

Ramblings from Rome

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Curia News

3-8 April – The annual meeting of the Major Superiors with the Curia in Porta Latina. The decision was made to relocate the coming General Congregation (9-23 October) from Venezuela to Calvario on the grounds of prudence.

18, 23 April , 20 May – General Curia meetings

28 April -6 May – Fr. General made his canonical visit to Isola Capo Rizzuto.

28 April to 12 May – David Tobin directed a ‘Retreat Beyond Dover’ to a group from the UK and Ireland at the Spirituality Centre at the Sanctuary in Capo Rizzuto.

2 May – Claudio Papa gave a conference on Rosmini at Isola Capo Rizzuto.

8-16 May – Fr. General made a canonical visit to Trapani and Valderice.

15 May – Claudio gave a conference to the students at the Seminary of Novara.

21 May to 4 June – Fr. General visited Ireland.

21-30 May – David visited Stresa and Calvario.

27 May – Domenico Mariani gave a talk on ‘Blessed A. Rosmini and the Sacred Heart of Jesus’ during the 2nd Pastoral Theological Conference from 26-28 May held by the Salesian Fathers at Via Marsala, Rome.

6 June – The annual meeting of the two Rosminian Curie held at Rosminian Sisters, Via Aurelia, with a concelebrated Mass at 12.00.

10-11 June – Curia meetings.

12 June – Fr. General departed for a visit to Venezuela for the occasion of the 50th Anniversary celebrations of the arrival of the Rosminians in that country and for the ordination of two of our brethren.

David Tobin departed for the UK and Ireland for the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the foundation of Grace Dieu Manor School and the Feast Day celebrations of Blessed Antonio Rosmini, both in Clonmel and Westminster.

23 June – Fr. General flies into Miami for the American Province Assembly, followed by time of visitation to the communities and to visit his family.

Institute News

10 April – At Porta Latina, Binu Palakapally and Sunny Xavier Kadathil were ordained to the Diaconate by Bishop Antonio Riboldi.

11 April – Mr. Mathai Poovanthinkal, the father of Fr. Joseph, died in Kerala. Joe was with his family while on holiday from St. Mary's, Loughborough.

16 April – Rosemary Kamau, the sister of Fr. George, assistant in Gare parish, was found dead near Nairobi, after being absent from home for two weeks.



4 May – In the Hospital of the Holy Cross, Kottiyam, after a certain amount of recovery our brother Shaji Andrew Mettiyam died. He was 30 years old and had 5 years of religious life.

9 May – At Castelvetrano, Sicily, there was a conference entitled: “Comments of Rosmini on the Prologue of St. John’s Gospel.” Fr. General was present.

11 May – At St. Etheldreda’s there was farewell Mass followed by a great party in Ely Place celebrating the long and esteemed work of Fr. Kit Cunningham in the parish of the Westminster Diocese.



Mike Bickerstaff, Bhagya Raju, Shaji Bernard, Fr. Anthony Meredith, Shijo Aymala, Fivins Francis, Jenny Bickerstaff

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Yesudas M., Subin Samuel,
Reji TR.

12 May – In the novitiate near Coimbatore, seven novices took their First Vows, after a retreat preached by Don Pierluigi Giroli.

13-21 May – Pierluigi Giroli preached a second retreat this time to the professed members of the Indian Region

27 May – In the Basilica of San Giovanni a Porta Latina, a memorial plaque was blessed for Contessa Eleonora Attolico Pietromarchi, in the presence of family and friends.

20-30 May – At Porta Latina there was a meeting of the Preparatory Commission for GC08 with the facilitator.

14-15 June – The celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Grace Dieu Manor School, with exhibitions, a Dinner on Saturday night and on Sunday Mass presided by Mons. John Arnold, Auxiliary Bishop in Westminster. 300 attended, staff past and present and with Bishop John other old pupils stretching in age from Brian Hill, brother of Fr. Michael, to those who recently finished sixth form.

21 June – The Congregation for the Sacraments at last sent to the Postulator the approved Collect (in Latin and Italian) for the Mass of Blessed Antonio Rosmini and also the Second Reading for the Office of Readings. It is taken from ‘The Discourses on Love’ – La Dottrina della Carità.

25 June – Frs. Paul Nellikulam and Joe Poovanthikal were installed in the parish of the Mother of God, Leicester, with particular responsibility for the people from Kerala in the Diocese of Nottingham.

Dear friends,

Today Father Tom Thomas was ordained priest in his parish Church of St. Peter and Paul Elanji, near Pala. His Eminence, Mar Joseph Kallarangatt, Bishop of the Syro Malabar Rite Diocese of Pala, was assisted at the ordination by Father Francis and myself. The ordination took about one and a half hours after which the Bishop, was accompanied by Francis and myself to the priests' house for tea and snacks before he left. At this time, our new priest was preparing for his first Mass and Father Dasan was preaching, and continued to preach till after the bishop had gone and we were ready for Mass. Vested at the altar with Father Tom were Father Josekurian and Father Alexander a Claretian priest who was responsible for Tom's early vocation guidance. Also vested were our three newly ordained priests, Fathers Edison, Laiju and Paul Babu plus Father Gerry Cunningham and myself. The rest of the priests attended just outside the sanctuary. It was a solemn and beautifully celebrated Mass and Father Tom was in very good voice for all the singing. Now that we have had the four first masses, I can report that all four of our newly ordained are fine singers! I noticed too that all the celebrants at the altar today had jet black hair with not a grey hair insight, apart from Father Gerry and myself who must have looked like a couple of distinguished archdeacons! Father Tom's parents, and his brother Babu and family were most generous in their welcome and hospitality. It was obviously a great occasion for them. Congratulations to all our newly ordained and to all our brethren who helped to make the past six days so wonderful.

God bless
Anthony

20 May – In the Church of St. Philomena, Koonammava, Paul Babu Thottumkara and Laiju Frances Panikkassery were ordained priest by Mons. Francis Kallarakkal, Bishop of Kottapuram.

23 May – In the Church of the Holy Spirit, Mampally, Edison Barnabas Pullukushy was ordained priest by Mons. M. Susa Pakiam, Archbishop of Trivandrum.

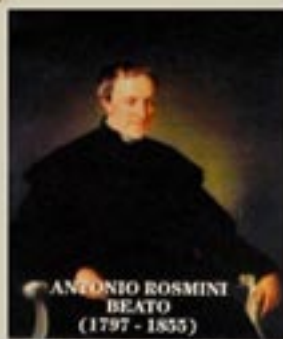
26 May - In the Church of Ss Peter and Paul, Elanji, Tom Thomas Patasseril was ordained priest by Mons. Joseph Kallaranguattu, Bishop of Pala.



Laiju, Edison. Tom and Paul Babu

22 June - At Maricaibo, Pedro Paredes Ramirez and Sandro Antonio Nava were ordained priest by Mons. Oswaldo Azuaje Pérez, Auxiliary Bishop of Maricaibo. There also commenced the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the first Rosminians arriving in Venezuela.

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ANTONIO ROSMINI
BEATO
(1797 - 1855)

EL INSTITUTO DE LA CARIDAD (PADRES ROSMINIANOS) TE INVITA

- A LA CELEBRACIÓN DE LOS 50 AÑOS DE PRESENCIA ROSMINIANA EN VENEZUELA
- EXPOSICIÓN SOLEMNE DE LA RELIQUIA DEL BEATO ANTONIO ROSMINI

SAGRADAS ORDENACIONES SACERDOTALES DE SANDRO NAVA Y PEDRO PAREDES RAMÍREZ POR IMPOSICIÓN DE MANOS DE MONS. AZUAJE PÉREZ CASTOR-OSSWALDO OBISPO AUXILIAR DE MARACAIBO



PADRE JOSÉ



PADRE JUAN



HNA. ANTIDA



PADRE ANDRÉS



PADRE ARTURO



HNA. TRANQUILLINA



HNA. VALENTINA



50
Años



PADRE RENZO



PADRE DOMINGO



HNA. IDA PIA



PADRE PEDRO PAREDES



PADRE SANDRO NAVA

Fecha: 22 de Junio de 2008
Hora: 10:00am
Lugar: Templo de San Francisco de Asís
Colegio Rosmini - Maracaibo

Hora: 12:00 pm. Gran Fiesta Familiar en las Instalaciones del Colegio.

Clergy by Monica Furlong

Some few years ago now, the late Monica Furlong wrote these memorable and wonderfully politically incorrect words in a letter to me, writes Ron Swain. In a year when we have witnessed the ordination of eight priests it is apt to reproduce it here.

I am clear what I want of the clergy. I want them to be people who can, by their own happiness and contentment, challenge my ideas about status, about success, about money, and so teach me how to live more independently of such drugs. I want them to be people who can dare, as I do not dare, and as few of my contemporaries dare, to refuse to work flat out (since work is an even more subtle drug than status), to refuse to compete with me in strenuousness. I want them to be people who are secure enough in the value of what they are doing to have time to read, to sit and think, and who can face the emptiness and possible depression which often attack people when they do not keep the surface of their mind occupied. I want them to be people who have faced this kind of loneliness and discovered how fruitful it is, as I want them to be people who have faced the problems of prayer. I want them to be people who can sit still without being guilty.

[Ron Swain is an Anglican priest and spiritual director]

28 June – At St. Oliver’s Church, Clonmel, the first solemn Mass celebrating the Feast Day of Blessed Antonio Rosmini took place. Cardinal Sean Brady, Archbishop of Armagh, presided with Bishop William Lee of Waterford concelebrating with Rosminian brethren and attended by family and friends. There were 350 present for the Mass and the dinner afterwards.

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