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Whitland

Mother Christine Wood, Abbess of Whitland (Diocese of Menevia, Great Britain) since 2006, 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.

January 12, 2022, the Community of Whitland elected as abbess, for an indefinite term, **Sister Joanna Mary Harrison**.

Mother Joanna was born in 1956 in London (Great Britain), entered Whitland in 2005 and made her solemn profession in 2011. At the time of her election, she was Novice Mistress.

San Isidro

On January 18, 2022, the Community of San Isidro (Diocese of Palencia, Spain) elected as abbot for a for a six-year term, **Dom Juan José Domingo Falomir**.

Dom Juan José was born in 1966 in Burriana (Spain). He entered San Isidro in 1987, made his solemn profession in 1993 and was ordained a priest in 2001. He was elected a member of the Law Commission at the General Chapter in 2017 and at the time of the election, he was Councillor of the Abbot General.

General Chapter oco 2022 (1st Part)

Monday, 7 February, the fourth Single (Unified) General Chapter begins at Domus Pacis in Assisi.

The Chapter members and the support personnel of the Chapter are united in a particular way as the whole Order celebrates the Eucharist with the intention that all of us be attentive to what the Spirit is telling us.

General Chapter oco 2022 (1st Part)

On February 11, 2022, the capitulantes gathered in Assisi (Italy) for the first part of the General Chapter, elected **Dom Bernardus Peters** as Abbot General.

Dom Bernardus was born in Heerlen (The Netherlands) in 1968. He entered Tilburg in 1986, made his solemn profession in 1991, and was ordained in 1997. At the moment of his election, Dom Bernardus was Abbot of Tilburg and President of the NED Region.

Awhum

On March 1, 2022, the Abbot of Gethsemani (USA), Dom Elias Dietz having received the delegation from the Father Immediate of Awhum Dom Gerard D'Souza accompanied by Dom John Bosco

Kamali, Abbot of Victoria (Uganda) conducted the Regular Visitation at Awhum (Nigeria). At the end of the Visitation, with the approval of Dom Gerard, **Father Kevin Onyima** was appointed Superior *ad nutum*.

Dom Kevin was born in 1965 in Ihiala (Nigeria). He entered Awhum in 1996, made his solemn profession in 2003 and was ordained a priest in 2020. At the time of his appointment, Father Kevin was Second Superior of the Community.

LET IT BE KNOWN

On 20 January 2022 the Congregation for *Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life* decreed (Prot. n. 6423/2022) that the **Abbaye Notre-Dame du Bon Conseil** (Canada) of the Order of Cistercians of the Strict Observance has been suppressed.

The request for the suppression was presented by the Abbot General with the consent of his Council on 23 September 2021. The decree was signed 20 January 2022 and published 28 February 2022.

The Stability of the Nuns of the Abbaye Notre-Dame du Bon Conseil has been transferred to the founding Community of Abbaye of Notre-Dame de Bonneval at Cayrol in the diocese of Rodez, France. The situations of the property and all other aspects essential for the suppression of a Community have been arranged following the Constitutions and Canon Law.

Happy birthday, Mother Bruno!

On March 6, 2022, **Mother Bruno Loeillot of Val d'Igny (France)** turned **100**.

Mother Bruno was born in Reims, France, on March 6, 1922. She entered Val d'Igny on October 6, 1942.

We thank Mother Bruno for her witness and fidelity!

LET IT BE KNOWN

With the suppression of the Abbaye of Sainte-Marie du Désert (France) on 3 October 2020, the **Abadía cisterciense de Viaceli**, in the diocese of Santander in Spain was deprived of the filial relation to a Community of the Order and the ministry of a Father Immediate.

After some reflection and deliberation, the Community of Viaceli requested the **Abadía cisterciense de San Pedro de Cardeña**, in the diocese of Burgos in Spain, to be accepted as a Daughter House. The Community of Cardeña accepted the request to be the Mother House of Viaceli. The Conventual Chapter of each Community voted in favour of the new arrangement.

The Abbot General and his Council examined the acts of the respective Conventual Chapters. Because of the importance of the filial relations in the Order and the ministry of the Father Immediate the decision was made that the new arrangement should begin immediately. The Abbot General with unanimous consent of his Council voted that the Abbot General acting in the name of the General Chapter recognise the change of paternity on the 28 January 2022.

Rawaseneng

On 19 March 2022, Dom Gonzaga Ruidiyat, Abbot of St. Maria of Rawaseneng (Indonesia) and Father Immediate of Lamanabi, appointed **Father Antonius Anjar Daniadi** as Superior *ad nutum* of Lamanabi (Diocese of Larantuka, Indonesia).

Dom Antonius was born in 1983 in Semarang (Indonesia). He entered Rawaseneng in 2004, made his solemn profession in 2009 and was ordained a priest in 2015. At the time of his appointment, he was Prior of the Community of Rawaseneng.

Novo Mundo

On 26 March 2022, Dom Gerard D'Souza, Abbot of Genesee (USA) and Father Immediate of Novo Mundo, appointed **Father Paulo Santos Da Fonseca** as Superior *ad nutum* of Novo Mundo (Diocese of São José dos Pinhais, Brazil).

Dom Paulo was born in 1981 in Paraná (Brazil). He entered Novo Mundo in 2007, made his solemn profession in 2013 and was ordained a deacon in 2022. At the time of his appointment, he was Prior of the Community of Novo Mundo.

Tilburg

On April 2 2022, the Community of Tilburg (Diocese of 's-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands) elected as Abbot for an indefinite term, **Father Isaac Majoor**.

Dom Isaac was born in 1951 in Lazen (Netherlands). He entered Tilburg in 1995, made his solemn profession in 2001 and was ordained a priest in 2003. At the time of his election, he was Prior of the Community.

Doctorate in Honoris Causa for Fr. Michael Casey at Sant'Anselmo

On April 6, **Fr. Michael Casey** (Tarrawarra) received the Doctorate in *Honoris Causa* in theology from the Pontifical Athenaeum Sant 'Anselmo, Rome. He gave a remarkable Master class on "The Rule and the Tradition, a personal journey".

Then celebration took place in the presence, among many participants, of Monsignor Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments; Gregory Polan, Abbot Primate of the Benedictine Confederation; Dom Mauro Giuseppe Lepori, Abbot General of the OCist. and our Abbot General Dom Bernardus with several brothers and sisters of the Order, as well as the monks and nuns who are currently following the Monastic Formators Program.

Link to the video of the Celebration and the Lecture by F. Michael Casey at Sant'Anselmo:

<https://www.anselmianum.com/it/news/729-conferito-il-dottorato-honoris-causa-a-michael-casey-ocso>

Happy birthday, Father Henri!

On April 29, 2022, Father Henri Parisot of Cîteaux (France) turned 100.

Father Henri was born in Saint-Dié, France, on April 29, 1922 and He entered Cîteaux on March 15, 1944.

We thank Father Henri for his witness and fidelity!

Mount Saint Bernard

Dom Joseph Delargy, Abbot of **Mount Saint Bernard** (Diocese of Nottingham, United Kingdom), for reasons of health gave his resignation from the office of Abbot to the Abbot General (Cst 40). The Abbot General with the consent of his Council accepted the resignation. It became effective on 29 April 2022.

On 19 May 2022, Dom Brendan Freeman, Superior ad nutum of New Melleray (USA) and Father Immediate of Mount Saint Bernard, appointed **Father Peter Claver Craddy** as Superior ad nutum of Mount Saint Bernard (Diocese of Nottingham, England).

Dom Peter was born in 1941 in Bristol (England). He entered Mount Saint Bernard in 1964, made his solemn profession in 1969 and was ordained a priest in 1973.

New Prioress General of the Congregation Esquermes

The Order is congratulating **Sister Elisabeth Mary Mann** who is elected Prioress General of the Congregation of the Bernardine sisters of Esquermes on 18th May 2022 for a six-year term. **Mother Elisabeth Mary** entered the Bernardines in 1990 and made Solemn Profession in 1998. At the time of her election, she was Prioress of Our Lady of Hyning Monastery in Lancashire, and a member of the General Council.

We promise her and the congregation our prayers.

Guimaras

On 22 May 2022, Dom Mark Scott of Vina, Delegated Father Immediate of Guimaras,

appointed Father Kevin John Lipasan as Superior ad nutum of Guimaras (Diocese of Jaro, Philippines).

Dom Kevin John was born in 1985 in Moises Padilla (Philippines). He entered Guimaras in 2006, made his solemn profession in 2012 and was ordained a priest in 2020.

Conyers

On May 29, 2022, at the end of his first term as Abbot, **Dom Augustine Myslinksi** was re-elected Abbot of the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers (USA), for a new six-year term.
