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The General Council has held a session in Rome from the 18th to the 30th September 2006. The new Secretary General, Brother Pierre Berthe, attended his first session of the Council.

This issue of the Echoes informs the whole Congregation the following decisions and pieces of information.

1. The animation of the Congregation:

On-going formation of the Brothers and Communities:

Several initiatives of the programme of implementation of the General Chapter and announced by the General Council are being realized:

In response to the request of the General Chapter of 2006, (*“the Brothers, the Communities and the Provinces, convinced by the importance that our Founders gave to **the Word of God and the Rule of Life**, are inspired by them and look for the adequate forms and conditions so that they may really and truly be at the centre of their life”*), a series of seven pamphlets of animation on this theme has been proposed. The first booklet entitled Word of God and Rule of Life is now available to the Provinces and Vice-Provinces. The other booklets will follow in the coming months.

Sessions:

- Please note that the **Session of the Major Superiors** is scheduled to take place from the 10th to the 25th October 2007, at Ploërmel.
- In the framework of the preparation of the international meeting on the **Shared Mission** in 2008, a questionnaire is underway, and will be forwarded to you at the beginning of 2007.
- In preparation for the international meeting on **Vocations Ministry** to be held in 2009, the initiatives are under study and will be finalized next November.

Commissions:

- A Commission to draw up the final draft of the **Ratio Institutionis** has been named and will start their work as soon as possible. The following are the members of this Commission: Brothers Gerard Byaruhanga (Chairman), Beauplet Thierry, Houle Mario,

Olabarrieta Josu, and Pérez Rafael. This phase over, a session for Formators will be organized in 2008.

- A restricted Commission to work on **The Rule of Life** in view of the next General Chapter has been put in place (*The work concerning the Rule of Life must be pursued. The Chapter decided to implement the new structures of government before writing them down in the Rule of Life.*) It is made up of Brothers: Louis Balanant and Pierre Berthe. They will work in liaison with the General Council.

In the Provinces and Vice-Provinces:

Two Provinces (Nuestra Señora del Pilar, Spain and St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Uganda) have already held their Provincial Chapter to implement the last General Chapter.

The Province of the Immaculada Concepción (Argentine-Uruguay) held their first session of the Chapter in July 2006; the second will take place at the beginning of January 2007.

The Province of Jean de la Mennais (Canada, Central Africa, Japan-Philippines) are holding their Chapter early next month.

The Province of St. Louis de Gonzague (Haïti) will hold their Chapter next December.

2. The decisions of the Superior General and his Council:

Nomination:

The Community of Indonesia depending directly on the General Administration, Rev. Brother Superior General, after consultation with the Provincial of St. Jean –Baptiste, has named

Brother DINO DE CAROLIS,

currently in the Community of Castelgandolfo (Italy), a member of the Indonesian Mission. He is expected to report there at the end of this school year.

Admission to the perpetual profession:

The Rev. Brother Superior General, with the consent of his Council has admitted the following Brothers to make their perpetual vows:

- **MUKWHANA James** (Province of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Uganda)
- **MUTESASIRA Edward** (Province of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Uganda)
- **TUMWESIGYE Raymond** (Province of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, Uganda)
- **LUSANIKA James** (Vice-Province Tanzania-Kenya)
- **NGOWI Evarist** (Vice-Province Tanzania-Kenya)

3. News of the Congregation:

The Novitiates:

- **The Novitiate of Dapaong (Togo):**

7 new Novices (5 from Central Africa; 1 from West Africa and 1 from Madagascar) started their year of formation on the 11th September 2006.

- * The Novitiate of Pétienville (Haïti) :

4 new Haïtian Novices began their year of formation in August 2006.

- * The Novitiate of Kasasa (Uganda):

7 (Ugandan) Novices will complete their formation on the 1st January 2007.

The Scholasticates:

- The Scholasticate of Abidjan (Ivory Coast):

19 Scholastics will constitute the group of the academic year 2006-2007 (4 from Central Africa, 10 from West Africa and 5 from Haïti).

- The Scholasticate of Kisubi, (Uganda):

15 Scholastics are pursuing their formation (1 Kenyan, 1 Tanzanian and 13 Ugandans).

- The Scholasticate of Spain:

1 Scholastic is undergoing formation in the Community of Portugaleta.

St. Mary's College, Kisubi Centenary Celebrations:

St. Mary's College, Kisubi in Uganda celebrated her centenary on the 13th August 2006. The Rev. Brother Superior General, Yannick Houssay, was the Guest of Honour and participated in all the events organised to mark this event.

St. Mary's College was founded by the Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers) in 1906, and was entrusted to the Brothers of Christian Instruction in 1926. It is now one of the most important educational institutions in the country.

One hundred and fifty years since the death of Father de la Mennais.

The year 2010 will be remembered as the 150th anniversary since the death of Father de la Mennais. The General Council is already thinking of the ways and means this anniversary could be celebrated. Consequently, they invite the Provinces and Vice-Provinces to think of this event and they would welcome any suggestions on this score.

Calendar of the Members of the General Council

Brother Yannick HOUSSAY

7 th October - 18 th October	France (personal retreat)
18 th October – 7 th November	Spain
7 th November – 30 th November	Rome
December - January	Central Africa (Congo-Rwanda) West Africa: Abidjan, Benin, Togo

Brother Miguel Angel MERINO

7 th October – 7 th November	Spain
7 th November – 16 th December	Rome
17 th December – 26 th December	Spain
27 th December – 31 st January	Argentine, Bolivia, Chile

Brother Gerard BYARUHANGA

7 th October – 13 th November	Canada
15 th November – 13 th December	Rome
14 th December – 15 th January	Philippines-Japan

Brother Gildas PRIGENT

9 th October – 14 th October	France
15 th October - 3 rd November	Indonesia
8 th November – 1 st December	Rome
3 rd December – 2 nd January	Haïti

N.B. The next Council meeting will take place in Rome from the 15th to 30th November 2006.