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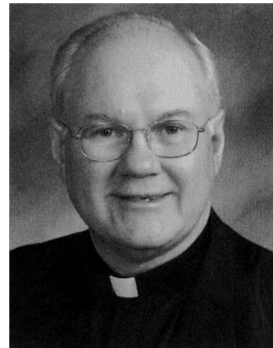
To the Visitors of the Congregation of the Mission

Dear Brothers,

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

As I mentioned in my circular of 15 March, which concerned our most recent *tempo forte* council meeting, we had begun looking for a new Treasurer General to replace Fr. Elmer Bauer. Today I write to inform you that we have found one. Fr. John Gouldrick has accepted graciously our request that he take up this service for the worldwide Congregation and the Eastern Province is making the sacrifice, equally graciously, of a valuable confrere.

Let me offer you a brief presentation of Fr. Gouldrick. He was born on 5 May 1941 in Victor, New York. He entered the Congregation of the Mission on 19 June 1962 and was ordained to the priesthood on 30 May 1969. He has served in a variety of ministries over the past 35 years including that of Provincial Treasurer of the Eastern Province. He is presently the superior at the Central House in Philadelphia. I believe that he comes to us very well prepared to serve as Treasurer General.



We expect him to arrive in Rome sometime in September. Fr. Elmer Bauer and he will be working out the details of the transition and Fr. Elmer will stay on as long as necessary to assure that the changeover is smooth.

I trust that you join me in welcoming Fr. Gouldrick to this new service and in thanking Fr. Bauer for the generosity with which he has fulfilled this position for the past seven years.

Your brother in St. Vincent,

G. Gregory Gay, C.M.
Superior General