

FROM THE GENERAL CURIA

New Appointments to the General Curia for 2013

Fr. G. Gregory Gay, C.M. Superior General of the Congregation of the Mission, announced two recent appointments to the staff of the General Curia in Rome, taking effect in March, 2013. Fr Agnus Heru, C.M., a Vincentian priest from the Province of Indonesia, has been named Director of Archives and Library for the General Curia of the Congregation. Fr. Shijo Kanjirathamkunnel, C.M., a priest from the Province of India-South, will be assuming the job of Procurator General. Fr. Heru will replace Fr. Alfredo Becerra, C.M., of the Province of Mexico. Fr. Kanjirathamkunnel replaces Fr. Alberto Vernaschi, C.M., of the Province of Rome.



Fr. Heru, a native of Indonesia, was born in 1969. He entered St Vincent de Paul minor seminary in 1985, and then went to the Internal Seminary in the Philippines. He returned to Indonesia, where he attended the major seminary and completed Theological studies. He was ordained in 1998. He also studied Dogmatic Theology at the Gregorian University, and has been engaged in parish ministry and seminary formation. Since 2011, Fr. Heru has served as provincial secretary for the Indonesian province while working as a parish priest in Surabaya.



Fr. Kanjirathamkunnel was born in 1976 in Kerala, India, and entered the minor seminary of the Vincentians in 1991. After the Internal Seminary, he continued his studies, attaining degrees in philosophy, psychology, and theology. Fr. Kanjirathamkunnel was ordained in 2004. He studied Canon Law at the University of Navarre, Spain, where he received a licentiate and doctorate. Since 2011, he has served as rector and superior of Vincentian

Vidya Sadan, Pune, a house of studies for seminarians in the provinces of India. Fr. Kanjirathankunnel also served as Executive Secretary for the Asia Pacific Visitors Conference.



Fr. Gregory Gay expressed gratitude for the contributions of both Fr. Alfredo Becerra, current Director of the Curia Archives and Library and Fr. Alberto Vernaschi, current Procurator General. "Fr. Alfredo is the second longest serving member of the General Curia staff, as he arrived in 2005, right after I was elected Superior General. He has given generously of himself not only to the archives and library, but in his involvement with justice and peace issues. I am grateful for his hard work and dedication, and I wish him well as he returns to the Province of Mexico. I also thank his province for allowing Alfredo to serve at the General Curia".



Fr. Gay also noted that Fr. Alberto Vernaschi has served as Procurator General since 2009. "Besides his work for the General Curia as Procurator General, Fr. Vernaschi is also treasurer of the Province of Rome and Superior of the Provincial House. Any one of those tasks would be enough for one man, but Fr. Vernaschi has faithfully and cheerfully served the Curia as Procurator General. I am most grateful for his generous, helpful service".