

# **ECHOES OF THE General Council**



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The new General Council held its first ordinary session from the 18<sup>th</sup> May to the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at Casa Generalizia in Rome.

During this session, the Council, pending the definition of the orientations for the next 6 years, has set priorities for the coming year. Following the elections of the General Chapter, the Council also proceeded to the appointment of new Major Superiors, which required time in consultation, discernment and decision. The Council warmly thanks all those Brothers who have accepted to assume the mission of Major Superior.

It was also the occasion to launch at the Casa Generalizia the second year of the bicentenary around the theme "Calling Disciples", especially by the realisation of a video message

# 1. Animation of the Congregation

#### 1.1 General Chapter

An important work was carried out following the Chapter, for the formatting of the definitive texts. The General Council warmly thanks Brother Yannick Houssay, Michel Tanguy and the translators who carried out this work. The booklet of the Chapter which is currently being printed will reach the Major Superiors by the end of June.

The General Council hopes that the orientations of the Chapter will be widely disseminated.

#### 1.2 Theme of the Year

The theme of the first preparatory year for the Bicentenary, of which the General Chapter was an important stage, was "*Discerning, scanning the horizon*". Discernment is to be pursued by the application of Chapter Acts in each Province or District, who are thus invited to write new pages.

The binders given to each Major Superior at the end of the Chapter will help to collect the echoes. The pages of these binders will be scanned and sent to the Secretary General who will put them on the Congregational Website.

The second year, launched by the video message of the Superior General (see <a href="www.lamennais.org">www.lamennais.org</a>) has the theme: "Calling Disciples". Major Superiors have already received a dossier for the animation of their Province or District.

#### 1.3 Rule of Life:

Since the publication of **the provisional edition of the Rule of Life in 2013**, many corrections have been made. The last General Chapter also made changes: duration of the Postulancy, duration of the mandate of the Major Superiors, creation of the function of Assistant Visitor ...

All these modifications have been presented to the CIVCSVA whose response is expected.

#### 1.4 Role of Brothers Assistants General:

The Superior General and his Council gathered in Rome decided the following distribution for the accompaniment of Provinces and Districts by the Brothers Assistants:

NAME	Provinces / Districts
Bro Jean- Paul PEUZÉ	St. Michael the Archangel Province (Tanzania - Kenya) St. Theresa of the Child Jesus Province (Uganda - South Sudan) Saint John Paul II District (Congo DRC - Rwanda) Saint Paul District (Benin - Ivory Coast - Senegal - Togo) Delegation of Italy
Bro Vincent SSEKATE	Saint-Jean-Baptiste Province (France - England) Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague Province (Haiti) St. Francis Xavier District (Japan - Philippines - Indonesia) Saint-Pierre-Chanel District (French Polynesia)
Bro Miguel ARISTONDO	Immaculate Conception Province (Argentina - Uruguay) Nuestra-Señora del Pilar Province (Spain - Chile - Bolivia) Jean de la Mennais Province (Canada - United States - Mexico)

#### Other missions of Brothers Assistants General:

- **Bro Jean-Paul PEUZÉ**: The Initial Formation (Postulate-Noviciate-Scholasticate).
- Bro Vincent SSEKATE: The accompaniment and formation of Community Superiors
- **Bro Miguel ARISTONDO**: The Mennaisian Family.

# 2 Decisions of Brother Superior General and his Council

# 2.1 Appointments

Brother Superior General with the consent of his Council took the following decisions:

<u>Nuestra Señora del Pilar Province (Spain – Bolivia – Chile )</u>:
 Bro Rafael ALONSO LANTARÓN, is appointed Provincial Superior of the Province Nuestra Señora del Pilar Province for a three-year mandate<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Decision of the General Chapter 2018: the duration of the Major Superiors' mandate (Provincials/Visitors) is henceforth of 3 years.

#### • Saint-Michel the Archangel Province (Tanzania – Kenya):

Bro. **Anthony KITHINJI**, is appointed Provincial Superior of Saint-Michel the Archangel Province for a three-year mandate<sup>1</sup>.

#### • Saint-Louis de Gonzague Province (Haïti) :

Bro. **Géniaud LAUTURE,** is appointed Provincial Superior of Saint-Louis de Gonzague Province for a three-year mandate<sup>1</sup>.

#### • Saint-François-Xavier District (Indonesia - Japan - Philippines) :

Bro. **Gildas PRIGENT,** is appointed Visitor of the District of Asia for a three-year mandate.

#### • Nuestra Señora del Pilar Province (Spain – Chile – Bolivia) :

Bro. **Miguel de la HERA ROLDÁN,** is appointed Assistant Provincial of Nuestra Señora del Pilar Province for a three-year mandate.

# Province Saint-Michel Archange (Tanzanie – Kenya):

Frère **Essau MLENGULE** is appointed Assistant Provincial of Saint-Michel the Archangel Province for a three-year mandate.

#### • Saint-Louis de Gonzague Province (Haïti) :

Bro. **Valmyr-Jacques DABEL** is appointed Assistant Provincial of Saint-Louis de Gonzague Province for a three-year mandate.

## Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Province (Uganda – South Sudan):

Bro. **Casio AIZIRE** is appointed Assistant Provincial of Saint-Theresa of the Child Jesus Province for a three-year mandate.

Bro. **Rogers KAZIBWE** is appointed Assistant Provincial of Saint-Theresa of the Child Jesus Province for a three-year mandate.

## • Jean de la Mennais Province (Canada – United States - Mexico) :

Bro. **Claude GELINAS** is appointed Assistant Provincial of Jean de la Mennais Province for a three-year mandate.

#### • Saint-Francis-Xavier District (Japan – Philippines - Indonesia):

Bro. **Jean-Pierre HOULE** is appointed Assistant Visitor of the District of Asia for a three-year mandate.

#### Delegation of Italy:

Bro. **Jean-Paul PEUZE** is appointed Major Superior of the Delegation of Italy for a three-year mandate.

# • Other Appointments:

**ROME : Bro. Pierre BERTHE,** Procurator General to the Holy See for a new three-year mandate.

**DAPAONG : Bro. Jean HERBINIERE**, Master of Novices at the Novitiate of Dapaong, for a new term of 3 years.

**KISUBI : Bro. Peter KAZEKULYA,** President of the Council of Kisubi Scholasticate for a new term of 3 years.

**KISUBI : Bro. Gerard BYARUHANGA,** Director of the Kisubi Scholasticate for a three-year mandate.

**Bro. Yannick HOUSSAY:** accompaniment of the Young Brothers and formation of the Formators of the Brothers, for a mandate of 3 years.

#### 2.2 Admission to perpetual profession

The Brother Superior General, with the consent of his Council, has admitted to perpetual profession:

Bro. Jean-Marc GUSTAVE, of Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague Province (Haïti).

# **3 Upcoming Events**

- **3.1** The session of the Brothers preparing the perpetual profession will take place next summer from 11th July to 12th August at Castelgandolfo. 28 Brothers are expected: 6 from Congo DRC and Rwanda, 5 from Togo, 2 from Indonesia, 3 from Haiti, 8 from Uganda, 4 from Kenya.
- **3.2 3.3 A meeting of Major Superiors** is scheduled from 8th to 15th April 2019 at Portugalete (Spain). This meeting will work together to implement the General Chapter. It will also be a formation meeting between Major Superiors.

# **Calendar of the General Council members**

#### **Bro. Hervé ZAMOR**

 $15^{th}$  June –  $4^{th}$  July : Haiti  $5^{th}$  –  $12^{th}$  July : Rome

13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July : France – Pilgrimage to Lourdes

 $16^{th} - 31^{st}$  July : Rome

1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> Aug : United States

1st – 8<sup>th</sup> Sept : Rome

9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Sept : Rwanda – 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of foundation

18<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct : General Council

## **Bro. Jean-Paul PEUZE**

 $1^{0th}$  – 24th June 2018 : France  $25^{th}$  June –  $8^{th}$  June : Rome

9<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> Aug : Castel Gandolfo – Session of young Brothers

17<sup>th</sup> Aug – 14<sup>th</sup> Sept : England

18<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct : General Council

#### **Bro.Vincent SSEKATE**

 $8^{th}$  June  $-8^{th}$  July : Rome

9<sup>th</sup> July – 14<sup>th</sup> Aug. : Castelgandolfo – Session of young Brothers

15<sup>th</sup> Aug – 15<sup>th</sup> Sept : France

18<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct : General Council

## **Bro.Miguel ARISTONDO**

11<sup>th</sup> June– 13<sup>th</sup> July : Spain

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> July : France – Pilgrimage to Lourdes

 $19^{\text{th}}$  July  $-5^{\text{th}}$  Aug. : Spain  $6^{\text{th}}$  Aug.  $-14^{\text{th}}$  Sept : Canada

18<sup>th</sup> Sept – 5<sup>th</sup> Oct : General Council

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The next session of the General Council will take place in Rome from September 18th to October 5th, 2018.