

# NEWSLETTER



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## MISSIONS IN MEXICO

The Piarist Latin Mission members departed for the mountains of Tabasco, Mexico for one more year, to bring the Word of God to the people who, year after year, are waiting for them.

There were some new and young members, along with the older veterans. Energy and experience made an excellent mix in order to fulfill the program of evangelization assigned for this year.

The missionaries were divided into two teams, under the direction of Fr. Mario and Fr. Oscar. Every team worked in two different "rancherías" or villages for a week: the first team worked in Chivalito II and Caparrosa; the second in Chivalito IV and Melchor Ocampo II.

The mission started with a short visit to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico DF, and was followed by a solemn Mass in Macuspana. The presider was the parish Priest Rev. Antonio Ramirez, who at the end of it officially sent the missionaries on their assignments.

After two weeks of hard work, the missionaries enjoyed a few days visit the cultural sites in one of the most beautiful Mexican cities:



The Missionaries, in Macuspana with the parish Priest D. Antonio

Puebla, renowned for its many churches and other historic monuments.

The experience was a memorable one, both for those who received us in their humble houses, and

for all of us who had the opportunity to visit them. Our faith is never the same once we have shared it with the poor.

We are looking forward to our mission next July.

## FR. PROVINCIAL'S CORNER

### The visit of Fr. General

The visit of Fr. General to each one of our Communities could become a moment of grace (Kairos) to all of us if prepared diligently and with spiritual communion and real fraternity.

Among the different duties of Fr. General there are the following:

. To safeguard and foster fidelity to the Calasanzian charism in our ministry every-

where

. To defend and confirm the identity and unity of the entire Order

. To foster by all means religious and Community life

Among the purposes of the visit, is the community's renewal, according to our Rules, .

To renew our own identity as Piarists; to increase our communion with the entire Order, and to renew our Community

life, will undoubtedly enrich ourselves, enhance the quality of our personal life and contribute to our own joy and satisfaction making our ministry more fruitful.

Father General will be us from October 27 to November 14. Let us prepare for him and for his General Assistant a warm and fraternal welcome.

Mario Vizcaino, Fr. Provincial



## MIAMI NEWS



Gilberto, Angel and Francisco.  
August 12, 2007

For the first time in many years, our province has a novitiate in the USA. On August 12th, Gilberto, Angel and Francisco were accepted into the Novitiate by Fr. Provincial. Their Novice Master is Fr. Luis Padilla, arrived from Colombia at the end of August.

The presence of the Novitiate in our community will give us a new spiritual dimension. Our Community, by the way, with the approval of Archbishop Favalora and Fr. General, has been erected as a Canonical House, and Fr.

Jose P. Burgues has been appointed the Superior. Also with the approval of Fr. General, it is the Provincial House.

In addition to the novices, there are two juniors studying Philosophy, and seven aspirants and pre-novices.

We also have three juniors studying Theology, in Rome, Devon and Bogota, and two others studying Philosophy in Mexico.

The Lord is good in giving us vocations... and the formation of our candidates is taking more and more energy from us. Blessed be the Lord.

*“It is a good principle of the spiritual life to have self knowledge and to understand the misery where we are born, and also our ingratitude towards God after so many benefits. If you try this with diligence, I can assure you that you will have in this life some knowledge of God. .“*

### St. Joseph Calasanz

## VOCATION STORIES

I, Cervando, now understand that the Love of God is much stronger than anything I had ever imagined, and now I thank Him not only for my vocational call, but also because He has made me worthy to serve Him in His presence.

Through the grace bestowed upon me when I was ministering in my Parish in the USA as a Youth Coordinator, I found the

Face of God in the brothers and sisters of my community. I saw the youth around me as sheep without a shepherd, and at that moment I felt something inside me. God was calling me to Consecrated Life. Following my call, I experience a great joy in this country where I am now living as a seminarian in the Community of the Piarist Fathers.

It is not always easy, but it was worth the struggle to do



the will of the Beloved One and to go where He wishes me to serve Him.

## THE USA PROVINCE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

In the current Provincial Plan, approved by the Provincial Chapter on April 2007, one of the main objectives is “To establish and maintain the financial stability of the Province”.

To achieve that, it was decided “That the Provincial Congregation will hire a full-time Development Director and will establish a physical Development

Office that will raise funds”. And also, that “The Provincial Congregation will investigate creative ways to seek funds for the education of our seminarians and the care of our elderly fathers.”

These decisions have been implemented. The Development Office has been established at Fort Lauderdale,

under the coordination of the Provincial Treasurer Fr. John Callan. Mr. Kevin Owens was hired as Development Director and began his work on August 1st by attending a workshop in Indianapolis on Development for small non-profit organizations.

You will learn more about the DO soon on our Provincial web page. We wish the Office good luck.

## KENTUCKY NEWS

### Former Marines Aid Kentucky Mission

Five Indiana Parishes have been assisting the Piarist Kentucky Appalachian Mission in a number of service projects. In August, the parishes collected and brought to the Mission over thirty boxes of non-perishable food, weighing nearly a ton, to be distributed to the needy.

Under the direction of Lee Henninger, a former U.S. Marine, a total of twenty-one former Marines and their families have been assisting the Piarist Mission. During the hottest days of August, they renovated and insulated the Mission's distribution

center. They also installed window air conditioners in the School offices and replaced two outside entrance doors to the School. They also painted decks at an area youth camp.

The parishes have been working with the Mission Outreach Director, Audrey Collins, for the past three years. Collins was brought into full communion with the Church during this year's Easter Vigil.

### Volleyball Begins

The Piarist School has introduced a new sport, girl's volleyball. Practice began on July 15th for the Volley Knights,

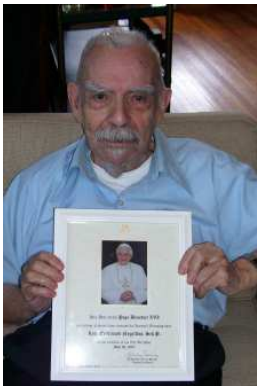


The Piarist Lady Knights

coached by Darlene Moore and Courtney Martin. The Knights lost their season opener to Phelps but won their second game against Pike Central. "They played with a lot of heart," said Coach Moore. The team consists of six juniors, three sophomores and 4 freshmen.



## DEVON NEWS



Many members of the Province gathered in Devon to celebrate Fr. Negrillos' 90th birthday on the 30th of May. Fr. Negrillos received a special Blessing from the Holy Father Benedict XVI on that occasion.

Fr. Stephen Mustos asked Fr. General to be transferred back to his native Hungary for health reasons. Fr. General gave him obedience to return, and so on June 20th he left the USA. The Province thanks him for his 18 years of service as Headmaster of Devon Prep, and for his service as pastor of St. Stephen of Hungary Parish in Passaic, NJ, and prays the Lord for him.



*"We must have a lot of patience with the sick, and while they are mortified by the Lord with sickness, we should not afflict them more, but rather console them, and with kindness try to make them understand that the Lord sends to them sickness so that they might awake from their sleep and might promise to walk in the future with more fervor and diligence on the road of perfection"*

**St. Joseph Calasanz**

## PROFESSION IN CELAYA, MEXICO

Our novices Jesus, Federico and Nicolas made their Temporary Profession in the Novitiate House at Celaya on July 12, 2007. Five other novices from Puerto Rico, the Californias and Mexico accompanied them.

Fidel Mondragon had started his novitiate in the same House one week earlier, along with four other novices. All four are shown in the photo, along with Frs. Alberto and Jose, who attended the important celebrations.



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*“The Mission of the USA Province of the Pious Schools is to follow Christ and to serve the Church in the modern world by promoting our unique way of life and by ministering effectively to the educational needs of children and youth, especially the poor”*

**Provincial Plan  
2007-2011**

## NEWS FROM THE ORDER AROUND THE WORLD

- *A new Demarcation has been created in the Order: the Provincial Vicariate of Bolivia, depending on the Province of Emmaus. The Vicariate has two communities: Anzaldo-Cocapata and Cochabamba, with 16 religious. The Major Superior is Fr. Pedro Lasheras.*
- *The King of Spain has bestowed the Order of the Pious Schools with the Corbata de Alfonso X el Sabio, the highest Spanish decoration for merits in the field of Education. Congratulations!*
- *Our Superior General, Fr. Jesus Lecea, has offered to the Pope Benedict XVI the Commemorative Medal of the 450 h Anniversary of the Birth of St. Joseph Calasanz..*
- *Many other events are happening in the Order to celebrate this special event, especially in Peralta de la Sal, Spain, the birth place of Calasanz. Among them, the UFEC has organized a pilgrimage there. The visitors will see a temporary exhibit of Piarist artists from all around the world. The celebrations will culminate on the month of October, during the Meeting of all the Major superiors of the Order there.*
- *On August 4th a very happy event took place in Cebu, Philippines: three Filipino Piarists were ordained priests, and two more, deacons. With them, the number of ordained Filipinos increases to ten. A long and prosperous life to Japan-Philippines!*

## THE UFEC CELEBRATES 150 YEARS OF THE PIARIST PRESENCE IN CUBA

About 200 people gathered in SEPI on June, 9<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Pious Schools in Cuba. The Piarist Cuban Family Association (UFEC), with its 3 Delegations (New York, Puerto Rico and Miami) was the convoking organization. After the opening prayer by Fr. Mario, the Counselor of UFEC, Mr. Andres Castellanos made a brilliant presentation about the contributions of the Pious Schools to Cuba during the past 150 years. He talked about the many Cuban personalities who were formed in the Schools of the Piarists, and also about the influence of some Piarist Fathers on the culture and faith of the Cuban people.

Then, three distinguished panelists, Dr. Humberto Medrano, Dr. Raul Zayas Bazan and Lic. Alberto Muller gave their personal views about the same topic, with great faith and conviction.



Some of the attendants to the Celebration in SEPI

Other people, among the attendants, had their chance to offer their personal views about the Piarists and the way they changed their lives.

After the academic part, came a musical interlude, and a deli-

cious Cuban dinner. The event celebrated the joy of the present, the pride for the past, and the hope for the future. Be many more years for the Piarists in Cuba... And see you again in September.