

Ramblings from Rome

Curia Newsletter – No. 42

December 2007

Curia News

2 October – Curia meetings

7 October – Fr. General receives the Final Vows of Binu Palakapally and Sunny Kalathil at Porta Latina.

9 October – Giancarlo Taverna returns from Ribalba (Turin) where he had facilitated the general Chapter of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Ribalba.

17 October to 2 November - Giancarlo was in Loughborough and Llantarnam Abbey (Newport) for the Ascribed and later in Dublin for a meeting of the Preparatory Commission of the General Congregation.

14-19 October – Curia retreat at Guarmino (Frosinone).

21-30 October – David Tobin was in Calvario for the first international gathering of Head Teachers and representatives of Rosminian schools of both the Institute and the Sisters, and also schools of our parishes. The theme of the conference was 'Educating in Truth and Love - a pilgrimage into the heart and mind of Rosmini'

2 November – A briefing meeting for the Curia with the Postulator, Claudio Papa.

5 November onwards – intermittent Curia meetings.

6 – Giancarlo to Milan with Kole Tavasja a young Albanian for special help.

8 November – A Radio Vatican press conference was held on the coming Beatification of Antonio Rosmini; present were Renato Corti, the Bishop of Novara, Fr. General and Mother General, Prof Giuseppe De Rita, Mons Fabrizio Poloni Secretary to the Organising Committee for the Beatification, Claudio Papa and Rosminian Brethren and journalists.

12 November – Giancarlo left for Borgomanero where he led an evening Tridium for the parishioners of the town in the Parish Church in preparation for the Beatification.

15 November – The rest of the Curia headed north, staying for the duration in the priest's house at the Sisters in Borgomanero. In subsequent days Fr. General and David met up with pilgrimage groups staying in Domodossola and Stresa who had come for the Beatification.

18 November – 15.00 the Beatification of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, at which Fr. General officially presented the relics of Fr. Founder.

19 November – Stresa at 9.30 the Mass of Thanksgiving presided over by the Bishop of Novara, Renato Corti.

25 November – Rovereto at 15.30 a Mass of Thanksgiving in the parish Church of San Marco, presided over by the Archbishop of Trent,

26 November – The Curia returned to Rome.

27 November – The letter from Fr. General communicating that Giancarlo Taverna was leaving the Curia and was being replaced by Claudio Papa.

8 December – Fr. General promulgated the acceptance to the Presbyter Grade of three brethren of the Italian Province: Claudio Papa, Giuseppe Bagattini and Eduardo Scordia.

4, 10, 18 December – Curia meetings.

7-9 December – Fr. General went to Domodossola for the inauguration of the exhibition on Rosmini entitled 'Il grande Grido', 'The Great Cry' (Rebora) at the Istituto Rosmini (the Sister's College). In the evening there was the blessing of the new statue of Fr. Founder in the Parish Church of Domodossola (Chiesa Collegiata). It will stand in a niche in the Chapel of Educators opposite Don Bosco.

9 December – Fr. General and David Tobin attended the Mass and celebration for the installation of Don Tarcisio De Tomasi as Parish Priest of Spirito Santo, E.U.R.

14 December – Meeting of the Curia with the Vice Provincial of the East African Vice Province, Firmati Tarimo.

20 December – Fr. General celebrated his 'three score and ten'. At the 'birthday lunch' Don Mariani gave us the facts; Fr. Jim is the 10th Superior General, the 6th to reach 70 years, and the first non Italian. Then warning us of the 75 year rule, plus a reference to the qualities of a Superior General as described in the Constitutions, said that in the not too distant future one of Fr. Jim's successors would be from one of the countries of his student listeners.

21 December – Fr. General's Christmas letter was dispatched.

22 December – Fr. General went to Borgomanero, Stresa and Domodossola for the Christmas Festivities.

22-31 December – David Tobin in Scotland with his family.

28 December – Fr. General published the Decrees for the International Houses of Formation.

Institute News

1-5 October – Antonio Belsito gave the Rosminian Heritage programme for the students assisted by Eduino Menestrina and Pierluigi Girolì. The theme this year was the link between Rosmini's spirituality and his thought - by way of preparation for the Beatification.

7 October – Binu Palakapally and Sunny Kalathil made their Final Profession at Porta Latina; accepted by Fr. General and in the presence of Anthony Meredith, Indian Regional Superior and the community and friends.



15 October – Don Giuseppe Croce died in Stresa; Spiritual Coadjutor, 81 years old, 65 years of religious life and 45 years of priesthood.

13 November – The Venezuelan pilgrims, who had come for the Beatification, came for lunch at Porta Latina.

17 November – The 300 of the Rosminian Family in Rome plus the Venezuelans headed north in coaches as did so many from around Italy and from afar.

18 November – The Day of the Beatification of Blessed Antonio Rosmini on Novara: there were eight thousand people present among whom were groups of Rosminian Sisters, Brethren and Ascribed from all parts of the world. [The whole two hours were broadcast on Telepace satellite TV (a DVD is available) and also on the internet live.]

Beatification of



The procession of the Relic



The Homily

Antonio Rosmini



The Responsorial Psalm

Novara 2007



18 November – In Ngong, Saji Domenic Puthenpurakal made his Final Vows, accepted by Fr. Oliver Stansfield, the delegate of Fr. General. At the same Mass, celebrating the Beatification, Archbishop Lebeaupin, the Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya, unveiled and blessed a new bust of Fr. Founder by the local artist, Katete W. Leonard. It stands in the hall of the International House.

19 November – The Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated in the Palazzo dei Congressi Stresa, followed by a procession to the Tomb of the new Blessed.

Other Masses of Thanksgiving were celebrated around the world, including at Rovereto, Domodossola, Milan, Ngong, Vetuthura, Glencomeragh, Bordeaux, to name a few.

10-13 December – An Assembly of the UK Province at Llantarnam Abbey, near Newport, to celebrate the Beatification of Fr. Founder. Sisters and Ascribed were present for the second and third days. The spiritual input was given by Pierluigi Giroli.

14 December – A circular letter from the Preparatory Commission was issued summarising the progress so far and indentifying the next stage of preparation for GC08.

“Educating in Truth and Love”

A pilgrimage into the heart and mind of Rosmini.

Calvario 24th – 30th October 2007.

Aim:

To undertake ‘A pilgrimage into the heart and mind of Rosmini’ in order to hand on the Rosminian ethos in our schools.

To reflect together on the various issues facing Catholic education today.

To create a network worldwide of knowledge and friendship among the Family of Rosminian Schools.

Snippets from the Report:

“By the evening of Wednesday 24th October thirty one of us had gathered at Sacro Monte Calvario. We represented a great variety of Rosminian, founded or associated, schools and colleges from all parts of the world where Rosminian Sisters and Bretheren work. Very quickly we found ourselves at ease with each other and happy to pray, work and relax together. This was an indication of the certain quality of relationship that exists between people influenced by the Rosminian ethos and was confirmed time and again during the following days of the conference.”

One of the participants wrote, in summary:

“I have heard an immense amount not only about the life of A. Rosmini but also about his philosophy and theology.

This is going to be very useable with students and is also a theology and philosophy that will assist me personally. I now have a deep desire to strengthen the Rosminian ethos in our school. I can see it as a very valid ethos both modern in approach and life assisting.

The school presentations offered an excellent opportunity to observe best practice in other schools – to see internationally the same problems and a striving to find answers to these issues.”

Recent Publications

“Blessed Antonio Rosmini”

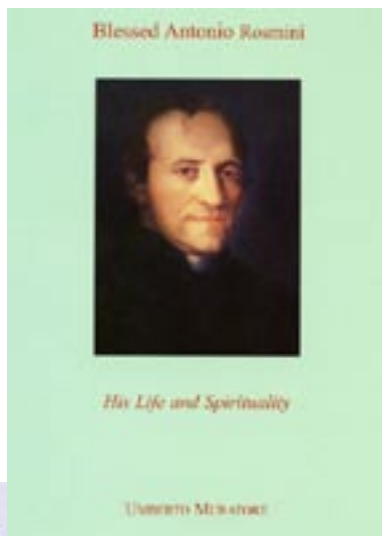
His Life and Spirituality

By Umberto Muratore

58 pages

Translated by Anthony Dewhurst.

This is a very readable and attractive little book.

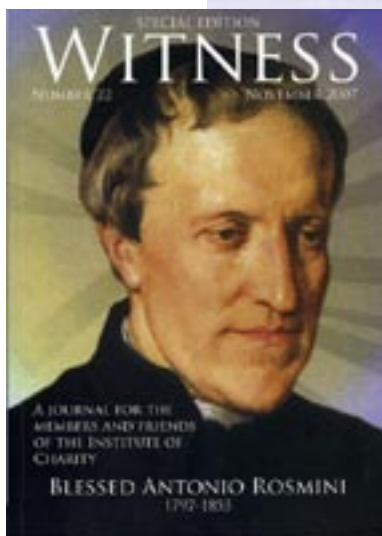


The Constitutions of the Institute of Charity

the heart
of Fr. Founder's Spirituality

“The Constitutions of the Institute of Charity”

The heart of Fr. Founder's
Spirituality
120 pages



“Blessed Antonio Rosmini”

By Antonio Belsito

152 pages with photos

Written originally as a special edition of
Witness for the Beatification.

It has three sections:

A Brief Life; Rosmini's Philosophy;
The Spirituality of Rosmini.