



LET US ALSO GO, THAT WE MAY DIE WITH HIM *John 11:16*

APOSTLE

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With eyes cast down, Rev. Fr. Couture leaves behind beloved Asia, his field of apostolate for the last eighteen years

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FINAL LETTER FROM FATHER COUTURE

District Superior of Asia 1996-2014

O magnify the Lord with me and let us extol his name together (Ps 33:4)

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

It is time to bid farewell to all of you and to all our readers from this side of the world since the order has come to let another more valiant priest continue to manage the harvest where we have planted and watered for the last 18 years, and to bring our own nets into other waters. Our Lord is divinely right when He says "When you shall have done all these things that are commanded to you, say: we are unprofitable servants; we have done that which we ought to do" (Luke 17:10). We are indeed unprofitable servants. The supernatural graces do not come from us, they only pass through us. We are only "the ministers of Christ and dispensers of the mysteries of God" (I Cor 4:1). In these last 18 years I can indeed testify to that, having seen a constant outpour of graces flowing through the hands of all our priests thanks to prayers coming from all over the world, especially from consecrated souls, for the Missions of Asia. The gardener can only weed, prune and water the garden,

but then he truly rejoices at the beauty of the flowers that have grown through the power of the Creator.

We give all the glory to the Mediatrix of all graces, whose Immaculate Heart has deigned to use us to spread the Kingdom of God in the Orient in the footsteps of the great heroes of the past. *A Domino factum est istud!* "It is the Lord's doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes" (Ps 117:23). The only thing we beg for is divine mercy for our own "innumerable sins, offences and negligence" which have more or less spoiled or slowed down the showering of graces on these lands truly "ready for the harvest". The following data is laid at her royal feet as a spiritual bouquet of living souls from her own garden. *Non nobis Domine, non nobis, sed nomini tuo da gloriam.* "Not to us, O Lord, not to us but to Thy name give glory" (Ps 113:9). "Blessed are your eyes that see the things that you see" (Lk 10:26). Indeed, we have been the chosen witnesses of the divine grace working miracles, of Catholic Tradition expanding its conquests with its hidden treasure, the holy Mass in its venerable old Latin Roman Rite.

The District of Asia was created on August 15, 1996, by the fusion of the autonomous houses of India (1986) and of the Philippines (1992). On that very morning, I was privileged to be kneeling at the foot of the famous Grotto where the Immaculate Conception appeared 17 times in 1858 to St Bernadette, and I consecrated and entrusted to her this immense territory she was asking me to manage. An impossible task... Half of the world's population, from the richest countries per capita (Singapore, Japan) to some of the poorest (India, Sri Lanka), from countries still 82% Catholic then (Philippines) down to some with a minute presence of Catholicism (Japan and Thailand have only 0.4% each), countries with an almost 100% Muslim population (Indonesia), another 80% Hindu (India), others still in majority Buddhist (Sri Lanka, China, Korea, Japan). The task was, still is, above anyone's capability. But not above the Immaculata's. *Monstra te esse Matrem!* Please, Blessed Mother, show thyself to be our Mother!

Asia! With Africa, the lands of missionaries, lands of Martyrs par excellence



Blessed Sacrament Procession in South Korea (2008)



A new pious union for India, the Reparation Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (2013).

when we read the history of the Missions over the centuries. Leaving Our Lady in the driving seat as ‘her passenger’ and messenger, I witnessed her power, the power of prayer, of the communion of Saints, and saw with my own eyes grace showered everywhere.

Among the greatest joys, I have to count that grace of God at work in souls; the same Holy Ghost producing the same fruits of holiness in every country under our jurisdiction, “a great multitude . . . of all nations, and tribes, and peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and in sight of the Lamb”(Apoc 7:9). People asking the same questions, eager for the same traditional sacraments, touched by the same sermons and catechisms. Faces were lit by hearing the truth that makes us free and purifies hearts, tears rolled down cheeks in joy for the graces received. In central Vietnam, once after a Mass in a remote rural church, people came to touch me to see if I was real! They had not seen a priest wearing a black cassock for 40 years.

Arriving in Manila in 1996, there was the newly-converted-to-Tradition Bishop Salvador L. Lazo, the only bishop in the world since Vatican II who had the humility to acknowledge that, after reading

books for two years given to him by three of our faithful, he had been mistaken for 26 years in saying the New Mass. He is now buried in our church of Our Lady of Victories in Manila.

In these first years in the Philippines, there was a great harvest of vocations (more than 30) for the seminary and the religious life for men and women, and they are now working in various parts of the Lord’s vineyard, from New Zealand to England, from Argentina, Mexico and Zimbabwe to Europe.

In India, one of my greatest joys was to witness Our Lady’s grace working in a humble soul, totally abandoned to God’s will. The result of such a trustful surrender to Divine Providence is now the pearl of our Indian apostolate: a community of 5 sisters, an orphanage and an old people’s home large enough to shelter more than 100 residents and now already filled at 40%.

On September 11, 1996, I landed in the Philippines and found one priory, with 4 priests, and 4 Mass centers for approximately 500 faithful. Now, as of August 15, 2014, there are 3 priories with 9 priests, to which are attached a noviciate for brothers, 5 Oblates and the



Rose Hu suffered for the faith in China . . .



...and was rewarded with a happy death—fortified by the Rites of Holy Mother the Church. (RIP 2013).



“The faith! ...it’s worth more than a pearl this big!”



Putting the entire mission in the hands of the Immaculate.



Sermon at the altar of St. Lucy, Venice (2010)

house of Bethany for young ladies searching their vocation, a primary and secondary school (Our Lady of Victories School with 63 students in June 2014) and about 2,500 faithful scattered in 27 regular Mass centers.

We also had then the priory in Sri Lanka with 2 priests and 50 faithful. This one was closed in 2000 after the opening of the priory in Singapore. Sri Lanka still has its chapel visited once a

month by the Singapore priests and has about 40 faithful.

The third priory we had in 1996 was in India with 3 priests, 8 Mass centers, and approximately 300 faithful. Now they still have 3 priests, but with one brother, two communities of sisters (the Consoling Sisters and the Reparation Sisters, a total of 10 sisters), a priory with 35 boy orphans and boarders, an orphanage and old people’s home with 49 girls and 10 old ladies, one school



Sermon on the Mount in Malacca (2010).

(Veritas Academy with 69 students at the moment), and with 17 Mass centers for about 820 faithful.

In 1996 we did go to Tokyo (25 faithful) and South Korea (40) as well as Hong Kong (15), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (20) and Singapore (30). Now, Tokyo (40), Seoul (50) and Kuala Lumpur (50) have slightly grown, Singapore with its priory has increased to 150, and we have added Osaka, Japan (25), Jeonju, South Korea (20), Jakarta, Indonesia (15), Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia (35), Dubai (8) and Abu Dhabi (25), United Arab Emirates and, last but not least, China (70). In a very recent three day trip to the Middle Kingdom, our priest had the immense joy of hearing confessions for 7 hours, including 15 general confessions, and almost all of them through an interpreter! Talk about humility! When you see how much these mostly young souls are willing to pay to get that pearl of great price, you feel very little and so ungrateful for such a great sacrament as confession.

We must not forget that for seven years, from 2005 to 2012, New Zealand and its Pacific missions (New Caledonia, Vanuatu and for a time Samoa) were also under the Asian jurisdiction. However, in some countries, for various reasons the seed did not grow as we had hoped: Thailand, Vietnam and Taiwan. Mystery of God.

I must also add the joy of the missionary working for the one and only Roman Catholic Church, truly universal, linking souls to Our Lord Jesus Christ, through Rome, through the Roman faith, the Roman morals, the Roman liturgy, language, calendar and chant. And in the midst of it all this, we witness the irony of being called schismatics by the very ones who promote a true de-



Bishop Lazo (RIP 2000), the only bishop to have the courage to return to tradition ... so far.

Romanisation with their inculturation, their ecumenism, and their collegiality.

I think, for example, of the Japanese Bishops who in the Asian Synod of 1998 in Rome openly said to Pope John Paul II that they did not want the western Philosophy and Theology of St. Thomas because they were from the East. And also a few years later, of the rector of the only Major Seminary in Thailand telling me that his seminarians barely know any language besides Thai, and thus have no access to any of the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas, to the catechism of

the Council of Trent, to any encyclicals before 1960. I could not resist asking him if he realized that he was training his young men in a truly schismatic mentality since for them the Church only started in the 1960s? There was no answer.

A Domina factum est istud! “It is all Our Lady’s doing, and it is wonderful in our eyes” (cf. Ps 117:23). *Fecit mihi magna qui potens est*, “He that is mighty hath done great things to me” (Lk 1:49). During these years we really felt *sicut sagittae in manu potentis* — “as arrows in the hands of the Mighty” Queen of Angels (Ps



Bishop Fellay: “I think you need this blessing here...”



Baptism of Bernard of the orphanage of the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart in India (2006)



Rome Pilgrimage (2000)



Blessing of the new orphanage building of the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart, India (2010).

126:4), flying hither and thither, sowing in tears that we may one day reap in joy.

There is still much work to do and the Good Lord, who “divides to everyone as He will” (I Cor 12:10) has certainly chosen the right man to succeed me to “set all afire” in this vast Orient: Fr Karl Stehlin, a German priest who has been for the last 20 years in Poland and Eastern Europe. He will be assisted by an excellent team of 14 priests, 7 brothers, 15 sisters, a strong Legion of Mary and many catechists (69 in Mindanao alone, in the South of the Philippines). But most of all, he too knows that the Immaculata is like an army in battle array, more powerful than all Hell together, eager to use every means to bring about the triumph of her own Immaculate Heart which is nothing other than the victory of the Sacred Heart. “Lift up your eyes and see the countries, for they are white already for the harvest” (John 4:35).

Please continue to assist him by all your prayers and support as the harvest is

The Priest • No Place To Lay His Head



On the metro in Mumbai, India.



Island hopping in Vanuatu in the Pacific Ocean.

still immense and the workers still so few. At the same time, I ask you not to forget me in my new field of apostolate, my dear Canada.

Yes, please say a Magnificat with me, and let us extol His name together. She did show herself to be our Mother!

“That in all things God be honored through Jesus Christ, to whom is glory and empire for ever and ever. Amen” (I Pet 4:11).

God bless!

Fr Daniel Couture
District Superior



On the moto in Madras, India.



“Er... Yes, just send it on to my new office: District House, Canada.....”

DIES IRAE

Dies irae, dies illa, solvet saedum in favilla.— Day of anger, this day, the heavens dissolve into ashes

To many soldiers on the battlefields of the First World War—as flares lit up the night sky and artillery shells burst around them, as they ran for cover in water-filled craters and shuddered before scenes of unimagined horror—to many such soldiers, it seemed that the day of anger foretold in the sequence of the Requiem Mass had arrived.

The Mystery of Evil

“How could God allow this hell on earth?” many people asked. Some rejected the idea of God by become atheists; some mocked Him by abandoning themselves to sensual pleasure; some cursed Him; some fell into despair; some committed suicide. Many died in a state of mortal sin and now suffer the eternal pains of hell.

How could God allow this to happen? How could He allow the horror of war? Think of the bereaved, the fatherless families, the deserted villages, the lost generation, the eternal damnation of the

unprepared.

War is a terrible, terrible thing. Forget the films; try to imagine the sound of artillery a few miles away from your own home. Imagine kissing your son goodbye perhaps for the last time. Imagine waiting for the whistle from the commanding officer, the whistle that would send you into no-man’s land—a sea of barbed wire, mud and death.

How could God allow this to happen? War is an evil; it is the opposite of peace. Peace is the tranquility of order; war is disorder, disorder between nations. As with any evil, God is not the cause, but he allows it to happen. He allows it to happen for the greater good. “But where can the good be in such hellish carnage?” you might well ask or “What greater good could come of such evil?”

The Good From Evil

While some men cursed God and despaired, others, in the thick of

fighting, at the height of fear, even at their last dying breath, turned to Him. Many strengthened their faith in Him and prepared themselves for death. Gone was the self-centred man; gone was the protestant every-man-is-an-island self-sufficiency, gone were the pretensions, gone the arrogance.

Men realised their nothingness before God, their total dependence upon Him and saved their souls in consequence.

Father William Doyle S.J., a military chaplain to the Irish Fusiliers, recounts in one of his letters home how his men shouted their *Confiteors* at the top of their voices as the shells burst about them. Scared of the battle, but with a greater, more wholesome fear of God’s judgment, they made their peace with him at the risk of their earthly lives.

Souls Saved

In the autobiography of Verra Britten, *The Lost Testament Of Youth*, the authoress recalls that, just as she was about to leave her hotel, full of excited anticipation to meet the boat that was bringing her fiancé home on leave after grueling months on the front, she received a telephone call informing her that he had died a week earlier.

She was a typical middle class, patriotic and warm hearted young woman who had naturally fallen in love with a dashing young man, excellent sportsman, gentleman, head boy at school, best friend of her brother—someone destined to go far in life. It was a tragedy.



And then she learnt through his friends, that, unbeknown to her, this young man with a bright future, had converted to the Catholic faith while at the front. He was shot in the lower back while performing his duty, and died five hours later after receiving the sacrament of Extreme Unction from the Catholic Chaplain who stayed with him until he died—and with whom he had developed a warm friendship.

Vera Britten was upset by this at the time because he had not told her of his conversion, but later she, herself, became a Catholic. The young man's name was Roland and he is probable in heaven at this moment alongside many thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of others who died similarly prepared because of the war.

Souls In Purgatory

As we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the start of war, we can help to bring more good out of evil by praying for the souls who died stained with the disorder of venial sin or with temporal punishment due to sin—those who found themselves before the gates of heaven, invited, but unfit to enter; those who still now suffer the pains of Purgatory, pains which are more intense than the pains they felt at their death.

It is a marvelous thing to reflect upon: as the members of the Church Militant, we can help those souls who fell a century ago. It is a little thing to do to thank them for their courage, their honour and their sacrifice for their love of God and country.

Requiem aeternum dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis. Requiescant in pace. Amen.



Letter Home by Father William Doyle SJ

Extract from a letter of 8th August 1917

...Word reached me about midnight that a party of men had been caught by shell fire nearly a mile away. I dashed off in the darkness, this time hugging my helmet as the enemy was firing gas shells. A moment's pause to absolve a couple of dying men, and then I reached the group of smashed and bleeding bodies, most of them still breathing. The first thing I saw almost unnerved me; a young soldier lying on his back, his hands and face a mass of blue phosphorus flame, smoking horribly in the darkness. He was the first victim I had seen of the new gas, ... a fresh horror in this awful war. The poor lad recognized me, I anointed him on a little spot of unburnt flesh, not a little nervously, as the place was reeking with

gas, gave him a drink which he begged for so earnestly, and then hastened to the others.

Back again to the aid-post for stretchers and help to carry in the wounded, while all the time the shells are coming down like hail. Good God! how can any human thing live in this? As I hurry back I hear that two men have been hit twenty yards away. I am with them in a moment, splashing through mud and water. A quick absolution and the last rites of the Church. A flash from a gun shows me that the poor boy in my arms is my own servant, or rather one who took the place of my orderly while he was away, a wonderfully good and pious lad...



Statue of Our Lady of Ephesus. The inscription reads in French, "They have made me their guardian. 1867."



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in Our Lady's House.



The ruined sanctuary of the Church of Mary—the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary (c.430)



The 1st century foundations of Our Lady's House were discovered in 1881 beneath a 6th-7th century ruin on Nightingale Mountain near Ephesus. The chapel built upon the same foundations is now an edifying and delightful pilgrimage destination.

OUR LADY'S HOUSE

"The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory" (*Munificentissimus Deus* P. Pius XII 1950) This is a dogma of our faith and so we know it to be true with absolute certitude. What is less certain, however, is the place from whence the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into heaven. Most say it was Jerusalem, but there is good reason to believe that the Assumption took place from Ephesus (now in Turkey):

- Legend has long attested that St. John brought the Virgin Mary to Ephesus sometime between 37 and 48AD to escape the Christian persecution in Jerusalem.
- The first church dedicated to Our Lady was at Ephesus. It was called the Church of Mary. It was built at the beginning of the 5th century and served as the cathedral of Ephesus. It was in this cathedral that the Council

of Ephesus (431) was held in which Mary was declared to be the Mother of God as a consequence of the Divine Nature of Jesus Christ (which was asserted against the Nestorian heresy).

- In 1881, a French abbot, Fr. Julien Gouyet, guided by the visions of Anne Catherine Emmerich (†1824), discovered the foundations of Our Lady's house on the summit of Nightingale Mountain (it's not really a mountain, but a leafy hill with a wonderful view over the surrounding countryside about 3 hours' walk from Ephesus). Local legend and Hebrew inscriptions on a nearby cistern supported the authenticity of his claim. A chapel has been built on these foundations.
- There has always been a celebration of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary among the Orthodox Christians who are descendants of the Church of Ephesus.



Ecône, Switzerland 1998



Le Reja 1998, Mendoza 2002 in Argentina.



Stuttgart, Germany 1998

BUILDING THE CHURCH

While Saint Francis of Assisi was praying before the crucifix in the dilapidated church of San Damiano, he heard the voice of Our Lord: “Francis, go and rebuild my Church, which you can see has fallen into ruin.”

Archbishop Lefebvre heard the same kind of calling during a dream he had in the Dakar cathedral. He wrote about it in his *Spiritual Journey*.⁽¹⁾ Archbishop Lefebvre felt he was called by Jesus to work on the renewal of the Church through promoting priestly holiness.

During his life as a prelate, the main focus of Archbishop Lefebvre was the priesthood: the awaking of new vocations and the sanctification of the clergy.

The apostolate of this wonderful man of God bore so many fruits since that dream that very few bishops in the world can boast of having done as much work for the building up of the Church as he. For instance, when in 1947, Marcel Lefebvre arrived in Dakar, Senegal (a predominantly Muslim country), there were only two parishes and three churches. When he left, ten years later, there were nine parishes and thirteen churches. From 1948 to 1958, while he

worked as Apostolic Delegate for the whole of French Africa, he created nineteen new dioceses, the number of priests grew from 1531 to 3236, and the number of faithful from two to four million. Imagine the number of churches that were built in just ten years in order to cater for the needs of the new Catholics.

A similar fruitfulness can be observed in the Society of Saint Pius X which Archbishop Lefebvre founded in 1970. The latest Statistics (as of October 2013) show that the SSPX has 575 priests present in 32 countries and active in 33 more, 750 Mass centres, 125 religious brothers, 186 religious sisters, 210 seminarians in six seminaries, 32 pre-seminarians, more than 100 schools, and 2 university-level institutes. During its 44 years of existence, the Society of Saint Pius X has shown an exceptional apostolic activity in the service of the Traditional Latin Mass and the sanctification of the faithful.

Having opened 750 Mass centres in 4 decades is quite an achievement. This illustrates in a most tangible manner the fecundity of Catholic Tradition.

At the beginning, these centres were

humble looking venues like old garages or sheds, former shops or workshops bought and changed into dignified places of worship. With the increase in the number of faithful, proper chapels or churches had to be built, some being truly beautiful works of art and of rather significant dimensions.

The photos above are a few examples of the recent buildings that rose from the ground thanks to the faith and generosity of the parishioners.

The Second Vatican Council wanted to build a New Church ...and is now pulling its empty buildings down. The Society of Saint Pius X, on the other hand, is for restoring the old and perennial Church and so is building anew. DG.

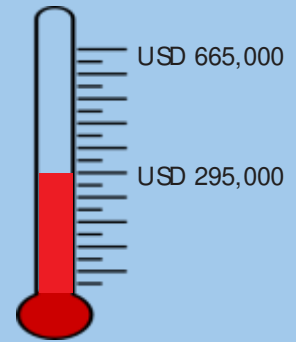
Father Fabrice Loschi

(1) “If the Holy Ghost permits me to put in writing the spiritual thoughts which follow, before entering—if it please God—into the bosom of the Holy Trinity, I will be allowed to realise the dream of which He gave me a glimpse one day in the Cathedral of Dakar. In the face of the progressive degradation of the priestly ideal, my dream was to transmit the Catholic Priesthood of Our Lord Jesus Christ in all its doctrinal purity and in all its missionary charity, just as He conferred it on His Apostles, just as the Roman Church always transmitted it until the middle of the twentieth century”. *Arch. Marcel Lefebvre, Spiritual Journey*, Angelus Press, 2011.



New Chapel Project

We are still in need of significant funds



St Joseph, pray for us!

A little African-Philippine engineering! A sand-side constructed to facilitate the refill process. The Brothers seem to find their second childhood on this side!!



Fr. Couture says farewell to St. Bernard Novitiate, Bethany House and parish.



*Rev. Fr. Onoda marches under the U.S. flag.
God bless America.*

Pilgrimage Report

May 1st 2014 was the 170th anniversary of the official consecration of Japan to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. And lo! Fr. Couture renewed the consecration formula in Okitawa on the same day just before the pilgrimage!

By the grace of God and with the help of Our Lady, we made the 8th official SSPX Pilgrimage to Akita from May 2 to 6. This year we had the joy of welcoming Fr. Couture, Fr. Marian Kowalski (an SSPX priest from Poland) and Mr. John Vennari of Catholic Family Newsfame.

Pilgrims came from mainly from Japan, but also from the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and one each from Poland, Canada and the U.S.A..

In this pilgrimage we commemorated the 800th anniversary of the Holy Rosary given to us by Our Lady through Saint Dominic (according to the testimony of Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort) and saw fit to offer 800 rosaries in her honor and for the intentions of SSPX Rosary Crusade.



Rev. Fr. Onoda and Rev. Fr. Couture kneel before the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Akita. The poster placed at her feet is covered with flowers—each one representing one rosary offered during the pilgrimage. There were over 800 in total.



Fr. Couture, Fr. Marian Kowalski of Poland and Fr. Couture were among the pilgrims who came mainly from Japan, but also from the Philippines, Singapore, Malaysia, Australia and one each from Poland, Canada and the U.S.A. Notice the blossoms of May.



De Las Victorias



Extracts from the magazine of Our Lady of Victories School, Manila



On graduation day, Rev. Fr. Couture presented a medal to one pupil for academic excellence....



...but another pupil was threatened with expulsion.



Rev. Fr. Couture and Rev. Fr. Michael Fortin stand either side of Theodore Joseph G. Viray and Joaquin Enrique D. Torres—the first two graduates of Our Lady of Victories School.



“Boring speeches!”



A military guard of honour for the Solemn High Mass on graduation day.

CHRONICLE

March 19 (Wed) : Feast of Saint Joseph. A procession in honor of Saint Joseph finished at his newly built shrine.

April 24-27: The Bohol Pilgrimage was a source of many graces.

June 1 : Visit of Fr. Griego, Rector of Holy Cross Seminary, Australia.

June 13 : This year we wanted to celebrate Saint Anthony's feast day more seriously and in a more useful way. Instead of going out blindly on that day—just to give out bread without knowing

to whom we were giving it—we thought that we might give the bread to the poorest of the poor who need our assistance. After consulting one of the faithful, we chose five houses and gave 25kg of rice to each family in a very discrete way. One of them was so surprised and grateful for the opportune help that she kept saying with tears, “biyaya ng Diyos (grace of God) !”

June 22 : Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Again our new shrine served us well as an Altar of Repose. Deo gratias.

Rev. Fr. Thomas Onoda



Fr. Onoda leads the Stations of the Cross on Passion Sunday in the streets of Manila.



First Holy Communicants on the feast of St. Joseph.



Rev. Fr. Pfluger besieged by visitors to St. Anthony's Shtine in the village of Pulliampatti (about 20km from the Priory).

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Much has happened since you received the last Apostle. The saddest event to affect the priory was the departure of Rev. Fr. Christophe Beaublat from both the priory and from the Society to become a diocesan priest in his native France. He left because he believed that he could serve Holy Mother the Church better that way - having confidence that he would always be allowed to celebrate the Mass in the Tridentine Rite. He will be missed because he was holy and he was a gentleman. I suppose this means that we must fill up the hole left behind by working to increase our own holiness and gentility.

In May, we had the pleasure of the company of the First Assistant, Rev. Pater Niklaus Pfluger. It was a good time of year for him to come because it was so hot that he must have left thinking that the priests here are supermen. The truth is, the hot season only lasts for two

months and you get used to it anyway. While Fr. Pfluger was here, he visited the Mass Centres of Singamparai, Nagercoil and Christurajapuram. He was charmed by the girls' singing at the orphanage and was moved by the plight of the mentally handicapped who await a miracle cure through the intercession of St. Anthony of Padua at the village of Puliampatti about 20 km from the priory.

Even greater than the grace of Fr. Pfluger's visit was the arrival of 32 new children at Veritas Academy: 16 boys and 16 girls. Of the 16 boys, 3 were brothers of orphan girls accepted into the orphanage and 11 were from the same village of Puliampatti. Most of the boys are between 8 and 11 years old and, as the original orphans of the priory have now metamorphosed into frowning adolescents in search of identity, the arrival of an excited, bright-eyed bunch of innocents has brought a new zest to priory life. The Guild of St. Stephen for altar servers has been revived and the

extra boy-power has been fully utilised by Br. Francis to whip the garden into shape.

On 4th August the Indian Mission bade Fr. Couture an emotional farewell after 18 years of indefatigable apostolate. Again the girls of the orphanage pulled out the stops: this time with an all-star enactment of the biblical episodes of the life of the prophet Daniel.

Our new District Superior, Rev. Fr. Karl Stehlin, will drop by at the end of this month of August. May it be the occasion for us priests and religious to renew our mission for the salvation of souls by the perfection and extension of the Catholic priesthood.

A good place to begin this renewal is to exercise our priestly gratitude towards our benefactors, without whom, the mission would not exist in the first place. May God bless you all.

In Jesu et Maria,
Father Robert Brucciani



Albert puts the last coat of varnish on the new school desks



Volunteer, Paedar Walsh from Ireland, ready for seconds



Homework Procession : Br. Francis checks the boys' homework before they depart for school. It looks like Moses is in for a swish of the big stick—not before time either.



Moses and Simeon do their clothes washing at the dam.



Alexis Derely—a strong swimmer—arrived in good time from France.



Fr. Couture with the oldest boys: Augustine, Albert, Anthony, Francis, Bernard and Joseph. It seems only a few months ago since they were children—running around and screaming wildly.



Rev. Fr. Gregory Noronha, the new headmaster of Veritas Academy.

Dear Benefactors,

In India, June is the beginning of the Academic year. It was during this month of June that I was asked whether I could be the Headmaster of our one and only school – Veritas Academy. My response was in the affirmative.

After assuming the responsibilities of the school, it is necessary to reflect on what education is all about. One may be tempted to reduce education to simply instruction. But is it really so? The Oxford Dictionary says that to educate means to train the mind and the character of somebody. The same dictionary says about instruction: to give orders or directions to somebody. So we clearly see that education is much more than mere instruction. Furthermore the English word education is derived from the Latin word *educere* which means to lead. An example will throw some light on the matter: A young lad wants to walk along a slippery path in order to play

with his friends. You want to help him to walk along the slippery path. So from afar, you tell him to walk very slowly, to watch carefully his every step as he makes progress along the path. But if you really and truly want to help him, then you have to come close to him, hold his hand and lead him along the slippery path. For this, you need to invest your time, your energy and so on. This, in a nutshell, is what education is all about. It is not enough to provide advice from far off, but to be with the students and forming them physically, mentally and even spiritually.

Didn't our Creator use the same approach to lead us to our eternal destiny when He sent his only begotten Son? In the book of Hebrews we are told that, "God, who, at sundry times and in diverse manners, spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, last of all, in these days hath spoken to us by his Son." (Heb.1:1-2) This is the vital mes-

sage of the Incarnation. This Son, who is Our Lord Jesus Christ lived in the midst of his own people and led them to their proper destiny. This indeed is the goal of education to lead students not to a limited aspiration of earthly satisfaction (which indeed is an erroneous opinion and has become the order of the present day) but to an everlasting fulfillment.

The entire school, which has a strength of 69 students, is divided into different classes which are named as follows: Virtues, Angels, Archangels, Cherubim, Seraphim, Standard VII and Standard X.

Let's hope and lift up our prayers to Almighty God that all these students may imbibe of the spring of a true education and be exemplary to others as well.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Gregory Noronha



Play in progress: Bhanu Pryan, Pabikala and Kayianni of the Angels



Work in progress: Arul and other children of the Cherubim.



Rev. Fr. Niklaus Pfluger, 1st Assistant to the Superior General, blessed the fields of the orphanage on the first day of the Minor Litanies (also called the Minor Rogations held on the 3 days before Ascension Day).

Dear Friends in Christ,

This school year started with a great number of new girls flocking in. God knew that we could not fit in any more girls in the old (new) house, so, as soon

as the new (new) house was finished, He sent us a whole lot more! We had 17 new girls join us this May/ June and a total of 20 this year so far. As of now, we have a total of 49 girls. Most of them

are from poor families with a single parent – struggling to make a living; some have both parents, but are poor with their father being a slave to drinking.

On Easter Day we had the happiness



Miss Maria Kohler of Germany became the godmother of Thomas Marion, son of Lourduh Mary who looks on.



Maria Rathna, Maria Stella and Maria (far left, centre and far right) were baptised on Easter Sunday, Maria Rathna, Pratyusha and Bamma made their First Holy Communion.



Three young ladies were received into the Sodality of the Children of Mary on the feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

of seeing two ladies and one girl from the orphanage receive the sacrament of baptism and two girls making their first holy communion.

We lost two old ladies in the last two months : Annamma (Rasamma) on Sunday 18th May and Mary Michael on Friday 3rd July. Another old lady, Elizabeth was so scared of being the next one to die that she left and went to live with her relative!

Thank you for helping us to help these children. It would not be possible without your prayers and support. If you would like to sponsor one of these girls, please contact us (use this address: servi_domini@yahoo.com or the address of the priory on page 22).

Thank you and God bless you,
Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart



Miss Dorothee Götz of Germany bids an emotional farewell to Subbulakshmi, Subhiksha and Kalyanni.



Mary Rose plays for Rev. Fr. Couture.



Rev. Fr. Daniel Couture on his last visit to India was waved off by the orphanage girls at Tuticorin Airport on Monday 4th August.

Mass Centres in the District of Asia

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YMCA-KOWLOON

Contact: O.L. of Victories Church, Manila.
Mass: 2nd Sunday of the month at 10am.

INDIA

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Priory of the Most Holy Trinity

8A/ 3 Seevalaperi Road,
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Tel: [91] 462 258 6201
Email: sspxindia@gmail.com
Mass: Daily at 7:15am, Sunday at 7:30am.

Resident Priests:

Rev. Fr. Robert Brucciani (Prior)

Rev. Fr. Gregory Noronha

Rev. Fr. Therasian Xavier

BOMBAY/ MALAD (MH)

1st floor, Gratias Mariæ Building,
Tank Road, Orlem,
Malad West, Mumbai 64.

Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: Every Sunday at 10:30am. Saturdays at 6:00pm.

BOMBAY/ VASAI (MH)

Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: Every Sunday at 7am.

GOA - SALVADOR DO MUNDO

opposite bus stand,

Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 5:30pm.

BANGALORE (KN)

Contact: Mr. Benny Joseph [91] 944 806 7670
Mass: 6:30pm 4th Sunday, 6:30pm Monday
after 1st & 3rd Sunday. Please call to check.

ASARIPALAM (TN)

St. Anthony's Church, nr. parish church,
Melasripalam, Kanyakumari Dist.
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: 1st Sunday at 11:30am.

CHRISTURAJAPURAM (TN)

Christ the King Church,
Christurajapuram, Irenipuram Post,
Kanyakumari District, 629 197.
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: Sunday at 11:30am, 1st Sun at 7:30am,
1st Saturday at 6:30pm.

CHENNAI (MADRAS) (TN)

St. Anthony's Shrine,
33 Cathedral Road, Gopalapuram, 600086.
Contact: Mr. David [91] 944 512 2353
Mass: Every Sunday at 6pm. Please call.

COONOR (TN)

YWCA
Contact: Mario Leo Joseph [91] 959 734 1673
Mass: Mon. & Tues after 3rd Sun. 7pm & 7am.

KANCHIPURAM DISTRICT (TN)

Immaculate Conception Church,
R.N.Kandigai Village.
Contact: Mr. David [91] 944 512 2353
Mass: Every Sun. at 7am, Saturdays at 7pm.

NAGERCOIL (TN)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church,
Near SP Camp Office,
Thalavaipuram.
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity.
Mass: 1st, 3rd & 5th Sun at 5:30pm, 2nd & 4th
at 7:30am.

PALAYAMKOTTAI (TN)

Society of Servi Domini,
Opp. Government. High School,
Burkitmanagar, Tirunelveli TN 627 351.
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity.
Mass: Most weekdays at 7:20am.

SINGAMPARAI (TN)

St. Anthony's Church,
Mukkudel (via), 627 601.
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity.
Mass: Every Sunday at 11:30am.

TRICHY (TN)

St. Joseph's Chapel,
North 3rd Street, Srienivasanagar 620 017.
Tel: [91] 431 278 2798
Mass: Every Sunday at 7:30am, Mon.-Sat.
(except Thurs.) at 6:30am, Thurs. at 6:30pm.

TUTICORIN (TN)

St. Francis Xavier Chapel,
88B Vettivelpuram,
Near Murugan Theatre.
Contact: Mr. Francis Kumar [91] 948 647 1966
Mass: Every Sunday at 7:15am except last Sun-
day at 5:30pm.

INDONESIA

JAKARTA

Contact: Dist. Office, Singapore [65] 6459 0792
Mass: 1st Sunday at 10am.

JAPAN

TOKYO

Japanese Martyrs' Mass Center,
Akebonocho Jido-Kaikan,
Honkomagome 1-12-5,
Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo, Japan 113-0021.
Contact: Mr. Arata Nunobe [81] (3) 3776 1233
or [63] 2 725 5926 (Philippines).
Mass: Monthly;
(see <http://immaculata.jp/calendar.html>)

OSAKA

Immaculate Heart of Mary Mass Center,
"Honkan" of Shin-Osaka-Maru Bldg.
(5 min from JR Shin-Osaka Station, East Exit)
Contact: Mr. Arata Nunobe [81] (3) 3776 1233
or: [63] 2 725 5926 (Philippines).
Mass: Monthly.
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KOREA

SEOUL

Immaculate Conception Chapel,
Joongchoo Building 5th Floor, Seocho-dong
1697-12, Seocho-gu, Seoul.
Contact: Mr. Christian Barde [82] (2) 3476-
5055 or: [63] 2 725 5926 (Philippines).
Mass: Monthly.
(see <http://immaculata.jp/agnusdei/calendar/sspxkorea2014.pdf>)

MALAYSIA

KUALA LUMPUR

Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
Contact: Mr. Cyril Yee [60] 16 361 9104
Fax: [60] 361 573 101
Mass: Weekly. Please call for details.

KOTA KINABALU—SABAH

Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Chapel
Kampung Dohunsug, Penampang, Sabah
Mail: P.O. Box 125, 89507 Penampang, Sabah
Contact: Mr. Cyriacus Justine [60] 1 3545 5332
Mass: 4th Sunday at 9:30am.

PHILIPPINES

STA BARBARA—ILOILO

St. Bernard Noviciate

Brgy. Daga, Santa Barbara, Iloilo.
Tel: [63] (0) 33 396 5402
Mass: Daily at 7:15am, Sundays at 8am.

Resident Priests:

Rev. Fr. Coenraad Daniels (Prior)

Rev. Fr. Aurelito Cacho

Rev. Fr. John Hatrup

QUEZON CITY—METRO MANILA

Our Lady of Victories Church

2 Cannon Road,
New Manila Quezon City 1112.
Tel: [63] (2) 725 5926 or 413 1978
Fax: [63] (2) 725 0725,
Mass: Daily at 7:15am & 6:30pm,
Sundays at 9am & 6pm.

Resident Priests:

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Rev. Fr. Emerson Salvador

Rev. Fr. Albert Ghela

Rev. Fr. Michael Fortin

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[St. Joseph's Priory](#)

KM 8 Buhangin-Cabantian Road,
8000 Davao City.

Contact: [63] 917 700 7032, 082 285 3016

Mass: Sundays at 6:00pm.

[Resident Priests:](#)

[Rev. Fr. Timothy Pfeiffer \(Prior\)](#)

[Rev. Fr. Alexander Hora](#)

AGUSAN DEL NORTE—BUTUAN CITY

Sta. Lucia Chapel, Brgy. Mohogany Butuan City

Contact: St. Joseph's House, Davou.

Mass: 4th Sunday at 5pm.

BACOLOD CITY-NEGROSOCCIDENTAL

Inmaculada Concepcion Church,

Purok Paglaum, Brgy. Taculing Bacolod City

Tel: [63] (33) 396 5402

Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo.

Mass: Every Sunday at 5:00pm.

BAGUIO CITY—BENGUET

Contact: O.L. of Victories Church, Manila

Mass: 1st Sunday at 9:00am.

BATO—LEYTE

St. Joseph Chapel, Brgy. Alejos, Bato, Leyte.

Contact: Rey Torrente [63] 918 387 8590.

Mass: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10:30am.

CAGAYAN DE ORO-MISAMISORIENTAL

Vamenta Building, Vamenta Compound, Vamenta Boulevard, Carmen, Cagayan de Oro City.

Contact: St. Joseph's Priory, Davou.

Mass: Every Sunday (with rare exceptions) at 8:00am.

SAN MIGUEL—BOHOL

St Michael's Chapel,

Poblacion San Miguel. Bohol

Contact: OL of Victories Church

Manila Mass: Mass: 1st & last 2 Sundays of the month at 7:00am

GEN. SANTOS CITY-SOUTH COTABATO

Chapel of St. James,

Babate's Residence, Tiongson Street

(in front of Lagao Elementary School),

9500 General Santos City.

Contact: St. Joseph's House, Davao.

Mass: Sundays at 10:30am.

JARO—ILOILO

Chapel of O.L. of Consolation & St. Joseph, By Pass Road, Jaro, Iloilo City 5000.

Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo.

Mass: Every Sunday at 10:30am; Mon 8:15am,

Wed, Fri 6:00pm; Tue, Thurs, Sat at 7:15am.

KORONADAL CITY-S COTABATO

St. Michael's Chapel,

Upper Paredez Marbel, South Cotabato.

Contact: St. Joseph's House, Davou.

Mass: Sundays at 6:30am.

MAASN CITY—LEYTE

Holy Rosary Chapel, San Vicente Street, Maasin City, S. Leyte.

Contact: Emily Sanchez [63] 926 612 9742

Mass: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 7am.

MANBUSAO CITY—CAPIZ

St. Anthony Chapel,

Brgy. Balit Mambusao, Capiz.

Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo.

Mass: Sundays at 6:00pm.

MANDAUE CITY—CEBU

St. Pius V Chapel,

San Jose Village Opao, Mandaue City, Cebu.

Contact: St. Bernard Novitiate, Iloilo.

Mass: Every Sunday at 6:00pm.

ORMOC CITY—LEYTE

Contact: O.L. of Victories Church, Manila or Fr. Ghela [63] 920 902 7201.

Mass: Friday before 1st & 3rd Sun. at 6:30pm.

SOGOD—SOUTHERN LEYTE

San Isidro Labrador Chapel, Brgy Zone II, Sogod, S. Leyte.

Contact Teresita Cardoza [63] 912 729 0123.

Mass: Sat. before 1st & 3rd Sun. at 10:30am.

TACLOBAN CITY—LEYTE

Holy Family Chapel, in front of Sagkahan Nat. High School, Sagkahan, Tacloban City, Leyte.

Contact: Belen Pista [63] 921 557 5874

Mass: 1st & 3rd Sundays at 6:30pm.

TAGBILARAN—BOHOL

Our Lady Guardian of the Faith Chapel, CPG North Ave, nr. Bohol Wisdom School.

Contact: O.L. of Victories Church Manila

Mass: 1st & last 2 Sundays of the month at 11am

TANAY—RIZAL

St. Philomena Chapel,

Brgy Sampaloc, Tanay, Rizal.

Contact: O.L. of Victories Church, Manila

Mass: Sundays at 2:30pm.

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Fax : [94] (31) 531 0137

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Mass: 3rd Sunday at 9:00am.

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