

Ramblings from Rome

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Curia News

- 1 July** – Father General is on his Canonical Visitation in the United Kingdom and, at Wisbech, blesses and inaugurates the new multifunctional Centre. This is the brainchild of Father Doman with the co-operation of his parishioners.
- 8 July** – Today the Lord calls to himself Mrs Patricia Broderick, the mother of Father Anthony Meredith, Vicar of Spiritual Charity. She was 95 years old.
- 11 July** – Father General ends his visitation of the English-Welsh Province and returns to Rome.
- 12 July** – Marco Tanghetti also returns to Rome; he has been spending some time with his family.
- 13 – 14 July** – Generalitial Council.
- 15 July** – D. Mariani leaves for his holidays; Marco Tanghetti leaves for Venezuela.
- 16 July** – Anthony Meredith leaves for Lourdes and afterwards goes to UK.
- 17 July** – Joe O'Reilly returns to Ireland.

- 26 July** – Father General leaves for Ireland for holidays with his family.
- 18 August** – D. Mariani returns to Rome and goes up to Montecompatri to give some pastoral help there.
- 26 August** – Father General returns to Rome and leaves immediately for North Italy, where, on 30th he takes part in the celebrations at Baceno, organized by our Sisters, for the 200th anniversary of the birth of Sister Maria Giovanna Antonietta.
- 31 August** – Anthony Meredith returns to Rome.
- 1 September** – D. Mariani returns to his work in Rome.
- 6 September** – Marco Tanghetti and Joe O’Reilly return to Rome.
- 7–8 September** – General Council.
- 9–18 September** – Anthony Meredith preaches a retreat at Valderice (Trapani) for a group of English men and women
- 12 September** – Joe O’Reilly returns to Ireland for important meetings. D. Mariani and Marco Tanghetti participate in the episcopal Consecration by the Pope of five bishops, among whom is Mgr. Raffaello Martinelli, the Director of the basilica of San Carlo al Corso, and Bishop elect of Frascati.
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Institute

- 1 July** – The solemn liturgical memorial of Blessed Antonio Rosmini. Celebrations took place in Rosminian places throughout the world. The ceremony at Stresa was especially marked by the presence of Cardinal José Saraiva Martins and the new Provincial, D. Claudio Papa, who is taking over this office from D. Umberto Muratore. At Porta Latina the married couple Giorgio Salzano and Elena Mannucci became Ascribed Members.



5 August – Father John Raymund Bunting, Spiritual Coadjutor, died suddenly at St. Patrick’s, Newport. He was 75 years old and had spent 52 years in religion.

16 August – The novice Ludovico Maria Gadaleta, from Milan, aged 26, professed his scholastic vows at Calvario.

Raymund Bunting

19 – 24 August – A ‘Vocational Sharing Week’ took place at Calvario for young people in search of what they should do in life.

23 – 29 August – The first Chapter of the new Venezuelan Province, led by Marco Tanghetti, took place at Maracaibo with all the brethren attending.



Provincial Chapter - Venezuelan Province

26 – 29 August – At Stresa, the tenth Rosminian Symposium with the theme ‘*Education: How?*’ As always there a large number of young students took part.

- 30 August** – The pilgrimage to Baceno in Verbania, consisting of Priests, Sisters, Ascribed and Rosminian friends for the occasion of 200th anniversary of the birth of Sister Maria Giovanna Antonietta, the co-founder of the Rosminian Sisters of Providence. The commemorative discourse was given by Professor Tullio Bertamini.
- 13 September** – The new bishop of Frascati took possession of his Cathedral. The parish of Montecompatri, entrusted to our Institute, lies in his diocese. The priests of the parish took part in the welcome.
- 15 September** – Liturgical feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, dear to Rosmini and patroness of so many of our Houses. It was solemnly celebrated at Porta Latina.
- 30 September** – A triduum of preparation for the priestly ordination of Don Carlo Stefanazzi was held in the parish of Santo Spirito in Rome.

A Report from D. Marco Tanghetti

Each Province of the Institute must hold a Provincial Chapter following a General Congregation. The Province of Venezuela was the first Province of the Institute to hold its Chapter following on from the General Congregation of 2008. This was also the first chapter for the newly erected Venezuelan Province. It took place in August from 23rd to 29th. with Father Marco Tanghetti, is the Vicar of Intellectual Charity on the General Curia, as its facilitator. Father Marco writes:

It was a nice experience of the warmth of that young community, not only because it was held in Maracaibo's Rosmini College in

temperatures around 44°C., but also on account of the wisdom coming from the elders, the founder members of what was the Vice-Province, who were with us.

All the brethren of the Province were together having been invited by Father Felice, the Provincial, who convoked the Chapter. It focussed on sharing and appreciating the unity of the Province and its members, our concern for formation, and on a vision towards our future mission as Rosminians. In this we were following the indications of the General Congregation 08, walking always in the footsteps of our Rule of Life; following the journey of the Church in South-America, through the word of Aparecida, and the signs of the times in the light of the Plenary Council of Venezuela.

The event was well prepared and our deliberations focussed on three areas: community, formation, and mission. The final document has around fifty main points, the same number of years as our presence in Venezuela, a jubilee we have just celebrated.

It surely encourages us to go further as a small but lively group of Rosminians, facing the social challenges and current problems, and to repond again with the faith of Peter when Jesus told him and his companions to *'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch'*, REMA MAR ADENTRO!"

Don Marco Tanghetti.

Gallery



Our Indian Postulants



Marco, Davide and Ludovico.
Scholastics of the Italian Province

On-going formation in our Rosminian family.

Once again discussion leaflets have been prepared by Sr. Maria Bruna and Father Jimmy Browne ready for this year's meetings. In a joint letter from our respective Generals, we are encouraged to attend these important meetings in our local areas.



Sharing a meal together at our sisters' convent in Via Aurelia after the last meeting before the summer break.

Pray the Lord of the harvest..

The Italian Province has set a good and important example for the other Provinces of the Institute, in particular to the Provinces in the west. In recent years it has shown an openness to seeking and nurturing vocations to our Institute. There has been a small but steady stream of novices entering our novitiate house at Monte Calvario, Domodossola.

The novitiate community at Monte Calvario, arranged a vocations workshop from 19th to 24th of August, which was open to anyone in Europe who might be interested

In the event, only three attended. In the brief account they wrote of the experience, I quote the following conclusion:

“We take heart from the words of Pope Paul VI that can be useful: So that no one, through our fault, will be ignorant of the fact that God does call people even today to change their lives and follow him”.

One of the recently professed, Ludovico, has joined our community here at Porta Latina bringing the total of the Italian Province scholastics to three. Br. Ludoviko joins Br. David Tabatadze, originally from Georgia, and Br. Marco Galati.

Economic Growth.

We have been blessed for a number of years with vocations from India, Africa and Venezuela. Many have now been ordained priests. Undoubtedly it is not easy for our newly established Indian and African Provinces to generate any income and so they have relied heavily on the older Provinces and areas of the Institute

However in the present economic climate it is good that our newly erected Indian Province is finding ways to raise even a little income for their Province. In Coimbatore Father Ephreme has opened parts of the novitiate house for groups to come on retreat.



It is an ideal situation and the atmosphere conducive for silence and recollection. In the prayer hall which is under the newly constructed Chapel Father Ephreme has had a figure of Christ sitting in a meditative position painted on the wall above the tabernacle.

In the postulancy also, Father Binu has started offering days of recollection, religious meetings, discussions and retreats in the Gurukulam building.

I understand that the farms at both these houses are being run effectively and this also produces some income for the Province.

Congratulations to Father Xavier, the new Provincial, and the brethren for these initiatives.

Anthony Meredith