



LET US DREAM WITH GOD
FOR OUR CONGREGATION

Photo by. Fr. Joseph Kalakkal, CMF

“*Let us dream*” is an invitation popularized by Pope Francis during many of his audiences, and in a book of his reflections titled *Let us Dream*. In that book the Pope stated, “This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities—what we value, what we want, what we seek— and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. What I hear currently is similar to what Isaiah hears God saying through him: Come, let us talk this over. Let us dare to dream.”

With the celebration of the XXVI General Chapter, we have been employing the term “dream” frequently, reflecting and internalizing the Congregational Dream (QC 43) in the concrete context of each of our Major Organisms, our local communities, and our individual lives.

To live without a dream is to retreat into a survival mode devoid of passion and drive. Living with merely earthly dreams without the heavenly horizon will drive us into the rivalrous game of the survival of the fittest. Vocation stories of missionaries tell the tale of their joining the Dream of God for humanity, beyond the reach of any mundane dreams.

The term “dream” is often associated with fanciful fantasies in sleep or the wishful whims of daydreamers. Hence, one may misunderstand the Dream of the Congregation as an unrealistic imagination. Indeed, this is not what the Pope invites us to be open to. He invites us to discern the Dream of God wholeheartedly for humanity and realize it in our given context.

This is what we have done at the congregational level. Who is the subject of the “Dream” of the Congregation that the XXVI General Chapter has articulated? Who are the protagonists to realize it? The missionary “Dream” emerged naturally in the process of the generative conversations that we have had before and during the

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XXVI General Chapter, as the gift of the Spirit whispered in the heart of the Congregation. Joining with the mindset of the apostles in the early Church, we can say that the Holy Spirit and we (cf. Acts 15:28) envision the Congregation in 2027 as articulated in the “Dream” and we jointly walk towards its realization. Thus, the capitular exhortation *Querida Congregación* offers us God’s Dream for the Congregation, as discerned by us and elaborated and weaved into concrete designs and practical commitments, forming a single process of the congregational journey. Without the Spirit of Christ at the center of our Dream, our work and efforts are in vain.

At the beginning of our Congregation, our Founder masterfully described his dream for a son of the Heart of Mary as “a man on fire with love who spread its flames wherever he goes...” (cf. Aut 494; CC 9). This definition of a missionary continues to invite us to be missionaries rooted in Christ and audacious in mission. The Congregational Dream articulated in the XXVI General Chapter (cf. QC 43) is the actualization of Claret’s dream for our times in fidelity to our charism. Claretian history has been the unfolding of this dream in each context and epoch that he foresaw as he wrote to the Nuncio, “my spirit goes out to the entire world”.

We need to situate our Congregational Dream within the Dream of the missionary Church, especially as articulated in the teachings of Pope Francis through *Evangelii Gaudium*, *Laudato Si*, and *Fratelli Tutti*. It is a Church that goes forth to the various peripheries of human struggles to encounter people in their vulnerabilities and to announce the joy of the Gospel. It is a synodal Church walking forth together towards the full realization of the Kingdom of God, listening to each other and to the Holy Spirit, striving in solidarity with all humanity to build a fraternal and just society and to care for our common home.

The Holy Bible itself is the narration of God’s Dream for humanity created in the image and likeness of God and the fidelity of God to His promises even when humanity often failed to play its collaborative role. Our small congregational dream is woven into the salvation history as part of God’s great Dream for humanity and its realization in the events of history. The concrete commitments of each one of us every day form the locus of the drama of grace or sin, obedience or disobedience, where the Dream comes true, bringing the life and love of the Lord into our personal lives, communities, and apostolates.

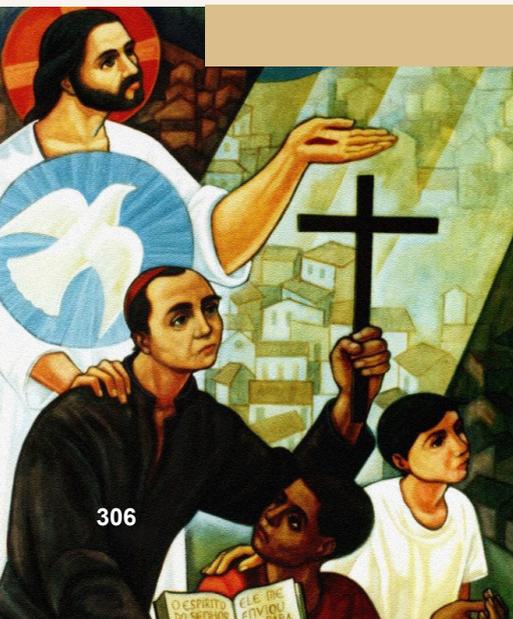
I invite you, my brothers, to remind yourself, on a daily basis, of the Definition of a Claretian that Claret dreamed for his missionaries to be and the Congregational Dream of the XXVI General Chapter. They are the two sides of the Claretian identity we are called to live at this moment of our history.

Let us dream together and welcome the future that the Spirit invites us to embrace.

Fr. Mathew Vattamattam, CMF

General Superior

May 12, 2022



CONGREGATION

CLARETIAN MISSION DAY 2022

The Congregation once again celebrated its Claretian Mission Day on the 2nd Sunday of Easter, April 24. This year's theme was "Ensuring healthy lives and promoting the well-being of all at all ages." Three mission projects related to health were luckily selected to be the recipient of the funds gathered that day. They are 1) Equipment and furniture for Kinzau Health Center in Kwango of Democratic Republic of Congo (Amount requested: €18,000), 2) Counseling and awareness program for community care for HIV/AIDS in Karnataka, India (Amount requested: €20,000), and 3) Preventive health program for indigenous people of Maya Q'eqchi in Guatemala (Amount requested: €22,000).

The General Mission Procure reported that it has gathered €5,426 so far. Not all Major Organisms have reported and sent their collections yet as of press time (May 31, 2022). Fr. Lord Winner, CMF is still expecting and waiting for the contributions of these Provinces and Delegations who have not yet submitted theirs.

SPIRITUALITY

FORGE 25: SILVER JUBILEE IN POST-PANDEMIC

Madrid, Spain. Los Negrales once again becomes a venue of transformation as it hosts the 25th Forge in Spanish beginning April 22 with 16 missionaries from Brasil, Centroamérica, Perú-Bolivia, Colombia-Venezuela, Colombia-Ecuador, Antillas, San José del Sur, Padre Xifré, Santiago, and Fátima. The CESC team accompanies them at the Centro Fragua de Renovación Claretiana in Los Negrales, Madrid.

Throughout the 75 days (from April 22 to July 2, 2022), these missionaries will serenely confront the current reality of their missionary life, consistency, way of knowing God and relating to Him, their dreams, and community life or ecological conversion. The Forge does not exhaust all the many issues in life, which would be impossible. But it does touch on the most substantial ones.

The Forge project reaches its 25th edition in Spanish, attesting to the twenty-five years of activity since it began in the then Claretian Province of Castilla in 1993, confirming the validity of the formation program.

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MISSION PROCURE

50 APPROVED PROJECTS FOR FUNDING AND OTHER UPDATES



Rome, Italy. The General Mission Procure Council approved on March 28 fifty out of the eighty project proposals received from the Major Organisms. The projects were evaluated based on the present performance of the Major Organisms, prioritizing the current needs in the mission.

Moreover, Mission Procure also announced that they are upgrading its CLAPNET system to include the management and monitoring of projects in real-time by Mission Procurators worldwide. Likewise, Ms. Claudia Valentini, who had been working in the office for quite some time now, has become the permanent staff of the General Mission Procure.

CONSECRATED LIFE

«WE ARE RELATIONSHIP – WE ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP»



Madrid, Spain. The Theological Institute of Religious Life (ITVR) celebrated its 51st National Week for Institutes of Consecrated Life in two modalities: face-to-face and online during the octave of Easter, April 20-23, 2022. It revolved around the concept of "relationship," an idea that constitutes religious men and women (a relationship), that builds them (in a relationship), and provides them with a fundamental key to expressing Christian identity and that of consecrated life in today's circumstances. The history of salvation is a relational history, and, understandably, everything that is Christian is also relational.

The participants in this hybrid event were enriched by the conferences given by:

1. Cardinal Aquilino Bocos, CMF – “*Why is the theme of relationship important?*”
2. Prof. Lic. Gonzalo Fernández Sanz, CMF – “*Jesus, the man of relationships*” (April 20).
3. Prof. Dr. Santiago Guijarro Oporto – “*The relationship of Jesus with the Father. Filiation*” (April 20)
4. Prof. Luis M^a García Domínguez, SJ – “*The complex interweaving of personal, interpersonal and community communication*” (April 20)
5. Cardinal Miguel Angel Ayuso Guixot, MCCJ – “*The ‘we inter-religious.’ Interreligious dialogue as a space for encounter and a commitment to the future*” (April 21).
6. Prof. Dr. Maria del Carmen Massé Garcia – “*A fabric of “new relationships” that disconcert and challenge consecrated life. Equality, family models, gender relations*”. (April 21)
7. Prof. Dr. Marta Lopez – “*A Christian reading of the ethics of care: Application to consecrated life*”. (April 21)
8. Prof. Dr. Ricardo de Luis Carballada, OP – “*Pilgrimage”. A category for understanding and living the mission of consecrated life.* (April 22)
9. Dr. José Carlos Bermejo, MI – “*Listening to man, listening to time, listening to being*”. (April 22)
10. Prof. Dr. Birgit Weiler, MMS – The proposal of the “*common house*” applied to consecrated life. (April 22)

ACLA

EVALUATING THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CLARETIANS IN AFRICA



Ekali, Cameroon. From March 28 to 31, the Major Superiors and Mission Coordinators of ACLA met for their traditional annual meeting at the Anton Probst Novitiate. They evaluated the life and mission of

the Congregation in Africa in the field of Formation, Biblical Pastoral Ministry, Youth and Vocation Ministry, JPIC, and the need for multiplying evangelizers and forming formators for the Church through the Institute for Consecrated Life in Africa (INCLA).



To safeguard creation, they shared meeting documents digitally instead of printing papers. They also planted trees in the novitiate to commune with nature and encourage all confrères to have collaborative care of our environment as a priority. Two bishops graced the occasion and had dialogue with them—Msgr. Juan Domingo, CMF (Mongomo) and Msgr. Joseph-Marie Ndi Okalla (Mbalmayo).

REFLECTING ON THE DREAM OF THE CONGREGATION



Nairobi, Kenya. Members of St. Charles Lwanga spent the whole day of April 4 reflecting on the Dream of the Congregation as they all joined the online Delegation Retreat facilitated by Fr. Gonzalo Fernández, CMF. The theme of the recollection was “*The Dream of Our Congregation.*” Members from all the communities spread throughout the three countries under the Delegation – Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda – meditated, reflected, and prayed together as they got enriched by one of the numbers of the *Querida Congregación*.

VI DELEGATION ASSEMBLY OF WEST NIGERIA



Abuja, Nigeria. From April 25 to 30, the Claretians of West Nigeria gathered at the Institute of Consecrated Life Abuja (INCLA) in Bwari Area Council, Abuja, for their 6th Delegation Assembly. Fr. Manuel Tamargo, CMF, presided over the Assembly that followed the new Assembly method. They were visited by the Claretian Bishop of Bauchi, Msgr. Hilary Naman Dachelem, CMF, guided them in their mini-retreat. On the 28th of April, the president announced the new Delegation Government to the body.



WEST NIGERIA GOVERNMENT 2022–2025

Major Superior:

Fr. Augustine Medayedu-Ambrose, CMF
(middle)

Consultor – Econome:

Fr. John Paul Achi, CMF (left)

Consultors:

Fr. Gregory Ezeokeke, CMF (2nd to the left)
Fr. Innocent Daniel, CMF (2nd to the right)
Fr. Roland Onuekwusi, CMF (right)

ASCLA EAST

BIBLICAL FORMATION ON LECTIO DIVINA

Kupang, Indonesia. In realizing the Congregational Dream (QC 51) and commitments mandated by the XXVI General Chapter (QC 54) and the Delegation Dream, Indonesia-Timor Leste conducted an online zoom webinar on Biblical Formation with Fr. Henry Omonisaye, CMF, as the main speaker on April 5. All professed members of the Delegation, including those in formation houses, participated. Fr. Henry helped them grow in the experience of reading the Word of God in the attitude of a disciple, one who is always eager to learn from his Master, in communion with him, and ready to be sent.

ONLINE 10TH EAST ASIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



New Taipei City, Taiwan. The 10th General Assembly of East Asia occurred from April 19 – 22. Due to the travel restrictions still in place in many East Asian countries due to the pandemic, the Assembly was unprecedentedly held online following the appreciative methodology. Among them was Msgr. Josep Maria Abella, CMF, who shared about his presence and projects as a missionary bishop in the diocese on the third day of the Assembly. He also spoke about his vision for the pastoral accompaniment of priests and the faithful.

The Assembly was concluded on April 22 with the “*dream of an East Asia Delegation that is a fraternity in mission, that audaciously goes forth, particularly to the peripheries, to announce the Gospel.*” The Delegation dreams of its missionary existence “*rooted in and animated by the Word of God in our ministries, in synodality and shared mission.*” The Assembly reiterated its commitment towards the “*formation and accompaniment of evangelizers and the youth*” and with an openness “*to dialogue with the various faiths and cultures of East Asia, using all possible means, including those of modern technologies, as we care for our common home.*”



Dindigul, India. Chennai Province celebrated from April 18 to 24 its VIII Provincial Chapter in the new appreciative and synodal method at the Claretians-LIFE, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu. Fr. Henry Omonisaye, CMF, presided over the Chapter, whose theme is “*In Christ, ignited for Mission.*”



**CHENNAI PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
2022 – 2028**

- Fr. S. Jesu Doss, CMF**
Provincial Superior (*center*)
- Fr. M. John Kennedy, CMF**
Consultor – Econome (*left*)
- Fr. V. Michael Francis, CMF**
Consultor – Prefect of Apostolate
(*2nd to the left*)
- Fr. S. Stanislaus, CMF**
Consultor – Prefect of Formation
(*2nd to the right*)
- Fr. S. Devadoss, CMF**
Consultor – Prefect of Spirituality
and Community Life (*right*)



Shillong, India. The VI General Assembly of Northeast India took place from April 26 to 30 at the Arrupe Renewal Center, Mawshohroh, Shillong, with the theme “*Rooted in the Word. Audacious in Mission.*” Fr. Joseph Mbungu Mutu, CMF, presided over the Assembly. Within the framework of the Assembly, the new Government for 2022–2025 was announced.



NORTHEAST INDIA GOVERNMENT 2022 - 2025

- Major Superior:
Fr. Pius Thuruthiyil, CMF
(*2nd to the left*)
- Fr. Jaison Cyriac Perumpalliolickal, CMF**
Consultor (*left*)
- Fr. John Arackaparambil, CMF**
Consultor
(*2nd to the right*)
- Fr. Arnest Kharmawlong, CMF**
Consultor (*right*)

ECLA STABAT MATER



Rome, Italy. On April 12, soprano and alto voices and the sound of violins and cellos echoed the walls of the 94x58-meter Minor Basilica of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in the eternal city of Rome. A concert entitled “*Stabat Mater*,” featuring one of Pergolesi’s masterpieces, the *Stabat Mater*, took place following two years of no concerts and public events in the Basilica.

The concert, featured by Musica su Roma and Associazione Enrico Toti, was directed by Lorenzo Porzio, the pianist of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Parioli, an Italian rower, and a world-renowned pianist and conductor. Rome’s Philharmonic Orchestra rendered the music together with Goar Faradzian (soprano), Sara Rocchi (contralto), Italian actor Yuri Napoli and film dubber Livia Toti as commentators. The concert was graced by the special participation of the famous soprano, founder, and head of Associazione Enrico Toti, Claudia Toti Lombardozi.

VII PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF POLSKA



Krzydlina Mała, Poland. The VII Provincial Chapter of Polska took place from April 24 to 30 in Krzydlina Mała with Fr. Mathew Vattamattam, CMF, as Chapter President and 36 Chapter members. Also present with them was Fr. Gonzalo Fernández Sánz, CMF, who stayed for some days. Fr. Maximilian Stępień,

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OSPPE, guided them during the day of recollection. The Chapter elected a new government to lead them during the sexennium.



POLSKA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT 2022 - 2028

Provincial Superior:

Fr. Piotr Bęza, CMF (2nd to the left)

Consultor – Prefect of Apostolate:

Fr. Piotr Boroń, CMF (left)

Consultor – Prefect of Economy:

Fr. Tomasz Polak, CMF (right)

Consultor – Prefect of Formation and Spirituality:

Fr. Robert Kycia, CMF (2nd to the right)

MICLA

PASTORAL VISIT TO TIMISKAMING FIRST NATION

Timiskaming First Nation, Canada. The sacred land of Timiskaming First Nation is situated close to the municipality of Notre-Dame-du Nord. The Claretians working in Timiskaming First Nation and its people were contented with the visit of its bishop, Msgr. Guy Boulanger, on April 5. In his sermon, he shared four things taken from the Gospel of the 5th Sunday of Lent, making a significant connection with the Native People’s spirituality and lifestyle: silence, ground-aki, elders, and forgiveness. Aside from thanking them for the warm acceptance, he also made apologies for the failures and trespasses of the Church to the native people.

Timiskaming First Nation has 2,250 members, of which 750 peoples live on the reserve, and 200 people work in different community departments. There are about 100 children in the school. Fr. Reagan Soosai, CMF, is the Pastor of Algonquin Catholic Missions of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, TFN & St. Anne, LPFN (Winneway).

CLARETIAN FAMILY

AND OFF WE GO TO MADAGASCAR TO MAKE OUR “DREAM” COME TRUE!



“My spirit is for the whole world”, was the “Dream” of Saint Anthony Mary Claret in 1849, which has once again become a reality with the beginning of the awaited new mission in Madagascar.

After two years of waiting due to the pandemic and many preparations, the “Dream” of starting the mission in Madagascar is now on the march. This fulfills the Project Claret 150 undertaken by the Religious of Mary Immaculate Claretian Missionary Sisters (RMI) and the Congregation of Missionaries Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary – Claretians (CMF) as a mission of the Claretian Family.

On the 18th of May, Fr. Zbigniew Łas, CMF, traveled to Antananarivo, and Bishop Gaetano di Pierro, of the Farafangana diocese, went to the airport to receive him. Three others, Claretian Sisters Rani Michael, Anne Thashni, and Fr. Justin Kuzhippalayil, CMF, reached on the 21st of May. The two missionaries from Indonesia, Fr. Eusebius Toda, CMF, and Sr. Helmy Alphonsa, RMI, are processing the visa and will hopefully be ready in June.

The six missionaries assigned in 2020 to the joint mission of the Claretian Family had to keep waiting as their travel plans had to be changed a few times due to the fluctuations of the pandemic. When the embassies reopened and the flights began to operate without unexpected cancellations, the processing of papers resumed. The preparatory program organized for the missionaries initially thought to be held in Rome have had to be replaced by a reduced online course. The program was aimed at forming the missionary community with its intercultural, intergenerational, and inter-congregational diversities.

The bishop of Farafangana has agreed to entrust the mission of Ankarana to this Claretian initiative. Members from both the General Governments would visit the mission this year and make the necessary arrangements and agreements before starting the mission. After studying French and the local language, the missionaries hope to be present in the mission that awaits them.

Madagascar is the 70th country where the Claretians are present. Let us keep our missionaries and the mission in Madagascar in our prayers.

PERPETUAL PROFESSIONS

S. José del Sur

04/30/2022

Mansito Sartorio, Gabriel Aurelio

CALLED TO THE FATHER’S HOUSE

April 2022

06 FR. ÂNGELO FERNANDO ROSSA

at 66 yrs in Goiânia, Brazil.
Brasil Province.

08 BR. MIGUEL GARCÍA RAMOS

at 85 yrs in Lima, Peru.
Perú-Bolivia Province.

**10 FR. VICTORINO
ALTAMIRANO MARAZ**

at 67 yrs in Tarija, Bolivia.
Perú-Bolivia Province.

**19 FR. ROBERT AVULAMEMBO
KAPAKA**

at 64 yrs in Kinshasa,
Dem. Rep. Congo.
Congo Independent Delegation.

**19 FR. MIGUEL CORREA
RODRÍGUEZ**

at 91 yrs in Warwick, Canada.
USA-Canada Province.

**20 FR. ALBERTO DOMINGO
ORNELLAS**

at 90 yrs in Los Angeles, USA.
USA-Canada Province.

27 BR. ABILIO GARCÍA RAMOS

at 89 yrs in Madrid, Spain.
Santiago Province.