanjinana

Mother Anne-Marie Gillot, Prioress of the Monastery of Ampibanjinana (diocese of Fianarantsoa - Madagascar) since 2004, having reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions, presented her resignation to the Abbot General. With the consent of his Council, the Abbot General accepted the resignation which became effective on February 27, 2016.

On May 27, 2016, the Community of Ampibanjinana elected as Prioress for a six year term, **Sister Agnès Brugère**, a nun of the Abbey of Campeneac, foundress house of Ampibanjinana.

Mother Agnès was born in 1968 in Confolens (France). She entered Campeneac in 1992 and made her solemn profession in 1997.

Conyers

On May 29, 2016, Dom Francis Michael Stiteler having completing his second term as Abbot of Holy Spirit Abbey (Archdiocese of Atlanta, USA), the Community elected as Abbot for a six year term **Father Augustine Myslinski**.

Dom Augustine was born on July 17, 1958 in Chicago (USA), entered Holy Spirit Abbey on December 8, 1999, made his solemn profession on December 8, 2005 and was ordained a priest on April 30, 2011. At the time of his election he was the Prior of the Monastery.

Mvanda

On February 15, 2016, **Mother Annachiara Meli** completed her term as Prioress of the monastery of Mvanda (diocese of Kikwit, RDC).

On June 17, 2016, she was re-elected Prioress of the Community for a new six year term.

Melleray

Because of their diminishing numbers, the monks of the Abbey of Melleray have partnered with the Chemin Neuf Community. Since September 17, 2015, twenty members of this community live in the abbey. A new phase began on June 19, 2016 with the celebration around the Bishop of Nantes with the gradual handover. It is not without pain for the monks but they have the consolation that the place continues to be a pole of prayer and a spiritual home for the Diocese.

Monastic Formators' Programme 2017

19 March 2017 (arrival) - to 16 th June 2017 (departure)

This English-language Programme has now run for over 10 years, with over 300 men and women participating from over 40 countries. On this course participants meet with monastics from all over the world and have the experience of being instructed by some of the best monastic teachers of our time. Rooted in the teaching of St Benedict and the monastic tradition it addresses contemporary issues and aspects of human and spiritual growth. It is hoped that this Programme can continue to be of service to our communities.

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