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NEW ARCHBISHOP-
ELECT
JOSÉ VICENTE
NÁCHER TATAY, CM



The Holy Father appointed as Metropolitan Archbishop of Tegucigalpa the priest José Vicente Nácher Tatay, until now pastor of San Vicente de Paúl in San Pedro Sula and regional superior of the Congregation of the Mission Honduras.

Archbishop-elect Nácher Tatay was born on April 10, 1964 in Valencia, Spain. He received a degree in sociology from the University of Alicante and later studied philosophy and theology at the major seminary of the Congregation of the Mission in Barcelona and at the Faculty of Theology of Catalonia. He made his Solemn Profession in the Congregation of the Mission on January 20, 1990 and was ordained a priest on October 26, 1991.

Nácher Tatay held the following positions: pastor of San Vicente de Paúl in San Pedro Sula (2000-2005); pastor of San José in Puerto Lempira (2006-2016) and episcopal vicar of the Mosquitia in the diocese of Trujillo; since 2016, pastor of San Vicente de Paúl in San Pedro Sula and Regional Superior of the Congregation of the Mission in Honduras.



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OPENING OF THE INTERPROVINCIAL INTERNAL SEMINAR 25 JANUARY 2023



Internal Seminar 2023 activities started in
Belo Horizonte-MG

This January 25, the day on which we celebrate the Conversion of St. Paul and the charismatic foundation of the Congregation of the Mission, took place in Belo Horizonte-MG the opening celebration of the Interprovincial Interprovincial Seminary St. John Gabriel Perboyre, in the house of the Theologate São Justino de Jacobis, related to the year 2023, under the direction of Fr. Francisco Ermelindo (Province of Rio de Janeiro), assisted by Fr. Pedro Gotardo (Province of Fortaleza), this year's Internal Seminary will have five seminarians: Felipe Costa, Guilherme Felipe and Herbert Viana, members of the Province of Fortaleza; Jonatan Silva and Cristiano Almeida, members of the Province of Rio de Janeiro.

The opening celebration was presided over by Fr. Eli Chaves do Santos, CM, Provincial Visitor of the Province of Rio de Janeiro and was attended by Fr. Silvio Mito, CM, adviser and representative of the Visitor of the Province of Fortaleza. Besides the confreres already mentioned, Fathers Onésio Moreira, Hugo Barcelos, Denilson Matias, Sebastião Carvalho, Luíz de Oliveira Campos, Maurício Paulinelli, Erik Gonçalves and Cleber Teodósio were present, as well as Brothers Adriano Pires and Fábio José, all from the Province of Rio de Janeiro. Also present were representatives of the Daughters of Charity, Sisters Heloísa, Lúcia, Lourdes and Ilda, as well as some invited lay people.

We wish the community of the Interprovincial Seminary strength in the new journey that is beginning and that all may grow in faith, in vocation and in the Vincentian charism. To those who have just arrived, welcome to all of you. We are happy to have you in our midst, let us walk together!







NIAGARA UNIVERSITY FEATURED IN PRINCETON REVIEW GUIDE TO GREEN COLLEGES 2023 EDITION

by Lisa McMahon

The Princeton Review chose the schools based on a survey of administrators at more than 710 institutions during the 2021–22 academic year and surveys of students attending the colleges. More than 25 data points were analyzed in the selection of schools for the guide, including the availability of transportation alternatives on campus, whether or not the school has a formal committee devoted to advancing sustainability on campus, and the percentage of the college food budget spent on local/organic food.

“Since we debuted this project 13 years ago, we have seen an increasing interest among college applicants in attending colleges that are committed to the environment and to green practices,” said Rob Franek, editor in chief of The Princeton Review. “Over the years, we have also seen a significant growth in the number of colleges pivoting to sustainability-related policies and programs. We are proud to shine a light on these schools and to continue serving as a unique resource for students who want their ‘best-fit’ college to also ideally be a green one. We highly recommend each and every one of the colleges in our guide.”



NIAGARA UNIVERSITY



The Princeton Review chose the 455 colleges based on its 2021–22 survey of administrators at 713 colleges concerning their institutions' sustainability-related policies, practices, and programs. The company's editors analyzed more than 25 data points from the survey to tally Green Rating scores for the schools on a scale of 60 to 99. Colleges that earned a Green Rating score of 80 or higher were chosen for the Guide to Green Colleges. Of the 455 schools selected for the 2023 edition of the guide, 421 are in the U.S., 26 are in Canada, two are in Taiwan and one (each) is in Ecuador, Egypt, Greece, Ireland, Mexico, and Morocco.

The leading tutoring, test prep, and college admissions services company has published its annual "Guide to Green Colleges" since 2010. The company is also known for its dozens of categories of annual college rankings; its books, including "The Best 386 Colleges" and "The Best Value Colleges"; and its many other education services. Every year, it helps millions of college- and graduate school-bound students as well as working professionals achieve their education and career goals through its many education services and products. They include: online and in-person courses delivered by a network of more than 4,000 teachers and tutors; online resources; more than 150 print and digital books published by Penguin Random House; and dozens of categories of school rankings.

TYPHOON-RESISTANT HOUSES AND REPAIR KITS: AN UPDATE ON THE VINCENTIAN RESPONSE IN THE PHILIPPINES





According to data from the Philippines' National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), Super Typhoon Rai (local name Odette) which struck a large part of the Philippines on 16 December 2021 resulted in around 405 casualties and 78 missing people. Government reports indicate that over 2.1 million houses were damaged, affecting the lives of approximately 8 million people.

After delivering food packages and conducting a rapid assessment of the disaster to determine the immediate needs of communities (shelter assistance and house repair kits), the Vincentian Foundation, in partnership with Vincent Helps and the emergency response arm of the CM-Philippines, submitted a project proposal to the Famvin Homeless Alliance to launch an appeal to assist affected families, focusing on those whose homes have been damaged or destroyed.



Thanks to your generous donations (a total of \$ 118,236.27) the FHA was able to provide funds for 100 house repair kits and the construction of 13 typhoon-resistant houses. All the house repair kits have now been distributed in 3 affected locations: Lawaan (Eastern Samar), Malitbog (Southern Leyte) and Limasawa (Southern Leyte), and a total of 131 families have been helped. In Malitbog the Just One House Project received repair materials from several donors, resulting in a larger number of families being able to have their families restored. The distribution of the kits saw all the efforts of Vincentians, community volunteers and other partners such as Holy Cross and the First Mass Parish in Limasawa joined together, working towards one goal of fighting homelessness by selecting the beneficiary families and coordinating the distribution of the repair kits.

Furthermore, the land intended for the construction of 13 houses in Bolusao, Lawaan (Eastern Samar), has been secured and the construction should start in the first quarter of the New Year, benefitting at least 100 families. The new houses will be better equipped to deal with an ever-changing climate and adhere to the SPHERE international development standards for quality, size, clean water and sanitation.

Mr. and Mrs. Apolinar Semeros and family (Limasawa, Southern Leyte) and Mrs. Felipa Agripa and family (Bolusao, Lawaan, Eastern Samar), before and after the house repair.

We hope that the construction of the houses will be completed soon to allow those affected by this natural disaster to rebuild their lives; we are really grateful for all your support, without which all this could not have happened. We invite you to reflect on the following words of Pope Francis (Laudato Si, 25): '[...]There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation. [...] Sadly, there is widespread indifference to such suffering, which is even now taking place throughout our world. Our lack of response to these tragedies involving our brothers and sisters points to the loss of that sense of responsibility for our fellow men and women upon which all civil society is founded'.



Guided by these words and energized by the charism of St. Vincent and St. Louise in their mission to the poorest of the poor, we pray that we keep responding to the needs of men, women and children whose lives are affected by natural disasters so that no one is homeless anymore. Thank you, Vincentian Family!

by Vincentian Family Office





MISSION IN RIO SERENO





The seed of the Kingdom grows by its own strength, that is happening in Río Sereno*. The year 2023 began in the "Sacred Heart of Jesus parish" del Renacimiento, Río Sereno, Panama, with the annual mission carried out by the Vincentian family, in which many pastoral agents from various parishes and countries where the Vincentian family has a presence participate. : lay, priests, nuns, and all Christians who let themselves be moved by the Spirit of Jesus. This mission time runs from January 14 to 22.

Taking into account some data of this territory, it must be said that, "Río Sereno, also known as Sereno, is a township and main city of the Renacimiento in the province of Chiriqui in Panama. The town has 5,463 inhabitants (2010). It is located between 900 to 1500 meters above sea level depending on the location, so it enjoys a temperate climate that oscillates between 15 °C to 26 °C.

It is a region on the border with Costa Rica, where traditional and gourmet coffee, strawberries, vegetables, tomato, plantain, paprika, meat, milk, beans, cassava, chayote, poultry, pig farming, among others, are produced.

It should be noted that for being an area where coffee is grown, there is a large presence of the Ngäbe-Buglé indigenous community.

This missionary festival began on the morning of January 14, with an introductory training that covered the different contents, using the method of "see-reflect-act-evaluate-celebrate". There was a lunch with a great sense of sharing, where we got to know each other a little more about the different places that we participated in. At this time, several missionaries were still missing who would arrive later. It was quite a festive atmosphere, sharing words and smiles, the availability and desire of the participants to share life and the good news of the Kingdom of God in the different corners of this vast territory was notorious.



Around 2:00 pm, the Eucharist that inaugurated this Vincentian mission took place, in a temple where we all had a place, generating an atmosphere of joy and trust that totally made us feel as one family celebrating with Jesus. The priest and parish priest Eric, with a lot of creativity and contagious enthusiasm, shared a "fable" taken from the Kunas, adapted to Río Sereno, the fable was about "the festival of the trees"; This fable, just as he recreated it, gave the impetus to the mission of going to share the good news of Jesus with creativity and passion throughout the territory.

The three days that I shared, I witnessed the spirit that moves boldly in those men, women and young people, who are contagious with their commitment to the discipleship of Jesus. What arises from this meeting, I will express aspects of my thinking and feeling heart.

I was received by a team of pastoral agents, professionally specialized lay people who reflect and influence the actions of the church in Sereno. This team inspired me a lot, because there they have concretized what is sought in the whole church: a synodal ecclesiology, based on communion and quality participation.

Another aspect that inspired me, in addition to this interdisciplinary and cultural team, was the atmosphere of brothers and sisters, of equality that generates trust and communication between the parish priest and the community. In addition, because this team enters together with the other pastoral agents into all the situations that arise, making an analysis, diagnosis and discernment on the different problems and opportunities that are in the complex reality of the parish. This shared time, we had encounters and meetings that led to see how the teams and water boards that already exist in the communities are strengthened, knowing that water is a finite and important natural good, a social good (Laudato si).

This mission is an expression of that dynamic that the parish carries out, for which Fr. Eric is collegially responsible, because, in the different places where the groups of missionaries are, actions such as: early stimulation for children from the communities would be carried out natives; visits to homes where the scheme of analyzing reality together is carried out, and enlightening it with the gospel; Eucharistic and Word celebrations; sports and recreational activities; activities with young people from the area; visits to sick and elderly people. It is a mission with the characteristics of a church on the way out, poor and synodal, as Pope Francisco is promoting.

I returned to La Pintada Coclé, the parish community where I carry out my work as a Franciscan pastoral agent, with many lessons that I am assimilating, as well as with an inspiration to carry out an integrated pastoral journey that enters into the complex reality from its different topics, with analysis and discernment, combining science, knowledge and spirituality, materialized in lay teams, who are not simply "faithful", but Christians committed to the kingdom of God. I keep walking grateful for these days, which leaves me a good feeling of hope and colors in my gaze on reality.

Friar René Arturo Flores, Franciscan.

January 2023



NEWS FROM THE PROVINCE OF ITALY



DEI VERGINI OF NAPLES: VANVITELIAN YEAR (2023)

On 1 January 2023, a framework cooperation agreement was signed between the Neapolitan Province of the Congregation of the Mission and the Interdepartmental Research Centre for Architectural and Environmental Heritage and Urban Design of the University of Naples Federico II. The parties intend to establish a scientific cooperation relationship in connection with the Vanvitellian year (2023) - 250 years after the death of the architect Luigi Vanvitelli - and this relationship will be aimed at the protection, valorisation, and pro- motion of the historical, artistic and architectural heritage of the complex with particular reference to the figure of Luigi Vanvitelli, who died in 1773 and designed the Great Church and some of the rooms in the Vincentian complex.





In addition to the scientific committee, a committee of honour has been set up, including representatives from the Federico II University, the Region, the Province, the Municipality, the Ministry of Culture, the Italian Touring Club, the Italian Environmental Fund and Father Salvatore Fari representing the Congregation.

A vademecum on the initiatives will soon be drawn up. Plans are already underway for two study days (already attended by internationally renowned scholars): 28 February 2023 at the Federico II University and 1 March 2023 for the opening of the Vanvitellian year at our Vincentian Monumental Complex.





FROM LIVORNO: YOUTH PASTORAL ANIMATION

During the Christmas holidays, we had the presence of Brice here in Livorno, with whom we also participated in the Vincentian winter camp for high school boys, in Quercianella, 3 days of service and training, with boys from Livorno, La Spezia, Elba Island, Pontassieve. These are some of the young people with whom we hope to go to WYD in Portugal.

On 4 January we celebrated the feast of St Elizabeth Anne Seton, Mass presided over by Fr Alberto Vanzi (Fr F. Gusmeroli).

FROM COMO/UDINE: WHEN FRATERNITY BECOMES PROXIMITY

The confreres from Udine, Fathers Claudio, Lorenzo and Antonius pleasantly surprised us: a phone call to fix the date and with great simplicity they joined us to spend two days together. On Monday 16 January, they arrived for lunch, in time to celebrate the sixth hour, accompanied by finally wintry weather, rain mixed with snow and a temperature close to zero. The first exchanges of convenience. The three of us, Fr Antonio, Fr Mario and Fr Francesco, before being destined for Como, were in Via Marangoni in Udine, easy to understand each other and remember the land of Friuli. And so, thanks also to the inclement weather, we devoted more time than usual to telling each other about our mission experiences. Every Monday evening, after the celebration of Vespers, we in Como have our Vincentian formation, so it was easy to find time for a community exchange, in particular to grasp the new pastoral direction that the community in Udine has recently undertaken, ministry in the Udine prison and in the Tolmezzo security prison, together with the other ministries in the diocese.

On Tuesday, 17 January, after Lauds and the concelebration of the Eucharist, there was time to visit "Casa Nazareth" in Via d. Guanella, where the solidarity canteen has been in operation for two years, where the Casa della Missione, together with Incroci (an association of volunteers for the evening canteen), the Diocesan Caritas and the Guanellian sisters have organised the catering service in Como. A small sign of how the synodal path can be realised and lived! The commemoration of St Anthony Abbot celebrated at lunch before returning to the distant land, just like a cherry on the cake, yes on the cake that Ivana our maid prepared, closed the two Antony's name day and the meeting between the two communities in style.

When 'fraternity becomes proximity', one does not feel the kilometres of distance between Udine and ... Como! One rejoices to be part of a small company that appreciates "the beauty and richness of the seeds of common life, which must be sought and cultivated together" (Pope Francis - FT 31).

(Fr. F. Gonella)



FROM LECCE, COMMUNITY SHOWERS FOR THE POOR

The poor in Lecce are on the rise, especially among what was once considered the middle class. In fact, in addition to homeless people and immigrants, the Vincentian community in the area is now also being approached by family groups, the unemployed, small artisans and shopkeepers, weakened by the economic crisis and the pandemic, who live in poor conditions and in some cases in homes that do not have all the necessary personal care services.





This is why the project of the free of charge was set up in the parish of Santa Maria dell'Idria in Lecce. This is largely based on the voluntary contribution of several groups in the parish community, such as the Vincentian Volunteer Group, the volunteers of the parish oratory, the Community of Saint Egidio, the Masci (adult scouts), the cooperation of the diocesan Caritas and much more will be realised thanks to the help and support of private individuals and/or organisations and associations that want to help with voluntary donations and will often mean a considerable financial commitment, especially as the number of people living on the street grows. It is managed by a dozen or so volunteers from the parish. "An important sign of solidarity in a community, which always has an eye on the poorest and weakest. So, new showers in our parish, once a week for three hours, available to all those who have nowhere to wash. ' Speaking on the subject is parish priest Father Carmine Madalese, who continues, 'we will provide them with new underwear, a towel, shampoo, bubble bath, toothbrush and toothpaste, deodorant, and useful material for washing. We would also like to offer these brothers of ours, in addition to fraternal hospitality, a coffee and a snack during their stay".

From "Portalecce", Stefano Belfiore

MEETING OF SUPERIORS AND TREASURERS OF THE PROVINCE OF COLOMBIA





From 22 to 25 January, a meeting of Superiors and Treasurers of the Province of Colombia was held in the city of Medellín, at the La Milagrosa Seminary. The aim of the meeting was to deal with some issues of administration, economic management and animation of the local communities. Also taking part in the meeting were the Visitor of the Province of Peru, the outgoing and current superior of the Region of Venezuela and a representative of the Rwanda-Burundi Region, all of which are part of the Province.

On January 25, the meeting ended with the celebration of the Foundation of the Congregation and the good intentions of six seminarians who finished the Internal Seminary (Diego Alejandro Aguilera, Juan Pablo Cuervo, Yhonny Rafael Rojas, Enrique German Ocrospoma, Junior Fernando Cachuan, Fr. Carlos Jorge Santiago) and the missionary sending of the students to the Pastoral year, who were distributed in different local communities, especially missions, parishes and vocation ministry.





MY VISIT TO
UKRAINE

On behalf of the Superior General, Tomaž Mavrič, I visited Ukraine on January 9-19, 2023. Because this is a time of war between Ukraine and Russia, my mission was to bring the confreres and members of the Vincentian Family courage and blessing. I presented each community a letter which I received from the Superior General as a mandate for my mission.





Rome, January 2023

To the confreres and members of the Vincentian Family in Ukraine

*Dear confreres, sisters and brothers,
May the grace and peace of Jesus be always with us!*

The Christmas season is over, but Jesus is Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."

Many people around the world are praying for you. I assure you of my prayer, as well as that of all the confreres and members of the Vincentian Family.

May the prayer the Angelus be a sign of my unity with you. May Mary Immaculate protect all of you.

Saint Vincent de Paul and all the Saints and Blessed of the Vincentian Family pray for us!

*May Almighty God bless you,
Your brother in Saint Vincent,*

*Tomaž Mavrič, CM
Superior General*



I visited the following canonical houses: Kyiv, Perechyn, Sniatyn, and Storozhynets. I did not go to Kharkiv and Odesa, but the confreres who serve there came to the Vice-Provincial House in Kyiv. I did not go to the canonical house that is in Russia territory: Nizhnyi Tagil. I met almost all the confreres who serve in the Vice-Province of Saints Cyril and Methodius. In this time of war, the confreres, along with the members of the Vincentian Family, provide great service to the people who are suffering because of the war.

The members of the Vincentian Family whom I met included those from DePaul International, Sisters of the Miraculous Medal, Daughters of Charity, AIC, etc.

The Visitor of the Vice Province, Father Leonid Kuklyshyn, and the Treasurer, Father Mykhaylo Talapkanych shared with me a report about the work of the Vice-Province during this time of war.

Father Rafał Kopystyński, CM





NOMINATIONES

GALENO DE OLIVINDO José Carlos	11/01/2023	Director DC Fortaleza
DE LEÓN HERNÁNDEZ Ismar Conrado	26/01/2023	Director Central America (Reconfirmed)
KARACKAVAYALIL Anil Thomas	04/01/2023	Visitor South India (Reconfirmed)

ORDINATIONES

CHATHAMKUZHACKAL Shibin Thomas	Sac	INM	02/01/2023
BALIARSINGH Ramesh Chandra	Sac	INS	23/01/2023
NÁCHER TATAY José Vicente	Ep	SVP	26/01/2023

NECROLOGIUM

Nomen	Cond.	Dies ob.	Prov.	Aet.	Voc.
CORERA ANDÍA Jaime	Sac	22/01/2022	89	72	CAE
IBÁÑEZ MARTÍNEZ DE MORENTIN Antonio	Sac	02/01/2023	69	48	CAE
STARON Miguel	Sac	05/01/2023	66	47	CUR
TECLEMICAEL Tekeste	Sac	12/01/2023	63	41	SJJ
JASKROWSKI Andrzej	Sac	18/01/2023	70	51	POL
CROWLEY Roderic	Sac	29/01/2023	93	73	HIB
SZWAIKOWSKI Jan Adam	Sac	31/01/2023	67	48	POL

MOVEMENTS

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