

# Ramblings from Rome

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**1-10 July** – Fr. General preside at the General Chapter of the Sisters of Providence (Rosminians) in Via Aurelia. During the third day the Chapter re-elected Sr. Carla Cattoretti as Mother General for another six years, with Sr. Maria Bruna Ferretti as the Vicress and the new members of the Council being Sr. Antioietta Toomey, Sr. Maria Mercede Manza and Sr. Chiara Rusteghini.

**10 July** – Don Mariani headed north for a holiday and to supply at for the chaplains in Borgomanero.

**15-22 July** – Giancalo Taverna preached a retreat for the Sisters at Borgomanero.

**25 July** – Fr. General went home to Ireland for a holiday.

**30 July** – David Tobin returned from Trapani with Eduino Menestrina and the six scholastics who had completed their Third Probation.

**1 August** – David went home to Scotland for his holiday.

**12-17 August** – Giancarlo preached a retreat to the Consecrated Ascribed in Calvario.

**16 August** – Don Mariani returned to Rome and immediately transferred to San Carlo to help out in the basilica.

**24 August** – Fr. General returned to Rome.

**28 & 30 August** – Giancarlo and David return; the Curia of Rome all back at base.

**31 August** – an updating by Claudio Papa on the situation regarding the preparation for the ceremony for the beatification of Fr. Founder.

4 September – A joint meeting with the General Council of the Sisters at Via Aurelia.

**5-7 and 10 September** – Curia meetings.

**11-16 September** – David in UK.

**12 September** – Fr. General wrote to all the brethren inviting them to a period of prayer centred around community adoration during the nine weeks leading up to the Beatification of Fr. Founder.

**17-18 September** – Curia meetings.

**21 September** – After consultation Fr. General invited four members of the Italian Province to receive Presbyter Vows and asked their consent.

**22 September** - Giancarlo Taverna left for Rivalba (TO) to facilitate the General October 9 Chapter of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

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## Institute News

**1 July** – At Stresa was the solemn celebration of the death of Fr. Founder on this feast of the Precious Blood together with the Jubilee celebrations of religious life and priesthood. Present were Monsignor Riboldi, the Police Commissioner of Novara, the Mayor of Stresa, the delegate of the Bishop of Novara and many Sisters, Brethren and Ascribed.

At Maricaibo, in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi was overflowing with relatives and friends to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rosminians in Venezuela. It was the occasion also of the ordination



to priesthood of Giovanni Pacheco Abreu and José Francisco Guerra Lozada and to the diaconate of Sandro Antonio Nava and Pedro Paredes Ramirez.

The Ordination of José Francisco and Giovanni

During the month of July the Third Probation took place in Trapani guided by David Tobin and Eduino Menestrina. Those taking part were: Binu Palakapally, Edison Bernavas, Tom Thomas, Saji, Dominic, José Francisco Valderama Alvarez and Sunny Kalathil Xavier.



The Third Probation

**5 July** – The first meeting was held in the Bishop’s Palace in Novara between Bishop Corti and the Rosminian Sisters and Priests and the diocesan collaborators in view of the preparation for the Beatification. The President of the committee for the organisation Beatification celebrations is Don Claudio Papa with Don Fabrizio Poloni as Secretary.

**10 July** – Brother Peter Bahati was ordained to the priesthood in Moshi, Tanzania.

**11 July** – The death in Novara of Col. Vittore Ferraris, Ascribed, who was a great collaborator with Don Bessero Belti in creating a general



The new clinic at Kwalakonge

index of names (of people, places etc) that were published in Charitas from the first issue in 1927 up to 1992.

**16 July** – The new clinic at Kwalakonge, Tanzania was opened after passing all government requirements. It was a great day of celebration and

gratitude by the local people, especially for all the support received from overseas to bring this project to completion.

**25 July** – The ordination of Brother Ansalam Saroja took place in his home parish of Marthanddanthurai with great celebration among his Brethren and Sisters and so many well wishers and parishioners. The meal afterwards was a true feeding of the five thousand.



**3 August** – At the novitiate in Lushoto, Tanzania, four brothers took their First Vows. From there they are distributed to the IHFs: Alfred Kimaryo and Jared Nyakwama who are going to Rome, and Justus Okibo and Aristid Shayo who are going to Ngong.

**14 August** – The death in Kerala of the sister of our scholastic Denny Fernandes.

**22-25 August** – Stresa saw the holding of the eight Rosminian Symposium “Belleza, fiosofia, poesia” (Beauty, Philosophy and Poetry) . There was a great participation of the young and not so young.



Edison and Tom - Coadjutor Vows

**29 August** – In Vet-tuthura the Coadjutor Vows were taken by Edison Bernavas and Tom Thomas at the hands of Fr. Anthony Meredith, Regional Superior, in the presence of Bishop John Arnold.

**4 September** – In the Novitiate Chapel at Coimbatore Mons. John Arnold, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, conferred the order of the



Deaconate Ordination

diaconate on four brothers: Paul Babu, Laiju Francis, Tom Thomas and Edison Bernavas. **15 September** – A Convegno on Rosminian spirituality was held at Calvario entitled: “The Fiftieth Anniversary since the death of Clemente Maria Rebora”.

**16 September** – At Porta Latina, Rome, during the work of restoration of the house, Fr. General blessed a new bell (the Foundry of Marinelli di Agnone) installed on the pinnacle of the house. From that day it rings out the Angelus.

At the mission at Mtindiro Tanzania, Don Nazzareno and the people received the bronze statue (1.8 m) of St. Francis of Assisi, which will adorn the face of the new church which is being constructed. The statue was donated by Mons. Roboldi, the Sacra and the Ascribed of Italy.

**19 September** – At Novara there was a plenary session of all five of the commissions involved in the preparation for the Beatification of A. Rosmini.

**26-29 September** – The 16<sup>th</sup> Convegno of the ‘sacred’ was held at the sacra di San Michele. It was entitled “Pilgrimages and the sanctuary of S. Michele in Medieval times in the West of Europe”. On this occasion there was a 60 cent stamp issued by Poste Italiano as part of a series: ‘The artistic and cultural patrimony of Italy’.

**29 September** – The Church of S. Michele at Montecompetri in Palazzo Ciuffa was reopened after restoration.



