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Maromby

On January 12, 2018, the Community of **Maromby** (diocese of Fianarantsoa, Madagascar) elected as Prior, for a six year term, **Dom Jean-Chrysostome RANDRIAMAHAZOSOA**.

Dom Jean-Chrysostome was born in 1964. He entered the community of Maromby in 1987, made his solemn profession in 1994 and was ordained priest in 2001. He was Prior of Maromby from 2002 to 2008. At the time of his election, he was Superior of the experimental foundation in Seychelles.

Martyrdom of Peter Claverie, and 18 Companions

Pope confirms decrees for causes of Saints

On Friday 26 January 2018, Pope Francis received in audience Cardinal Angelo Amato, S.D.B., Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

During the meeting, the Pope authorized the Congregation to promulgate the Decrees concerning: the martyrdom of the Servants of God Peter Claverie, Bishop of Oran, and 18 Companions, Men and Women Religious, killed, in hatred of the Faith, in Algeria from 1994 to 1996, including the 7 monks of Tibhirine.

<http://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-01/pope-confirms-decrees-for-causes-of-saints.html>

Jarabacoa

On the 21st of January 2018, Solemnity of Na. Sa. de la Altagracia, Patron of the Dominican Republic, at the end of his second term as Prior, **Dom Juan Antonio Sanchez** was re-elected Prior of **Jarabacoa (Na. Sa. del Evangelio, in the Diocese of La Vega)** for a new six year term.

Roscrea

On January 26, 2018, Dom Richard Purcell, Abbot of Mount-Melleray and Father Immediate of Roscrea, appointed **Brother Malachy Thompson**, as Superior *ad nutum* of Roscrea.

Dom Malachy was born in Dublin (Ireland) in 1965. He entered Roscrea in 2006 and made solemn profession in 2011. At the time of his appointment, Dom Malachy was the Prior of the Community.

Nasu

Mother Angela Toyoda, Abbess of **Nasu** (diocese of Saitama - Japan) since 2010, having reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions, presented her resignation to the General Chapter 2017. The General Chapter accepted the resignation which became effective on December 31, 2017.

On February 9, 2018, the Community of Nasu elected as abbess, for a six year term, **Sister Scholastica Okubo Kaori**.

Mother Scholastica was born in 1965 in Tokyo (Japan). She entered Nasu in 2000 and made her solemn profession in 2008. At the time of her election, Mother Scholastica was Novice Mistress of the Community.

Imari

Mother Catharina Shibuya, Abbess of **Imari** (diocese of Fukuoka - Japan) since 2004, having reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions, presented her resignation to the General Chapter 2017. The General Chapter accepted the resignation which became effective on December 31, 2017.

On February 17, 2018, Dom Roberto de la Iglesia Pérez, Abbot of Cardeña and Father Immediate of Imari, appointed **Sister Marie Raphaela Kuboki Youko**, as Superior *ad nutum* of Imari.

Mother Marie Raphaela was born in Fukushima (Japan) in 1961, entered Imari in 2007 and made solemn profession in 2012. At the time of her appointment, Mother Marie Raphaela was the Cellarer of the Community.

Venerable Fr. Romano Bottegal

February 19 2018 : 40th Anniversary of Birth to Heaven of the Venerable **Father Romano Bottegal**, Cistercian Trappist Monk of Tre Fontane, born 12/28/1921 at Lamon, Belluno (Italy), died as a Hermit in Lebanon, at Beirut, on 02/19/ 1978 at 56 years of age.

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Kalamazoo - St. Gertrude

Kalamazoo, Mi (USA) : May 10th-13th, 2018

Cistercian and Monastic Studies Conference at 53th International Congress on Medieval Studies, Western Michigan University.

Panels on the Work of St. Gertrude the Great: "The Herald of the God's Loving-Kindness"

I Panel: The Early Transmission of St. Gertrude the Great's The Herald of God's Loving-Kindness (Saturday May 12th, 1.30 pm, at Fetzer Center 1040)

II Panel: New Questions about The Herald of God's Loving-Kindness Raised by the Discovery of Leipzig Ms. 827 (Saturday May 12th, 3.30 pm, at Fetzer Center 1040)

Schiermonnikoog

"We found a home. In search of a location for a monastery on Schiermonnikoog we found the Rijsbergen inn on our path, an ancient building on the outskirts of the village. We had a tour and were impressed. Of all the locations on the island, the inn gradually proved irresistible as the place for us. So our long monastic quest was crowned with the Rijsbergen inn, a wonderful offer that we are very pleased with.

The inn will remain in operation until 15 January 2019. After that, we hope to be able to live there soon. The name will simply be 'Klooster Schiermonnikoog'. After the adjustment of the building, including its own chapel, we hope to open our doors to candidate monks, guests seeking peace in the guest house and visitors to our services.

We are very grateful for the success of our search, and we would like to thank everyone who supported us in any way." - Brothers Alberic, Jelke, Paulus, Vincent and Jos

<https://www.facebook.com/krokatholiek/videos/1802053299819595/>

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William of Saint-Thierry - International meeting (France)

History, theology, spirituality - June 4-7, 2018 (Reims & St Thierry)

<http://www.sourceschretiennes.mom.fr/colloque-quillaume-saint-thierry>

Mary, Mother of the Church

"Having attentively considered how greatly the promotion of this devotion might encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the Church in the pastors, religious and faithful, as well as a growth of genuine Marian piety", Pope Francis has added the Memorial of Mary, Mother of the

Church, to the Roman Calendar on the Monday following Pentecost Sunday.
The announcement came in a decree issued March 3, 2018, by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments.

Newsletter Formation

The Newsletter n°16 of the Central Secretary for Formation can be obtained from the Internet under the heading: "Formation/Newsletter":

[Formation/Newsletter](#)

Maria Frieden

On March 16, 2018, at the end of her first mandate, **Mother Maria Gratia Adler** was reelected abbess of Maria Frieden (diocese of Aachen, Germany) for a new six year term.

Mellifont

Following the vote 47 of the General Chapter Assisi 2017 which requested that the Holy See be asked to terminate the regime of Pontifical Commissary in the community of **Mellifont**, Dom Richard Purcell, Pontifical Commissary of Mellifont, presented his resignation to the Holy See on December 4, 2017. It was accepted on February 12, 2018 and became effective on March 7, 2018. On March 17, 2018, Dom Richard Purcell, Abbot of Mount Melleray and Father Immediate of Mellifont, appointed **Dom Brendan Freeman** (New Melleray / Holy Trinity), Superior ad nutum of Mellifont, according to the recommendations of the *ad Hoc* Commission for the Community of Mellifont of the GC 2017.

Donnersberg

On March 21, 2018, at the end of her second term as Prioress, **Mother Magdalena König** was re-elected Titular Prioress of O.-L. of Gethsemani at Donnersberg (diocese of Speyer, Germany) for an indefinite term.

Tautra

On March 26, 2018, Mother Gilchrist Lavigne completed her term as Prioress of the Monastery of Tautra (diocese of Trondheim - Norway).

On April 5, 2018, **Sister Brigitte Pinot** was elected Titular Prioress of the Monastery for a six year term.

Mother Brigitte was born in 1956 in Nancy (France). She entered Clairefontaine in 1980 and made her solemn profession in 1986. She made stability in Tautra in 2017. At the time of her election, she was Subprioress.

Boa Vista

On April 9, 2018, the Foundation of **Boa Vista**, in the diocese of Joinville (Brazil), was raised to a Simple Priory, in accordance with the decision of the General Chapter, Assisi 2017.

On April 10, 2018, **Mother Liliana Schiano Moriello** was elected the first Titular Prioress of the Community.

Mother Liliana was born in 1952 in Monte di Procida (Italy). She entered Vitorchiano in 1973 and made her solemn profession in 1979. She had been one of the foundresses of Quilvo (Chile) in 1981. She was Superior of the foundation since 2010.

Abakaliki

On April 14, 2018, Mother Maureen Ndubuisi has completed her term as Prioress of the Monastery of **St Justina's Monastery** (in the diocese of **Abakaliki** - Nigeria).

On April 17, 2018, the Community elected as Titular Prioress for a six year term **Mother Regina Nebo**.

Mother Regina was born in 1951 in Kafanchan (Nigeria). She entered Abakaliki in 1985 and made her solemn profession in 1994. At the time of her election, she was Councillor of the Abbot General

Calvaire

Dom Bède Stockill, Abbot of Calvaire (diocese of Moncton - Canada) since 2002, having reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions, presented his resignation to the Abbot General. With the consent of his Council, the Abbot General accepted the resignation which became effective on March 1, 2018.

On April 17, 2018, Dom Clément Charbonneau, Abbot of Mistassini and Father Immediate of Calvaire, appointed **Father Innocent Ugyeh**, as Superior *ad nutum* of Calvaire.

Dom Innocent was born in Gboko (Nigeria) in 1966. He entered Illah in 1987, made solemn profession in 1997 and was ordained priest in 1998. He went to Calvaire in 2008 and made stability there in 2017. At the time of his appointment, Dom Innocent was the Novice Master of the Community.

Santa Rita

On May 1, 2018, at the end of her first term as Prioress, **Mother Victoria Murray** was re-elected Titular Prioress of O.-L. of Santa Rita (diocese of Tucson - USA) for a new six year term.

Mississippi

On May 7, 2018, **Mother Rebecca Stramoski** completed her first term of six years as Abbess of O.-L. of Mississippi (Diocese of Dubuque, USA). On the same day, she was re-elected Abbess of the Community for a new six year.

Happy birthday, Father Bernard!

On May 8, 2018, **Father Bernard Bernard de Give of Scourmont** became **105 years**. He is the Venerable Senior of our Order with **Sister Edwige** of Blauvac.

Father Bernard 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.

We thank Father Bernard for his witness and his fidelity!

Kurisumala

Dom **Ishananda Machiyanickal**, Abbot of Kurisumala (diocese of Tiruvalla - India) since 2014, having reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions, presented his resignation to the Abbot General. With the consent of his Council, the Abbot General accepted the resignation which became effective on April 15, 2018.

On May 7, 2018, the Community of Kurisumala postulated as abbot for a six year term, **Father Sevanand Ennamprayil**. The dispensation for his short time of profession was granted by the Holy See and the election was confirmed by the Abbot General.

Dom Sevanand was born in 1954 in Edoor (Kerala - India). Missionary Priest before he entered the monastery, he was ordained a priest in 1982. He entered Kurisumala in 2012 and made his solemn profession in 2017.

Cor orans : an Instruction on Contemplative Life

On Tuesday 15 May 2018, at 11.00, in the Holy See Press Office, a Press Conference was held to present the Instruction *Cor Orans* on contemplative life, of the Congregation for the Institutes Consecrated Life and the Societies of Apostolic Life.

The presenters were:

- Msgr. José Rodríguez Carballo, O.F.M., secretary of the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and the Societies of Apostolic Life;
- Fr. Sebastiano Paciolla, O. Cist., under-secretary of the same Congregation.

Bolton

On May 16, 2018, **Dom Michael Ryan** completed his first term of six years as Abbot of Bolton (Archdiocese of Dublin, Ireland). On the same day, he was re-elected Abbot of the Community for an undetermined mandate.

Message from the Sisters of Juigalpa - Nicaragua

Dear Dom Eamon and each member of our Order

I take advantage of the space that our Web page gives us to share a little the sudden and difficult social situation that is lived in Nicaragua.

On Wednesday 16 May, a national dialogue began with the representative sectors of society as an attempt to find a solution; all parties are willing to do so and take that risk. But in the dialogue there is a climate of a lot of tension and there is already talk of a civil war if the government does not give way.

Pray for our people, who are a very long suffering people, the older ones remember the war of the '80s and nobody wants to go back to that, but they are not willing to put up with more...

We give thanks to the mercy of God; we are doing well, supporting our brothers who are defending with their own lives the interests of all of us who live in this country. Something nice in all this madness is the unity that has been generated between the different social classes, for this common cause.

May the Lord take care of Nicaragua!

Thank you very much for your prayer;

Mother Fabiana and the Sisters of Juigalpa

Kasanza

On May 14, 2018, Dom Nathanaël Koninkx, Abbot of Westmalle and Father Immediate of Kasanza (diocese of Kikwit, R.D.C.), appointed **Father Pierre Musongo Kisombo**, as Superior *ad nutum* of Kasanza.

Dom Pierre was born in Kisangani (R.D.C.) in 1956. He entered Kasanza in 1980, made solemn profession in 1987 and was ordained a priest in 2000. At the time of his appointment, Dom Pierre was Prior Administrator of the Community.

Newsletter Formation

The Newsletter n°17 of the Central Secretary for Formation can be obtained from the Internet under the heading: "Formation/Newsletter": [Formation/Newsletter](#)

Message from the Postulator of the cause for beatification of the Martyrs of Algeria.

"For the Web site <http://www.moines-tibhirine.org/> dedicated to the brothers of Tibhirine and managed by the "Association of the 7's Writing" (families of the brothers and members of the Order), we are looking for people who would be available to translate certain parts of this site. We are looking for translators into Spanish, English, Italian, Arabic, Portuguese.

If you have this availability in your community, it would allow a better international diffusion of the inheritance of Tibhirine.

Thank you !"

Father Thomas

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Genesee

On May 30, 2018, **Dom Gerard D'Souza** completed his first term of six years as Abbot of Genesee (Diocese of Rochester, USA). On May 31, 2018, he was re-elected Abbot of the Community for a new six year term.

Viale Africa

On June, 2 2018 **Brother Enzo Gadea** of Huerta, cellarer of the Generalate since June 2015, has completed his term of service. He is replaced by **Brother Javier Hidalgo Benito** of San Isidro.

We are grateful for all the work performed with competence by Br. Enzo in this position, we assure him of our prayers and offer our good wishes to Br. Javier as he takes up this service to the Generalate.

Beatification of the Martyrs of Algeria

Church in Algeria postpones beatification of its 19 martyrs

Since the publication last January of a decree on the beatification of Bishop Pierre Claverie of Oran and his 18 companions who were killed in Algeria in the 1990s, the Church of Algeria has been mulling over the details of the celebration itself.

On June 18, the bishops and vicars-general met in Algiers with the apostolic nuncio and discussed the issue of having the beatification of the 19 martyrs. They have recognized that their proposal to have a celebration in autumn 2018 in Oran is no longer realistic because of "organizational deadlines."

<https://international.la-croix.com/news/church-in-algeria-postpones-beatification-of-its-19-martyrs/7872#>

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