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PERPETUAL VOWS IN CAMEROON



On 08 December 2023, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, as has become a tradition in the Vice-Province of Cameroon, our Confreres Armel DONADONI NGONO, CM and Jean Emmanuel ONANENA, CM were instituted Acolytes and took Perpetual Vows in the presence of the Visitor, the Confreres, the Vincentian Family, members of the biological families and friends.



The ceremony took place at the Saint-Vincent-de-Paul Scholasticate in Yaoundé, with Mass presided over by the Visitor, Guenolé FEUGANG, CM. During his homily, the Visitor exhorted the Confreres - newly incorporated - to be, like the Virgin Mary, slaves to the love of God and the Congregation, and to avoid being accusers of their Confreres.





BISHOP ODAIR ORDAINED BISHOP IN IRATI



"It was a gift for us. We thank the diocese of Ponta Grossa and, of course, the Vincentian family", said the metropolitan archbishop of Porto Alegre and president of the National Conference of Bishops of Brazil (CNBB), Monsignor Jaime Spengler, speaking of the appointment of Monsignor Odair Miguel Gonsalves dos Santos as auxiliary bishop of the capital of Rio Grande do Sul. In a beautiful celebration, rich in symbolism and emotion, the episcopal ordination took place on the afternoon of Friday (8), in the parish church of São Miguel, in Irati, the hometown of the ordained, and in the presence of many of his family members. Monsignor Jaime was the main ordinand, and at his side were Monsignor José Carlos Chacorowski, of the Congregation of the Mission, of the Order of Monsignor Odair, and Monsignor Sergio Arthur Braschi, host bishop of the diocese of Ponta Grossa.

The celebration began with the profession of faith made by the new bishop, in the presence of the other bishops, the assisting priests, the Lazarist priests Leandro Maeski and Simão Valenga, priests and deacons, inside the parish church. Afterwards, they all went to a specially prepared area in the inner courtyard. Sergio greeted the archbishops, bishops, bishops emeritus from all over Paraná, Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul, as well as the priests and deacons. He addressed especially the brothers of Dom Odair, Ocimar and Odete. Jaime asked everyone to pray in silence for the new bishop and for all the families affected by the rains in Paraná, Santa Catarina and Rio Grande do Sul. The celebration was attended by about 3,000 people and among them were the mayor Jorge Derbli and his deputy, Ieda Waydzik.

An additional emotion for all the faithful of the diocese of Ponta Grossa, on the way to its centenary, was the use by the president of the CNBB of the crozier that belonged to Dom Antônio Mazzarotto, the first diocesan bishop. The "loan" of the crozier was authorised by Bishop Sergio for the celebration. Jaime said he knew Dom Antônio's brother, Dom Jerônimo Mazzarotto, who was auxiliary bishop of Curitiba and died aged 102 in 1999. "I didn't know (he would carry the crozier). Monsignor Sergio only said he would give the crozier to the diocese, but I didn't know it belonged to the first bishop. It is an honour for me. I feel very marked by it. There is a beautiful story here. A journey of the Church completing a century. An expression of much prayer, much commitment, much dedication, much community spirit. The Church is essentially a community of faith. We must respect and celebrate this journey. I hope that the celebration of 100 years can be an opportunity to take an even greater leap in evangelisation," commented Bishop Jaime Spengler.



Recalling that Mgr Odair is the second bishop to be ordained in the diocese in recent years from the interior of Irati, Mgr Sergio considered it a great blessing. "That one more son of the land is called not only to the priestly life, but to the episcopate is a great joy. And the last two, Mário Spaki and now Bishop Odair, from the interior of Irati. Among the clergy, we have the saying that "Irati is a granary of vocations". In fact, from these parishes - there are four in total - we have many vocations, many priests, and now these two bishops. We must not forget that we also have a large number of priests and religious sisters, who are vocations from families from here, from Irati. A great honour. Great thanksgiving today to God for this gift", praised the bishop of Ponta Grossa.

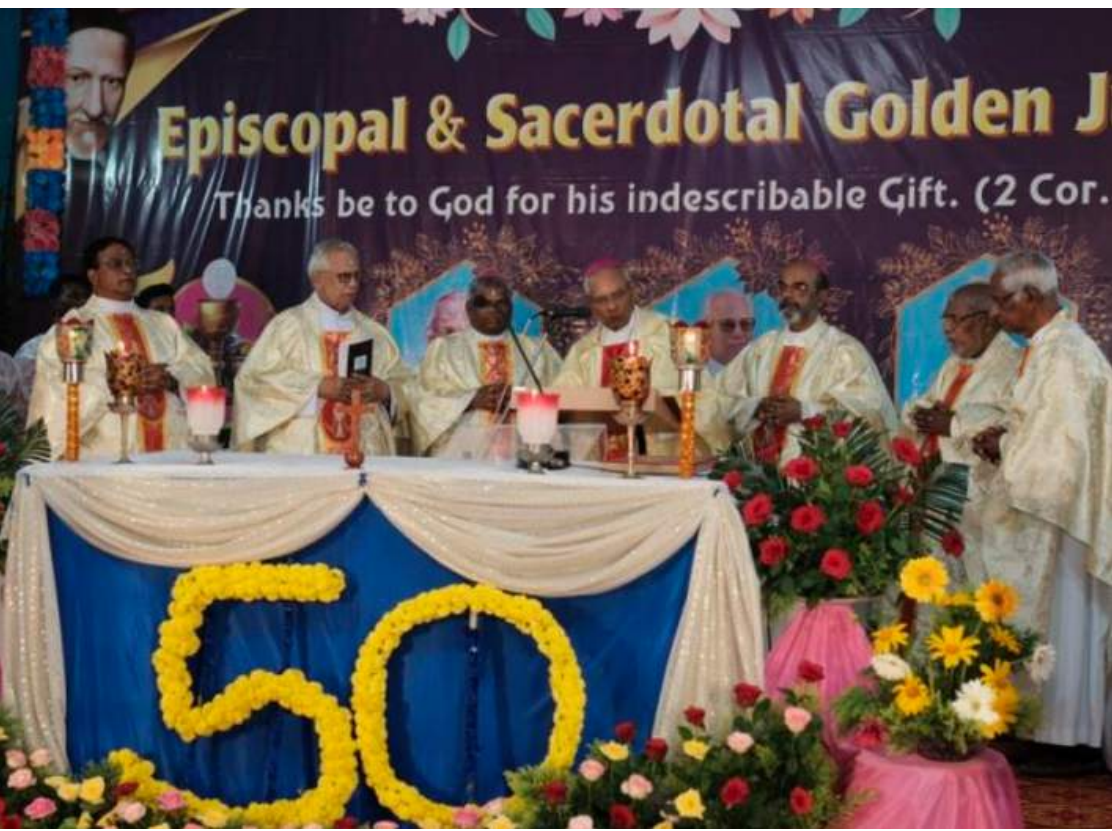


Sergio said that from the moment the news of Monsignor Odair's election as auxiliary bishop became known, the reaction was one of great joy on the part of the clergy, of the nuns and, above all, of the people of Irati in particular, but of the whole diocese. "When we received the news, we were about to begin the Assembly of the Bishops of Paraná, which was being held in Cornélio Procópio, and two days later, the Assembly of the People of God, the great moment of bringing together all the dioceses of Paraná. I could not be there at the first moment to embrace it, but it was really something that brought a new enthusiasm to our diocesan church", the bishop added.

Monsignor Carlos Chacorowski, a Lazarist priest like Monsignor Odair, said he was very happy about his appointment, especially because now he will be able to share with him the responsibility in the province. "I am alone as bishop. Now I have a companion, a brother. Odair is our sixth bishop in the province. We have a beautiful history of bishops in these 120 years of presence of the Congregation of the Mission, sons of St. Vincent de Paul, here in the southern region of Brazil. Inácio Krause was the first, then Domingos Wisniewski, Dom Ladislau Biernaski, Dom Isidoro Kosinski, myself and, today, Dom Odair. This is a source of great joy. I am very happy that another colleague from the Province of the Congregation of the Mission is now also part of the living force of the Church in the CNBB. I am also happy to be in the presence of Bishop Jaime because we were appointed bishops together by Pope Benedict XVI. It is a pleasure to see him again, to meet him again," he said, joking that he was ordained bishop in 2011 by the vice-president of the CNBB at the time (José Belisário da Silva), and that Mgr Odair had a better opportunity: to be ordained by the president of the CNBB. "Dom Sergio was even one of the ordaining bishops when I was appointed auxiliary bishop of São Luís do Maranhão," he added.



GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION: A SPIRITUAL JOURNEY OF GRATITUDE AND REFLECTION



On the hallowed evening of 27 October 2023, a deeply spiritual and uplifting celebration took place as priests, religious and devout faithful gathered to pay homage to the

Golden Jubilee of Bishop Emeritus Thomas Thiruthalil, CM, of the Diocese of Balasore.

This auspicious event marked not only the golden jubilee of episcopal ordination of Bp. Emeritus Thomas Thiruthalil, CM, but also the golden jubilee of priestly ordination of Fr Andrew Chettiyadan, CM, Fr Basil Thottamkara, CM, and Fr Joseph Palayoor, CM. This extraordinary occasion witnessed five decades of their steadfast dedication to faith and selfless service, radiating as an abundant source of inspiration and deep reflection for all who graced the event with their presence.



"Our Vincentian charism is not static," Fr Grozio said in his homily, which can be viewed here. "For our charism to be alive, it must be constantly renewed in us as individuals, as houses and as a province."

Celebrating the hope of a brother who completes his vocation

During the Eucharist, Br Vincent Luong, CM, approached the Altar to make his Good resolutions. This reduced the immense breadth of 400 years of service to a moment of clarity.

"In Brother Vincent, our province is renewed anew, and we take up the challenge to renew our hearts and follow God's will," said Fr Grozio.

Surrounded by family, friends, faithful and companions, Br Luong was smiling from ear to ear as he was ordained.

"Celebrating Brother Vincent's good resolutions is a sign of hope for all of us here. That's what makes today such a wonderful day," said Fr. Luis Romero, CM, Vocation Director of the Congregation of the Mission of the Eastern Province.

Faithful to the Vincentian spirit, Br Luong hopes to help people in poverty, including the sick. He also hopes to grow the faith of young people. He emphasised this point when speaking about the 400th anniversary.



Liturgy (Holy Mass)

The celebration began with a solemn Holy Mass at 16:30, an occasion of deep reverence and thanksgiving. Led by the master of ceremonies, Father Pratap Misal, the congregation was ushered into a sacred atmosphere of reflection and gratitude. The biographies of the jubilarians were eloquently presented by Fr. Pratap, recounting their five decades of selfless service to the Church.

The investiture ceremony was deeply symbolic, representing the many years of dedicated service. Bishop Thomas Thiruthalil, CM, Bishop Varghese Thottamkara, CM, Bishop Aplanar Senapati, CM, Father Mathew Nayak, CM, Father Andrew Chettiyadan, CM, Father Basil Thotamkara, CM, and Father Joseph Palayoor, CM, gathered at the entrance of the holy hall. Fr. Thomas Thiruthalil, chief celebrant, presided over the mass with an air of grace and solemnity, leading the congregation on a deep spiritual journey.

Mathew Nayak, Visitor of the North Indian Province, extended a cordial welcome, creating an atmosphere of warmth and grace that set the perfect tone for the sacred liturgical celebration. The music, carefully sung by Aquinas College, wove a divine tapestry, enriching the congregation's connection to the spiritual realm.

The liturgy unfolded as a beautiful tapestry of sacred readings from scripture passages, Isaiah 61: 1-3, Acts 20: 17-36, and the Gospel of Matthew 5: 13-16, reverberated with messages of enlightenment, divine mission and the call to be salt and light in the world.

Homily: A source of spiritual nourishment

The heart of the liturgy was the homily, in which Bp. Varghese Thottamkara, CM, Bishop of Balasore shared profound reflections. He reminded the congregation that the faith journey of the jubilarians was not just a personal achievement but a testimony to the grace and guidance of divinity. With eloquence and depth, he encouraged all to reflect on their own journeys, finding purpose and light in service to others.

Fr Varghese emphasised the powerful message of the Gospel, drawing parallels between the call to be salt and light in the world and the service of the jubilarians as beacons of faith and love throughout their 50 years. He reminded everyone that their mission, as highlighted in Matthew 5: 13-16, is to bring out the flavours of God and the colours of God in the world.

The homily served as spiritual nourishment, leaving the congregation with a renewed sense of purpose and gratitude for the contributions of the retirees. It was a reminder that faith, like salt and light, has the power to transform and illuminate lives.

The Prayer of the Faithful became a sacred juncture of collective reflection and fervent supplication, uniting the faithful in their shared spiritual journey.

At the conclusion of the liturgy, the congregation left with hearts filled with gratitude and a renewed commitment to live a life of faith, service and love, just as the jubilarians have done for half a century.

Congratulation

At 7pm, the Felicitation Programme unfolded with grace and reverence, celebrating the remarkable legacy of Fr Emeritus Thomas Thiruthalil, CM, Fr Andrew Chettiyadan, CM, Fr Basil Thottamkara, CM, and Fr Joseph Palayoor, CM. Fr. Jeessaya Nayak, acting as master of ceremonies, orchestrated the evening with finesse. The programme began with a mesmerising prayer dance that set the stage for an evening of spiritual depth and appreciation.

Fr Rajeeb Singh's welcome address radiated warmth, and Fr George Varakulam's felicitation speech and portrait presentation underlined the deep respect for the jubilarians. Aquinas College filled the air with melodious notes, offering a congratulatory song that resonated with the spirit of the evening. The jubilarians, Fr Andrew, Fr Basil and Fr Palayoor, shared their personal reflections, making the evening deeply personal and moving. This was followed by an elegant dance performance that infused warmth into the occasion, captivating all in attendance. Distinguished dignitaries, including Fr Thomas, Sr Martha, Visitatrix of the Daughters of Charity of the North Indian Province, Fr Aplanar, Bishop of Rayagada Diocese and Fr Varghese, offered words of wisdom and gratitude, enriching the evening. Fr. Ignatius concluded the programme with a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing his gratitude to all those who contributed to this memorable celebration. After the felicitation programme, the gathering continued to celebrate, enjoying a delicious dinner and agape, symbolising communal nourishment and sharing. The programme was a testament to the enduring power of faith, service and community, uniting all in a spirit of celebration and gratitude. It was an evening that celebrated a legacy of service and left a lasting impression of respect and admiration for the retirees' decades of dedication.

MISSIONARIES FROM SPAIN TO INDIA





PASTORAL ACTIVITY OF THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

As members of the community of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, we want to be part of the Church that works for the construction of the Kingdom of God, constituting pastoral teams that can attend to the spiritual, material and social needs of the people of God.

Our mission: to project the Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, of the Vincentian Family as a fraternal, supportive and missionary community; in such a way that the Gospel of Jesus Christ reaches all the inhabitants of the district of Constitucion and the entire parish, starting from the welcome, the personal and community encounter with Jesus Christ, the celebration of life and faith.

To carry out this task we have various ministries such as: liturgy team, youth group, interdisciplinary team of community social assistance made up of social workers and psychologists, prayer groups for adults and children, catechesis team, music ministries, among others.



PRAYER PLAN

WEDNESDAY: Mass for primary and secondary students of "La Divina Providencia" School.

THURSDAY: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4 to 6 p.m. Mass at 6 p.m., during which the blessing and presentation of the Green Scapular will take place, followed by the Rosary of torches for the health of the sick and the conversion of sinners, and the laying on of hands.

FRIDAY: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass; exorcism and blessing of the sacramentals, - Prayer of the Red Scapular of the Passion, blessing and giving of the Scapular, - Adoration of the Cross and prayer of the Red Scapular of the Passion, blessing and giving of the Scapular. Adoration of the Cross and prayer of deliverance.

SATURDAYS: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Mass, at the end of which we pray the Perpetual Novena. Afterwards, guided adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

SUNDAYS: Revival Praises. Charismatic Mass

DAY 19 OF EACH MONTH: Prayer of the Holy Rosary, then Mass in honour of St. Joseph.

27th DAY OF EACH MONTH: Mass in honour of the Miraculous Medal. Blessing and imposition of the Medal, according to the ritual of the Vincentian Family.

29th DAY OF EACH MONTH: Mass in honour of St. Michael the Archangel - Exorcisms/Prayer of Deliverance.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH: Mass for the sick and afflicted. Recitation of the Holy Rosary, prayer for healing and deliverance, exorcism and blessing of water and salt, Eucharistic procession and laying on of hands.

All celebrations have altar service, music ministry and are streamed. Holy Communion is administered under both species. Confessions: Before and during the celebrations.





PASTORAL MINISTRIES AND MINISTRIES OF OUR CHURCH - OBJECTIVES AND RESOURCES

YOUTH GROUP

Specific Objectives:

- To integrate young people into community life by generating a pastoral ministry with attractive and edifying activities within the Church in order to achieve in young people an encounter with Christ and the Gospel.

To understand, accompany and assist young people in the context of their social, family and psychological reality, especially those in situations of vulnerability. To encourage and accompany young people with priestly and religious vocations.

- To walk with young people and adolescents the journeys of faith taking into account their specificities and age-specific needs.

Resources and action plan:

- The group has a coordinator.

Weekly meetings and various pastoral activities.

INTERDISCIPLINARY COMMUNITY SOCIAL ACTION TEAM

Specific objectives:

- To assist people in our community in situations of social, economic and psychological vulnerability under the motto of St. Vincent de Paul that charity to be effective has to be organised.
- First listening service and accompaniment of people in the process of liberation.
- Psychological counselling
- To concretise the option for the poor in our community, by means of creative and effective programmes and projects, which promote their integral development from the permanent observation of the socio-cultural reality of the neighbourhoods and the valuation of their own culture, processes and dynamics, according to the spirit of the beatitudes and the style of Jesus to recognise and disseminate the seeds of the Gospel in their midst and contribute to creating better and more dignified living conditions.

Resources and action plan:

- The team has a coordinator and team members belonging to the community who are engaged in various activities to raise funds for the task such as: raffles and different events for that purpose.
- Campaigns to activate the donation of food, hygiene and basic necessities.
- Group of qualified professionals to meet the needs of the ministry (social workers, psychologists, lawyers, etc.).
- Sponsors: members of the community who pledge to make a monthly contribution.



CATECHESIS TEAM

Specific objectives:

- Catechetical preparation and formation of the faithful to receive the Sacraments.
- To go out and propose proclamation, initiation into the faith and catechesis based on the witness and accompaniment of the community, through the dissemination of the seeds of the Kingdom and the development of catechumenate processes, which take into account the ages, experiences and interests of the recipients in order to bring the good news of salvation to all.
- Project the evangelisation of families from welcoming and accompanying parents, children, young people, couples and grandparents to make the gospel of the family resonate in homes, support parents in their mission, help and encourage those in difficulty.

Resources:

- Catechists Group

PRAYER GROUPS CHARISMATIC

- Prayer group "Renovaditos" for children from 3 to 14 years old. It has three catechists and animators.
- Adult prayer group "Salt and Light".
- Prayer and worship group "Kharys".



MUSIC MINISTRIES

So far we have nine music ministries that serve in the different celebrations, festivities and parish events. They accompany the prayer of the faithful with praise and worship. It also has servers who take care of the sound and streaming transmissions.

VARIOUS COMMUNITY OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Monthly we serve a lunch, consisting of choripan, soft drinks and dessert, for homeless people. Approximately 300 people attend each event.

Children's Day Festival (recreational activities, live theatre and musicals, gift raffle, lunch and snack. In August 2021, we welcome approximately 1500+ people to this outdoor event.

In July 2022, we will screen films for 80 children per day in a cinema that will be located in one of the chapel gardens.



ORDINATIONES

LIMA Purna Chandra	Sac	INS	29/11/2023
BARIK Biswanath	Sac	INS	28/12/2023
GOMANGO Rajulu	Sac	INS	28/12/2023
NAYAK Surya Prasad	Sac	INS	28/12/2023
SOBOR Nafish	Sac	INS	28/12/2023

NECROLOGIUM

Nomen	Cond.	Dies ob.	Prov.	Aet.	Voc.
MATA CALZADA* Teófilo	Fra	01/12/2023	SVP	77	58
JIMÉNEZ José Pio	Sac	02/12/2023	ORL	83	63
AMENGUAL JAUME Juan	Sac	12/12/2023	SVP	83	62
CARTON* Bernard	Fra	13/12/2023	FRA	81	65
ALCARAZ REYES Manuel	Sac	22/12/2023	MEX	83	64
ALFONSO LOYOLA José María	Sac	25/12/2023	CAE	83	67

MOVEMENTS

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