

HOLY SEE



Mons. Vicente Bokalic Iglic, C.M.

Vatican Daily Press Bulletin has announced, March 15, His Holiness Benedict XVI has named Fr. Vicente Bokalic C.M., former Visitor of Province of Argentina the auxiliary bishop of archdiocese of Buenos Aires, Argentina and assigned him the titular bishop of Summa.

Vicente Bokalic was born in Buenos Aires on June 11, 1952. He entered the Congregation of the Mission on March 1, 1970. Incorporated on June 5, 1976. On April 1, 1978 he was ordained priest by Msgr. Alfredo Expósito, bishop of Zarate, Campana.

He worked in the pastoral and vocational ministry of the youth



Mons. Milan Amantius Šašik, C.M.

On March 17, 2010 Pope Benedict XVI nominated Msgr. Milan Šašik (Shashik) the Eparchial bishop of Mokachevo in the Catholic Church of Byzantine-Ruthenian Rite. Until his nomination he was Apostolic Administrator *ad nutum Sanctae Sedis* of the same Eparchy and Titular Bishop of Bononia (since November, 2002).

Milan Amantius Šašik (Shashik or Sasik) was born on September 17, 1952 in Lechina, in the diocese of Nitra, Slovakia. On July 31, 1971 he entered Congregation of the Mission. He was ordained priest in Bratislava on June 6, 1976. On November 12,

in Escobar and Buenos Aires. His assignments were: formation ministry in two periods: 1983-1990 and 1997-2000; pastor of the parish of Miraculous Medal Shrine 1991-1994; mission parish in Cordoba 1994-1997 and presently, in mission parish in Goya. From 2008 he was involved in the popular missions.

In the Congregation, twice, he was Superior of the Seminary 1987-1990 and 1997-2000, twice Provincial Councilor 1987-1993 and 1997-2003 and Visitor of the Province of Argentina 2003-2009.

2002, Pope John Paul II nominated Fr. Milan to be Titular Bishop of Bononia and Apostolic Administrator *ad nutum Sanctae Sedes* of Mukachevo Eparchy of Catholic Church of Byzantine-Ruthenian Rite in Ukraine. He was ordained bishop on January 6, 2003 by pope John Paul II in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

The Greek-catholic Eparchy of Mukachevo has its roots in the Union of Uzhhorod, which took place on 24 April 1646. In the northeastern part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire the Catholics were called Ruthenians or the Ruthenian church. In 1771 during the rule of Maria Theresia the Eparchy of Mukachevo was officially recognized and was introduced to all the faithful as the Greek-Catholics and the church as Greek-catholic.

The Eparchy is located in the region of Transcarpathia, Ukraine. There are 1.248.000 inhabitants.

GENERAL CURIA

SOLIDARITY WITH HAITI

Rome, 15 January 2010

*To all the Visitors and Vice-Visitors of the Congregation
of the Mission*

Dear Visitors,

May the grace and peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ fill your hearts now and forever!

The people of Haiti call out to us. Thousands are suffering from the 7.0 earthquake that struck their homeland this week. Among the suffering are our own confreres, the Daughters of Charity, and the Vincentian Family in general. The six confreres stationed in Haiti have survived the earthquake uninjured, and there has been no serious damage to our two community houses, including the seminary. The Visitor of Puerto Rico reported the sad news that one Daughter of Charity died as a result of the earthquake and another was injured. The provincial house of the Daughters was also completely destroyed. Families of our confreres have also lost their homes.

I am writing now to share the reflections from the General Council meeting this morning. The purpose of the meeting was to put some order into our response to this situation. We recognize that there are immediate needs calling out to us and that there are intermediate and long-term needs to be met as the country seeks to reconstruct itself. In this letter we are focusing only on the immediate needs. The intermediate and long-term needs will be an agenda item at the upcoming meeting of the heads of the Vincentian Family. An opportunity has presented itself for the Vincentian Family to come together in a common effort on behalf of the poor.

The Curia this morning made an initial commitment to contribute 25.000 USD toward the purchase of items urgently needed. We are

sending the money to the Province of Puerto Rico, since they are already organizing storage centers for supplies to be handed over to the Daughters and the confreres. They will deliver these goods by traveling across Haiti's border with the Dominican Republic.

The Curia has received inquiries from individual confreres and from provinces as to how they might respond to the situation. Our preference, in the interest of tracking donations from the Congregation, is that contributions either be sent directly to the Curia or that Visitors direct the Econome General to withdraw money from their respective accounts at the Curia. All contributions will then be wire transferred from the Curia to Puerto Rico, even on a daily basis, if required.

I thank all of you for your expressions of solidarity with the people of Haiti. Even in their sufferings may our prayers sustain them in knowing that God is still with them!

Your brother in Saint Vincent



G. Gregory Gay, C.M.
Superior General