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## **INFORMATION BULLETIN – N° 203**

### **Hinojo**

On 1st January 2025, at the end of her fifth abbatial mandate, **Mother María Marcenaro** was re-elected Abbess of the Hinojo monastery (diocese of Azul, Argentina) for a new six-year term.

### **Aiguebelle**

On 1 November 2024, Mother Katharina Michiels, abbess of Nazareth, to whom is currently delegated the authority of Father Immediate of the community of Aiguebelle (diocese of Valence, France), appointed **Father Alexis Vergon**, monk of Sept-Fons, as superior *ad nutum* of Aiguebelle, with effect from 5 January 2025.

**Dom Alexis** was born in 1968 in Glendale, CA (USA). He entered Sept-Fons in 1991, made his solemn profession in 1999 and was ordained a priest in 2002. At the time of his appointment, he was cellarer at Sept-Fons.

By this appointment, the service of Dom Georges Delomier, superior *ad nutum* of Aiguebelle since 2018, comes to an end.

### **Naší Paní**

On 3 January 2025, Mother Lucia Tartara, Abbess of Naší Paní (diocese of Prague, Czech Republic), presented her resignation during the visit of the Abbot General. On the same day, the Abbot General, with the consent of his Council, accepted it with immediate effect.

On 8 January, Dom Loris Tomassini, Abbot of Frattocchie and Father Immediate of Naší Paní, appointed **Sister Chiara Pascucci** as Superior *ad nutum* of the community. The appointment became effective immediately.

**Mother Chiara** was born in Pesaro (Italy) in 1971, entered Vitorchiano in 1991, made solemn profession in 1997 and was a member of the founding group of Naší Paní in 2007. At the time of her appointment, she was in charge of the confectionery industry.

### **Novo Mundo**

On 20 January 2025, the community of Novo Mundo (Diocese of São José dos Pinhais, Brazil) elected **Father Estêvão Nery Fantesia Pinto** as abbot for a six-year term.

**Dom Estêvão** was born in 1979 in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil). He was a palatine priest and ordained in 2005 before entering Novo Mundo in 2010, made his solemn profession in 2014. At the time of his election, he was second superior of the community.

## **Bellefontaine**

On 27 October 2024, Dom Jean-Marc Chéné, Abbot of Bellefontaine (diocese of Angers, France), presented his resignation to the Abbot General. On 28 October 2024, the Abbot General, with the consent of his Council, accepted it and it became effective 9 December 2024.

On 6 February 2025, at the request of Dom Thomas Georgeon, Abbot of La Trappe and Father Immediate of Bellefontaine, the Abbot General and his Council, in the name of the General Chapter, suspended the exercise of autonomy of the community of Bellefontaine and appointed **Father Samuel Gonçalves** as Monastic Commissary of the community (Cst. 34bis.1). The appointment became effective immediately.

**Dom Samuel** was born in 1953 in La Rochelle (France). He entered Bellefontaine in 1977, made his solemn profession in 1982 and was ordained a priest in 1987.

## **Wrentham**

On 11th February 2025, at the end of her first abbatial mandate, **Mother Sofia Millican** was re-elected Abbess of Mount St. Mary's Abbey, Wrentham (Archdiocese of Boston, USA) for a new six-year term.

## **Huerta**

On 17th February 2025, at the end of his fifth abbatial mandate, **Dom Isidoro Anguita Fontecha** was re-elected Abbot of the Abbey of Santa María de Huerta (diocese of Osma-Soria, Spain) for a new six-year term.

## **Sorá**

On 19 February 2025, the community of Sorá (Archdiocese of Panama, Panamá) elected **Mother Fabiana Barrera** as Titular Prioress of the Community.

At the time of her election, she was Superior *ad nutum* of Sorá.

## **Blauvac**

Mother Anne-Emmanuelle Devêche, Abbess of Blauvac (archdiocese of Avignon, France) since 1999, reached the age mentioned in St. 40.A of the Constitutions and submitted her resignation to the Abbot General who accepted it with the consent of his Council. The resignation became effective on 19 February 2025.

On 22 February 2025, Mother Marie Christine Vilmain, abbess of Rivet, to whom is currently delegated the authority of Father Immediate of the community of Blauvac, appointed **Sister Bénédicte de la Croix Avon** as superior *ad nutum* of Blauvac, with effect from 23 February 2025.

Mother Anne-Emmanuelle continues to hold the authority of Father Immediate of the community of Fons Pacis, Syria, until the General Chapter of 2025.

## **Fons Pacis**

Dear brothers and sisters,

On 14 March this year, a feast dedicated to Our Lady, we will celebrate 20 years of our presence in Syria.

As you are well aware, this anniversary falls at a very dark time for this country. We ask you, firstly, to pray for all Syrians, for a path of truth, reconciliation, and forgiveness.

But we also want to invite you to thank the Lord with us for all the gifts of grace, life, friendship, and support that we have received and that have helped us walk the path of monastic life in this land.

Thank you to the Order, and to the Lord who truly gives a hundredfold!

Your sisters of Fons Pacis

## **Brialmont**

On 11 February 2025, Mother Marie-Pascale Dran, Abbess of Brialmont (diocese of Liège, Belgium), presented her resignation to the Abbot General in accordance with vote 29 of the General Chapter, September 2022. On 4 March 2025, the Abbot General, with the consent of his Council, accepted it and it became effective 18 March 2025.

On 18 March 2025, at the request of Dom Xavier Frisque, Superior *ad nutum* of Orval and Father Immediate of Brialmont, the Abbot General and his Council, in the name of the General Chapter, suspended the exercise of autonomy of the community of Brialmont and appointed **Mother Marie-Pascale Dran** as *Monastic Commissary* of the community (Cst. 34bis.1). The appointment became effective immediately.

## **Victoria**

On March 24th 2025, Dom John Bosco Kamali completed his second six-year term as abbot of O.L. Victoria (diocese of Masaka, Uganda). On the same date, Dom Isaac Majoor, abbot of Tilburg and Father Immediate of Victoria, appointed the same **Dom John Bosco Kamali** as superior *ad nutum* of the community.

## **Alloz**

Mother Pilar Germán, Pontifical Commissary of the community of Alloz (diocese of Pamplona, Spain) since 2014, offered her resignation as Pontifical Commissary to the Holy See in September 2024, in view of an affiliation of the community of Alloz to the community of La Palma (diocese of Cartagena, Spain).

On March 11th 2025 the Holy See accepted her resignation, and approved the affiliation of Alloz to La Palma according to the legislation accepted *ad experimentum* by the General Chapter of September 2022.

By this affiliation, Mother Carmen Jesús Serrano Ruiz, abbess of La Palma, becomes the major superior of the community of Alloz.

## **Guadalupe**

Dom Peter McCarthy, abbot of O.L. of Guadalupe (diocese of Portland in Oregon, USA) since 1994, presented his resignation to the Abbot General for the reasons mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions. The Abbot General, with the consent of his Council, accepted the resignation which became effective on March 9th 2025.

On March 27th 2025, the community of Guadalupe postulated as Abbot for an indefinite term, **Father Scott Dilworth**. A dispensation from Cst 39.3 (number of years of solemn profession) was granted by the Holy See and the election was confirmed. The installation of the new abbot took place on March 28th.

**Dom Scott** was born in 1973 in Livonia, Michigan (USA). He entered Guadalupe in 2013, made his solemn profession in 2021 and was ordained a priest in 2023. At the time of his election, he was prior of the community.

## **Newsletter Formation**

The Formation Newsletter n°38 can be downloaded in the section "Formation / Formation Newsletter": [Formation/Newsletter](#)

## **Tre Fontane**

Dom Thomas Georgeon, abbot of La Trappe and Father Immediate of the community of Tre Fontane (diocese of Rome, Italy), has appointed Father **Maximilianus Slamet Widodo**, monk of Rawaseneng, as superior *ad nutum* of Tre Fontane, effective 27 April 2025.

**Dom Maximilianus** was born in 1978 in Indonesia. He entered Rawaseneng in 2001, made his solemn profession in 2007 and was ordained a priest in 2015. He was until recently prior and cellarer at Rawaseneng.

By this appointment, the service of Dom Emanuele Jablezynski, superior *ad nutum* of Tre Fontane since 2019, comes to an end.

The brothers of Tre Fontane and the sisters of Acque Salvie are grateful to the communities of Rawaseneng, Novo Mundo, Awhum and Illah who have each sent one of their monks to Tre Fontane.

### **Notre-Dame de Latroun – In the Fire**

This morning, 30 April 2025, as the State of Israel commemorated its fallen soldiers, a succession of fires broke out across the country. At around 10:00am seven fires were reported on the hill of Neve Shalom, opposite the monastery. Due to the force of the Khamsin, a powerful southerly wind, the fire spread rapidly, threatening the firefighters at the scene. At noon, following a police decision, the brothers of Latroun were forced to evacuate the monastery. Travelling to the town of Abu Ghosh, some were immediately welcomed by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, while the rest were received by the Benedictine monks. The monks of Latroun express their gratitude for the generosity of the brothers and sisters who took them in, as well as for all those who expressed their support through messages throughout the day. We were touched by this outpouring of solidarity.

During the afternoon, a group of six monks managed to return to the monastery, avoiding the roadblocks. They noticed that the fire had been partially brought under control. After surrounding the monastery, it had spread to the other side of the road. A large number of the olive trees were burned, as well as a small part of the vineyard. As this is the mowing season, all the surrounding fields were ravaged by the fire. The fire stopped a metre from the buildings, which were completely preserved. As the monks were unable to remain on site, the damage has not yet been fully assessed.

Once again, the support and prayers of the monastery's friends, combined with the tireless and ceaseless work of the firefighters, enabled the monastery and its brothers to hold firm. The Mass for the Dedication of Latroun Abbey will be celebrated tomorrow, 1 May 2025, at 10:30am in the Church of Latroun. The fire reduced a large part of the monastery's production to ashes, and it is on these ashes that the brothers of Latroun, with the support and solidarity of all their friends, will rebuild this place, whose importance the neighbours have shown today.

From the Community of Latroun

### **Cardena**

On May 7, 2025, **Dom Roberto de la Iglesia** completed his second term of six years as Abbot of **Cardena** (Archdiocese of Burgos, Spain).

On the same day, **Dom Roberto** was re-elected Abbot of the Community for a new six-year term.

### **Baumgarten**

Mother Marie-Josée Stocker, abbess of Notre-Dame de Baumgarten (diocese of Strasbourg, France) since 2018, presented her resignation to the Abbot General in accordance with ST 40.A.bis of the Constitutions. The Abbot General with the consent of his Council accepted the resignation, which became effective on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Mother Isabelle Valez**, abbess of Val d'Igny, who currently holds the responsibility of Father Immediate for the community of Baumgarten, following the procedure outlined in the legislation on Affiliation voted *ad experimentum* at the General Chapter of Sept. 2022, requested that the community of Baumgarten be affiliated to the community of Val d'Igny. The Abbot General and his Council, in the name of the General Chapter, approved this affiliation, which also became effective on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2025.

By this affiliation, **Mother Isabelle Valez** becomes the Major Superior of Baumgarten.

### **Rochefort**

Dom Dom Gilbert Degros, abbot of Rochefort (Diocese of Namur, Belgium) since 2006, reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions presented her resignation to the Abbot General. The Abbot General with the consent of his Council accepted the resignation, which became effective on April 27<sup>th</sup> 2025.

On 31 May 2025, the community of Rochefort elected **Father Petr Skarohlid** as Abbot for an indefinite term.

**Dom Petr** was born in 1981 in Czech Republic. He entered Sept-Fons (France) in 2003, made his solemn profession in 2010 and was ordained a priest in 2014. He arrived in Rochefort in 2016 and, at the time of his election, he was Novice Master and Prior of the Rochefort community.

### **Glencairn**

On 31 May 2025, Mother Marie Fahy completed her fourth six-year term as Abbess of Glencairn (Diocese of Waterford and Lismore, Ireland).

On the same day, the community elected **Sister Fiachra Nutty** as Abbess for a six-year term.

**Mother Fiachra** was born in 1962 in Dublin (Ireland). She entered Glencairn in 2006 and made her solemn profession in 2012. At the time of her election, she was prioress of the community

### **Acey**

On 8 June 2025 Dom Alexis Vergon, superior *ad nutum* of Aiguebelle and Father Immediate of the community of Acey (diocese of Saint-Claude, French), has appointed **Father Raphaël Garcia Pelayo**, monk of Citeaux, as superior *ad nutum* of Acey.

**Dom Raphael** was born in 1964. He entered Citeaux in 2004, made his solemn profession in 2010 and was ordained a priest in 2013. He was until recently secretary of the Abbot General. By this appointment, the service of Dom Marie-Bruno Chabod, superior *ad nutum* of Acey since 2023, comes to an end due to health reasons.

### **Viale Africa**

Dom Rapahël García Pelayo, secretary to the Abbot General, was appointed Superior *ad nutum* of Acey and he is replaced by **Brother Cassant Eddy Rianto** of the Monastery of Rawaseneng. **Brother Cassant** was born in 1970 in Yogyakarta (Indonesia). He entered Rawaseneng in 2011 and made his solemn profession in 2017.

We are grateful to Dom Raphaël for all his diligent work and assure him of our fraternal prayers, and extend our best wishes to Brother Cassant for his new service to the Generalate.

### **Imari**

Mother Alberica Ueno Chiaki, abbess of Imari (Diocese of Fukuoka, Japan) since 2023, reached the age of retirement mentioned in ST 40.A of the Constitutions presented her resignation to the Abbot General. The Abbot General with the consent of his Council accepted the resignation, which became effective on June 2nd 2025.

On 18 June 2025, the community elected **Sister Agnes Yoshioka Misao** as Abbess for a six-year term.

**Mother Agnes** was born in 1962 in Japan. She entered Imari in 2012 and made her solemn profession in 2018. At the time of her election, she was a confectionery manager and infirmarian of the community.

### **Orval**

The Holy Father has today, June 30, 2025, accepted the resignation of **Mgr Lode Van Hecke** O.C.S.O. as bishop of Ghent (Belgium), which role he has had since 2019.

He will soon return to his beloved Abbey of Orval, where he was abbot from 2007 until his appointment as bishop. We thank Mgr Lode for his service to the church, and wish him every blessing as he resumes monastic life.

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