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## **INFORMATION BULLETIN – N° 201**

### **Awhum**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024, the community of Awhum (Diocese of Enugu, Nigeria) elected as Abbot for a six-year term, **Dom Kevin Onyima**.

At the time of his election, **Dom Kevin** was Superior *ad nutum* of the Community.

### **Maromby**

Dom Jean-Chrysostome Randriamahazosoa, completed his six-year term as Prior of Maromby (Archdiocese of Fianarantsoa, Madagascar).

On January 17, 2024, Dom Bernard-Marie van Caloen, abbot of Notre-Dame des Mont des Cats and Father Immediate of Maromby, appointed **Dom Edmond Rakotovao** as Superior *ad nutum* of Maromby.

**Dom Edmond** was born in 1950 in Ambohimahasoia (Madagascar). He entered Maromby in 1970, made his solemn profession in 1977 and was ordained a priest in 1997. He had been superior *ad nutum* of the community from 1996 to 1998.

### **Jarabacoa**

On 21 January 2024, the community of Santa Maria del Evangelio, Jarabacoa (Diocese of La Vega, Dominican Republic) elected **Father Jhonny Almonte Tineo** as Titular Prior of the Community.

**Dom Jhonny** was born in 1965 in La Vega (Dominican Rep.). He entered Jarabacoa in 1987, made his solemn profession in 1999 and was ordained a priest in 2022. At the time of his election, he was the cellerar of the community.

### **Bethlehem**

On 18 January 2024, Mother Brigitte Pinot Prioress of Tautra Mariakloster and acting as Father Immediate of Our Lady of Bethlehem (Diocese of Down and Connor, Northern Ireland), appointed **Father Aelred Magee**, Superior *ad nutum* of the community of Bethlehem. This appointment became effective on the Solemnity of the Founders of Cîteaux, 26 January 2024.

**Dom Aelred** was born in 1967 in Belfast (Northern Ireland). He entered Bethlehem in 2005, made his Solemn Profession in 2010 and was ordained a priest in 1993. At the time of his appointment, he was Sub Prior and Vocation Promotor of the community.

With this appointment there comes an end to 47 years of service as superior of Dom Celsus Kelly. We are grateful for all he has done at the service of the Order and his community of Bethlehem.

## Nasu

**Mother Scholastica Okubo Kaori** completed her first six-year term as Abbess of Nasu (Diocese of Saitama, Japan).

On 12 February 2024, the community of Nasu elected **Mother Scholastica** as Abbess for a new term of six-year.

## Oelenberg

Following the resignation of Dom Dominique-Marie Schoch as superior *ad nutum*, the community of **Oelenberg** (Diocese of Strasbourg, France) has been *sede vacante* for more than three months. Therefore, at the request of the delegated Father Immediate, Dom Samuel Lauras of Nový Dvůr, on 23 February 2024, the Abbot General, with the consent of his Council, suspended the exercise of the autonomy of the community of Oelenberg, in accordance with the Statute for the *Accompaniment of Fragile Communities* (# 10+16).

On the same day, **Dom Samuel Lauras**, Abbot of Nový Dvůr and Delegated Father Immediate of Oelenberg, was appointed Monastic Commissary of the community of Oelenberg.

## Maria Frieden

On 16 March 2024, **Mother Gratia Adler** completed her second term of six years as abbess of Maria Frieden (Diocese of Aachen, Germany). On the same day, she was re-elected Abbess of the Community for an indefinite term.

## Val Notre-Dame

Dom André Barbeau, superior and abbot of Aiguebelle from 1996 to 2006, and abbot of Oka/ Val Notre-Dame (Diocese of Joliette, Canada) since 2008, presented his resignation to the Abbot General for health reasons (St. 40). With the consent of his Council, the Abbot General accepted it and it became effective on 31 March 2024.

On 3 April 2024, Dom Jean-Marc Chéné, abbot of Bellefontaine and Father Immediate of Val Notre-Dame, appointed **Dom Clément Charbonneau** superior *ad nutum* of the community.

**Dom Clément** was superior *ad nutum* of Mistassini from 2010 to 2016, then abbot from 2017 to 2023. When the suppression of Mistassini was voted in 2023, he came to Val Notre-Dame and regained his stability.

## Tautra

**Mother Brigitte Pinot** completed her first six-year term as Prioress of Tautra (Diocese of Trondheim, Norway).

On 5 April 2024, the community of Tautra elected **Mother Brigitte** as Titular Prioress for a new term of six-year.

## Boa Vista

**Mother Liliana Schiano Moriello Scutiero** completed her first six-year term as Prioress of Boa Vista (Diocese of Joinville, Brazil).

On 10 April 2024, the community of Boa Vista elected **Mother Liliana** as Titular Prioress for a new term of six-year.

## Caldey

On 26 April 2024, the community of Caldey (Diocese of Menevia, Great Britain) elected **Dom Jan Rossey** Abbot for an indefinite term.

**Dom Jan** was born in 1957 in Nieuwpoort (Belgium). He entered Caldey in 2009, made his solemn profession in 2014 and was ordained a priest in 1982. He was superior *ad nutum* of the community since 2023.

## **Calvaire**

The community of Calvaire (Canada) has been aware for some time of its situation of fragility. The superior, Dom Innocent Ugyeh, and the brothers, with the help of the Father Immediate (Dom Gerard D'Souza, abbot of Genesee) and the Commission for the future, after serious consideration, have judged that it is not possible for the community to recover from this situation, and that it must be closed. The Abbot General and his Council have followed the situation closely.

Following the process described in the Statute on the Accompaniment of Fragile Communities and the Suppression of a Monastery, on 26 April 2024, the Abbot General and his Council, in the name of the General Chapter, voted to suppress the community of Calvaire.

On the same date the Abbot General and his Council named a Commission for Closure to implement the suppression process, under the presidency of Dom Gerard D'Souza, abbot of Genesee.

Please pray for the brothers of Calvaire at this sad time.

## **Santa Rita**

On May 1st 2024, **Mother Victoria Murray** completed her second mandate as Titular Prioress of Santa Rita Abbey (diocese of Tucson, USA).

On the same date Dom Paul Mark Schwan, Abbot of Vina and Father Immediate of Santa Rita, appointed **Mother Victoria** superior *ad nutum* of the community.

## **Mississippi**

On May 7, 2024, **Mother Rebecca Stramoski** completed her second term of six years as Abbess of Our Lady of the Mississippi (diocese of Dubuque, USA). On the same day, she was re-elected Abbess of the community for a new six-year term.

## **Newsletter Formation**

The Newsletter n°36 of the Central Secretary for Formation can be obtained from the Internet under the heading "Formation/Newsletter":

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## **Bonneval**

Mother Michèle Cointet, Abbess of Bonneval (Diocese of Rodez, France) since 1996, offered her resignation to the Abbot General for reasons of health (St. 40). The Abbot General with the consent of his Council accepted the resignation, which became on March 8<sup>th</sup>.

On 31 May 2024, the community of Bonneval elected **Sister Anne-Claire Maillard** as Abbess for an indefinite term.

**Mother Anne-Claire** was born in Toulon (France) in 1976. She entered Bonneval in 2002, made her solemn profession in 2008. At the time of her election, she was sub-prioress and manager of the chocolate factory.

## **Genesee**

**Dom Gerard D'Souza** completed his second term of six-years as Abbot of Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey (diocese of Rochester, USA).

On June 5, 2024, **Dom Gerard D'Souza** was re-elected Abbot of the community for a new six-year term.

## **Kurisumala**

**Dom Sevanand Ennamprayil** completed his first term of six-years as Abbot of Kurisumala Ashram (diocese of Tiruvalla, India).

On June 14, 2024, **Dom Sevanand Ennamprayil** was re-elected Abbot of the community for a new six-year term.

## **Let it be kown**

Mother Maria Francesca Righi, abbess of Valserena and Pontifical Commissary of the **community of Soke** in the archdiocese of Huambo (Angola), has decreed the official re-opening of the community of Soke on 24 June 2024, two years after its temporary closure to allow for a time of renewal. The regimen of commissariat continues for the time being, and Mother Manuela Salvadori remains the local superior.

Let us continue to keep the community of Soke in our prayers.

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