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Spiritan Formation Community in Manila Moves to Temporary Quarters

Even before the Pope arrived in the Philippines this past January, the Spiritan Formation Community in Manila was busy packing everything to move to the new temporary house nearby. After years of waiting, praying and planning, the Union of Circumscriptions in Southeast Asia is ready to begin construction of the new Holy Spirit Formation Community home

Moving everything in a day was a daunting task, and the members of the community had plenty of muscle aches in places they didn't even know they had muscles! But we did take time out during the day to watch on television the arrival of Pope Francis at the Villamor Air Base, filled with the excitement that filled the whole country.

in the Loyola Heights neighborhood of Quezon City, part of what is called "Metro Manila".

It was the same weekend that the Pope visited the Philippines, and the Theology community took advantage of the national holiday to move from the old formation house, which is scheduled to be demolished, to a temporary home in the same subdivision of Varsity Hills where they will rent for the next year while a new formation house is built on their own land. At 5:30 a.m., a good friend of the community and former student of Fr. Dan at the Ateneo de Manila University, Edward Villarosa, arrived with four of his workers from his family business and a ten-ton truck to help us move everything to our new accommodations a few blocks away. We were so blessed to find a temporary home so close to our own land which will make it easy to watch the progress of our new building, as well as keep us in close proximity to the schools of theology where our men study or teach.

As was only fitting, we began the day with the last celebration of the Eucharist in our former chapel before we packed it up, and we ended the day with a joyful celebration of the Vigil Mass for Sunday in the living room in the new house. We gave thanks to God

for helping us get through the amazing day.

We are so grateful to all our friends and benefactors for their prayers, love and financial help that helped to make all this possible!! (See additional photos on back cover.)



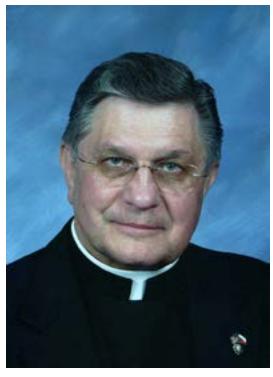
Fr. John P. Skaj, C.S.Sp.

January 20, 1937 - March 26, 2015

Fr. John P. Skaj, C.S.Sp., 78, died on Thursday, March 26 at Marian Manor in Greentree, Pittsburgh PA. He was born January 20, 1937 in Holdingford MN and professed his vows to the religious life August 22, 1958 at Holy Ghost Novitiate in Ridgefield CT. He was ordained to the priesthood on May 30, 1963 at St. Mary Seminary, Ferndale, Norwalk CT.

His first appointment was as Associate Pastor at Sacred Heart Parish, Emsworth, Pittsburgh PA (1964-68). He was an Assistant at St. Joseph House for Boys in Philadelphia (1968-1970), Assistant Pastor at St. Anthony Parish, Portsmouth RI (1971-1973), fol-

lowed by Assistant Pastor at St. Mary, Sharpsburg, PA for four years. New assignments over the next several years led him to be appointed Pastor, St. Theresa Tiverton RI (1977-1983), Pastor at St. Joseph, Bay City MI (1983-1987) and Pastor of St. Catherine of Sienna Parish, Little Compton RI (1987-1996). He returned to Sacred Heart Parish, Emsworth as Pastor in 1996 and also served as a member of the Priest Council of the Diocese of Pittsburgh from 2003-2009. In 2009, Diocese of Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik presented Fr. Skaj with the *Manifesting the Kingdom Award* for the Spiritan Community. Fr. Skaj retired to the Spiritan Community at Libermann Hall, Bethel Park, in March of 2010 where he was the Superior since 2012.



Viewings were held in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel at the Spiritan Center on Sunday, March 29 from 3:00-5:00 PM and at Sacred Heart Parish, 154 Orchard Avenue, Emsworth, on Monday March 30 from 9:00-10:15 AM followed by Mass at 10:30 AM. Burial took place at St. Mary Cemetery, O'Hara Township, Pittsburgh.

Fr. Skaj will be remembered for his simplicity, kindness, humility and special friendship by all those who knew him. He loved talking about airplanes and his trips to the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Museum in Dayton. One particular highlight was a phone call from "space" from a former parishioner

at Sacred Heart who became an astronaut and kept in touch with Fr. John. Fr. John was the epitome of a Spiritan priest. He said of being a Spiritan priest "... I was interested in doing anything the Spiritans wanted me to do, and go any place the Spiritans wanted me to go. It has been a wonderful life, and I would not trade it for anything. Being a Spiritan has afforded me the opportunity to experience many wonderful experiences in life that I would have never had the opportunity to know."

Fr. John's positive attitude, joy and kindness were evident to all who knew him. He will be sorely missed by all.

Procedure for Renting a Car

Our policy with Christian Brothers applies to all cars that are rented under the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. In order for this coverage to be in effect, please adhere to the following:

- 1. The car MUST be rented in the name of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit. Your name can be the secondary name if required.
 - 2. During the reservation process, please inquire if any paperwork is required as proof of insurance.
- 3. Please take a copy of your current insurance card with you as proof of coverage. If you need a copy of an insurance card, contact the Treasurer's Office and one will be supplied to you.
- 4. Please decline all insurance coverage offered by the rental company. It is covered under our Christian Brothers policy.

The Twinning of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, Arlington VA with St. Joseph Parish, Medor Haiti

by Susan Savage and Sue Carlson

For seventeen years, OLQP has been joined in a twinning relationship with St. Joseph Parish in Medor, Haiti, a remote mountainous area that did not have a priest of its own until 1995. It is because of that remoteness that this relationship came about.

OLQP is a parish that does not shrink from challenges. Founded in 1945 by a group of Black Catholics and Spiritan, Fr. Joe Hackett, the brave families refused to be excluded and marginalized. It has been served ever since by Spiritan priests whose charism includes serving those who are most in need, in places where the Church struggles to find workers. One might say that the OLQP has a missionary heart.

In 1997, then pastor Fr. Jeff Duaime, asked parishioners to form a Haiti Committee. He had worked in Haiti and was aware of the many difficulties faced by parishes there. Seeking to live out OLQP's gospel values beyond its walls, Fr. Jeff and the newly-formed committee enrolled the parish in what is now known as the Parish Twinning Program of the Americas (PTPA).

The PTPA, founded in 1978 by Harry Hosey and Theresa Patterson, is a nonprofit whose goal is to create lasting sister parish relationships between U.S. parishes and parishes in Haiti and elsewhere. Currently, there are 300 twinning relationships in Haiti and 51 in Latin America and the Philippines.

The word "twinning" was chosen to describe the program because it implies a coming together in close relationship. Twinning joins the two parishes in their search for an ever-deepening faith and in their shared struggle to lend hope to poor parishes.

The mission of the PTPA is to serve those in need by:

- "Developing and maintaining linkages of Catholic parishes, institutions, and individuals in North America with parishes and institutions in the Caribbean and Latin America;
- Encouraging prayerful solidarity, empowering our sisters and brothers in the Caribbean and Latin America;
- Providing resources and support in religious, educational, medical and economic areas;
- Promoting awareness among Catholics of the injus-

- tices present and our gospel call to respond concretely;
- Assisting North American parishes to develop models for outreach to their sister parishes."

True to the charism of the Spiritans, OLQP's Haiti Committee asked to be paired with the parish in Haiti with the most challenges, the one that other U.S. parishes would find too difficult to respond to and support over a long period of time. Fr. Jeff and the committee knew that the hardy souls of OLQP would be able to climb the mountain to St. Joseph's in Medor, among the most remote parishes in the twinning program.

Over the years, many delegations from OLQP have climbed that mountain, on foot or on mules. They have carried with them suitcases packed with donated medications and eyeglasses, solar light bulbs, soccer balls and refurbished computers.

In the first few years, projects in Medor were quite modest. But as the relationship has grown and deepened, the partners have worked together on projects they could scarcely have imagined 17 years ago: a new 15-classroom primary school to replace the buildings destroyed in the 2010 earthquake; a solar-powered computer lab, where all secondary school students receive weekly instruction; and the planting of a half-million saplings on the treeless hillsides around Medor.

In 1997, St. Joseph's had only about 250 children in its primary school, and no one in Medor went beyond the sixth grade. Today, OLQP supports the education of 1,450 students in grades K-13. The first secondary school graduation was in 2012, and a dozen graduates have gone on to university, where they are pursuing degrees in demanding fields like medicine, business and law.

The heart of the relationship continues to be prayerful solidarity and mutual respect. All of our initiatives in Medor were requested by St. Joseph's pastor and the Parish Council. All of the work is supervised and carried out by Haitians, from the engineers who design earthquake-resistant buildings to comply with current standards, to the school children who carry stones on their heads from the river bed, to the construction sites. In continued on next page

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addition to providing labor, the people of Medor provide what funds they can afford, including financial support for tuition and water-purification supplies.

parishio-OLQP ners have been extremely generous in support of their sister parparticularly during the an-Christmas nual card sale and the Haiti Easter Drive.



Fr. Tim Hickey, Pastor, Our Lady, Queen of Peace, and Fr. Pere Luckson, Pastor, St. Joseph Parish

Most of these funds are used for education, but they also contribute to programs in health, clean water, sanitation and agro-forestry.

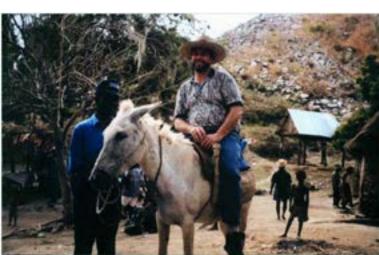
As the partners have taken on larger and more complex projects, the Haiti Committee has increasingly sought additional resources from outside the parish. Food for the Poor provided major funding for the construction of the new primary school. The Sisters of Loretto and the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary have contributed funds for school lunches, crucial at a time when the World Food Program is no longer supplying food. A number of foundation grants support projects in sanitation and agro-forestry.

More than programs or projects, the mission of our twinning with St. Joseph's is strengthening the relationship between our two parishes as we love and serve one another. It is a true partnership between sisters and brothers in Christ.

In an address to the PTPA National Conference in September, Cardinal Chibly Langlois, Haiti's first cardinal, said, "According to the testimony many priests and parishes in Haiti, if the Parish Twinning Program did not exist, we should invent it."

Cardinal Langlois characterized twinning

as "a solidarity that opens horizons and makes the church become one large family whose boundaries exceed not only the limits of the parishes and dioceses, but reaches to the ends of the earth... I assure you that the Church in Haiti is particularly sensitive to this gospel of love that is preached as part of this experience."



Fr. Jeff riding mule to Medor

The year of Father Mac: A centennial remembrance / Dr. Joseph F. Rishel

To mark the 100th birthday of the late DU President Spiritan Fr. Henry J. McAnulty, his namesake McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts named the 2014-15 academic year "The Year of Father Mac." At the fall homecoming, family members, alumni and Duauesne employees reminisced about the charmina character who led the campus through phenomenal growth and financial uncertainty, paving the way for Duquesne to become an anchor and active member of the Uptown and educational community. Noted historian, Pittsburgh native and Duquesne Professor Emeritus Dr. Joseph Rishel witnessed much of the McAnulty era as a student and professor. He shares a biographical sketch of Father Mac in honor of this landmark restrospective year.

Fr. Henry J. "Mac" McAnulty, CSSp, one of the most dynamic and the second-longest serving president in Duquesne University's history, was born in Pittsburgh in 1915, graduated from Central Catholic High School and earned his bachelor's degree from Duquesne University in 1936. He entered the Holy Ghost Fathers seminary in Connecticut where he was ordained in 1940. During WWII, he entered the Army Air Corps as a chaplain and served for 15 years. Then he joined the reserves and rose to the rank of brigadier general, the first Catholic ever to reach that Air Force position.

Fr. Mac came to the Bluff as assistant to the president in 1958 at the urging of DU President Father Vernon Gallagher. The following year Gallagher named Fr. Mac president, the last person to be appointed to that position; those following have been selected by research committees. His appointment had all the markings of a disaster - he had no Ph.D., no publications and no experience in academic administration. Even worse, his predecessor had envisioned a master plan for the Bluff and had already built a campus home for the Holy Ghost Fathers, Duquesne's first residence hall, and Rockwell Hall for the Schools of Business and Law.

Father Mac strove to be a presence in the community, and as a result of his genuine, unassuming personality, he became trusted by the Pittsburgh community and its moneyed elite. That put him in a position to become the fundraiser and to proceed with Gallagher's plan for campus development. In addition to the three buildings mentioned above, the master plan consisted of little more than a hope to "take over" the Bluff, and several artists' sketches of unrealized buildings. He embarked on a building campaign not seen before or since, and eventually built three new residence halls, enlarged the university library, purchased some existing buildings on the Bluff, and built a modern science

building designed by famed architect, Ludwig Mies van der Rohe, and constructed a student union.

This impressive expansion would not have been possible except for the fact that the Urban Redevelopment Authority, then engaged in rebuilding Pittsburgh's Lower Hill, enlarged its area to include the Bluff neighborhood which consisted largely of blighted housing. The URA began demolishing houses in 1964 and selling the land to Duquesne for 5 cents a square foot. The original plan was for Duguesne to acquire the land between Bluff and Locust Streets extending all the way to Mercy Hospital. Later, the URA asked Father Mac if Duquesne would like to include the land between Locust Street and Forbes Avenue. His answer was a definite "yes."

But it was not all that easy. An organization called Protestants and other Americans United for the Separation of Church and State mounted a fierce campaign against any Roman Catholic institution receiving aid of this sort. Eventually their efforts failed, which helped Duquesne. The Mellon family contributed generously to the construction of the science building. In gratitude the building was named after Richard King Mellon. Today, Mellon Hall remains the only building in Pittsburgh designed by van der Rohe.

By the end of his administration, the DU campus had achieved much of the shape familiar today. The McAnulty name was a household word in Pittsburgh and beyond, and the University had been transformed beyond being a local institution into being poised to reach national status.

In July 1980 Father Mac stepped down from the presidency, but he remained on the Bluff as university chancellor for the rest of his life. At a gathering of alumni in 1990, Mayor Sophie Masloff proclaimed that Colbert Street would henceforth be known as McAnulty Drive. Five years later, the College of Liberal Arts was renamed the McAnulty College and Graduate School of Liberal Arts.

On June 10, 1995, Father Mac celebrated a wedding Mass in the University Chapel. Later that day, he quietly passed away, a poignant end to his life.

At his funeral Mass in St. Paul Cathedral, President John Murray addressed the multitude, saying of Fr. Mac something he had said many times before, "He was the president of Duquesne University. He will always be the president of Duquesne University."

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Our Lady, Queen of Peace Lenten supper offers food for thought

Katie Scott / Catholic Herald

A L'Arche-led Lenten retreat challenges parishioners to reflect on Scripture's call to community, service and advocacy. Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church parishioners in Arlington VA reflected on diversity and community as they sipped steamy vegetable soup and enjoyed Lenten-themed crafts, chatting and laughing all the while. The Stone Soup Suppers, offered each week during Lent, feature Mass, a simple meal and a presentation. This year's theme was "Embracing Diversity," and on February 27 members of L'Arche led a mini-retreat for the parish.

Founded in 1964 by Catholic Jean Vanier, L'Arche are interdenominational Christian communities that include individuals with intellectual disabilities and encourage members to deepen their spiritual ife. There are two L'Arche homes in Arlington, and about seven residents attend Mass weekly at Oueen of Peace.

The retreat focused on three areas: community, service and advocacy. For each area, a member of L'Arche read a Scripture passage and shared a story about a L'Arche resident. The nearly 65 attendees then were asked to meditate upon questions such as, "Who are the strangers in your life?" and "How have you helped give someone else strength to believe in themselves?" To complete each section, participants made a small piece of art, such as a cut-out sheep to represent the lost sheep in Jesus' parable. In the well known story Jesus asks, "Wouldn't you leave the 99 in the wilderness and go after the lost one until you found it?"

Spiritan Father Timothy J. Hickey, pastor, said the soup suppers help keep parishioners engaged in Lent throughout the entire 40 days, and also provide an opportunity for individuals to conduct a



Laurie Pippenger (right) shows off an apron she made during a Lenten mini-retreat at Our Lady, Queen of Peace Church. Pippenger and Eva-Elizabeth Chishold (left) are both members of L'Arche, an interdenominational Christian community.

spiritual check-in, to ask themselves, "How is my relationship with God and others?" he said.

Parishioner Gerri Noble-Martocci said the evening allowed her to fulfill her Lenten responsibility in unique ways. "For me, the evening is a fast from watching TV; it's giving alms not by actually giving, but humbly receiving the gifts of the L'Arche members; and praying through the Scripture readings," she said. She added that the presentation was especially meaningful because she has a nephew with special needs, and that the night reflected the everyday culture of the parish. "Our Lady, Queen of Peace makes room for everyone, whether they are in wheelchairs, intellectually disabled or have other differences," she said. Sitting next to her was her son, Joe, who is responsible for parish maintenance. He said that many people might think there are better ways to spend a Friday night, but he felt the Stone Soup Supper was a beautiful way to close the week.

Lent throughout the entire 40 days, and also pro- "Everyone knows each other here, and there's such a sense vide an opportunity for individuals to conduct a of community," he said. "It's what this parish is all about."

Ned's Mission Olbalbal, Tanzania: Musa lifts curse

(Fr. Ned Marchessault, CSSp)

Some of you may have read my blogs about Musa, the little three-year old boy we are raising here on the mission. Two and a half years ago one of my students, Lenkangu, went to a Maasai village some distance from our place, and at the gate of the village he came upon a small child laying on the ground crying. His ribs were sticking out and it was clear that the small boy was not being cared for. In the house next to the gate, Lenkangu found a group of women sitting around passing the time. He asked them about the emaciated child, and was told that the little boy's mother had died some six weeks before and that her co-wives all had small children to care for. They said that since the family had only a few cattle, the children of the co-wives were getting most of the milk and there was little left over for Musa, the child at the gate. Each of the women blamed Musa's condition on the others, saying the responsibility to care for Musa rested with the others. It was clear to Lenkangu that Musa was slowly starving to death.

He came back to the mission and told us about Musa and how it was clear that the child would not survive the ill treatment and deprivation much longer. We talked it over and Naponu, the woman who watches the house when I make my daily trips to the villages, said that she would undertake caring for Musa if I would buy milk for him each day. We immediately climbed into the car and went looking for Musa's father. We found him at the shops in the village. He told us that he had asked his wives to care for Musa, but little was being done because they claimed that there was not enough food for Musa and their own small children. In fact, he said there was little he could do. He told us that perhaps Musa was not meant to live. On being asked if he would agree that we care for Musa, he agreed saying that he did not expect Musa to survive. We went with him to the village and brought Musa here to the mission. That was two and a half years ago.







It was touch and go for a while but Musa did survive and after a few weeks began to put on weight. He has thrived and is now a sturdy little boy of three running around and getting into everything. He took his first steps months after other children of his age were walking and now is beginning to speak a few words. He has become the child of everyone here at Olbalbal. Since all draw water at the tap in front of our house, all the Maasai women of the area check on Musa each day and many take a few minutes to play with him. Even the co-wives of his dead mother have come to enjoy greeting Musa and spending a little time with him.

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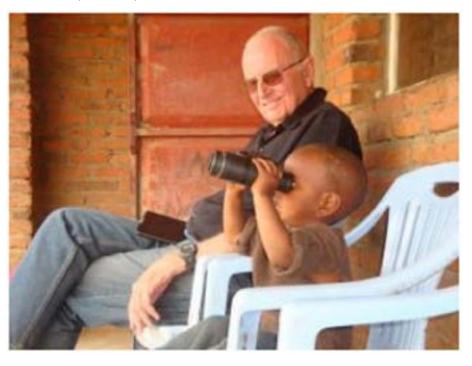
Ned's Mission Olbalbal, Tanzania: Musa lifts curse (continued)

Some time after we began to care for Musa and he revived and began to grow, there began to be a lot of sickness in the village of Musa. Most of the time now someone from that village is seriously ill, much more so than the people of the surrounding villages. In fact, there is now talk of a curse on the village because of the way they treated Musa. Recently, the grass roof blew off the house of the oldest co-wife of Musa's dead mother. Soon after that, her baby of the same age that Musa was when Lenkangu found him, took sick and began to waste away. The family took the child to various hospitals, even to the big new Lutheran hospital in Arusha. He received medicine everywhere but has not improved; he continues to

get weaker and thinner. They say that he gets plenty of milk and is fed butter as are all Maasai children, but the milk does him no good and the butter sits in his stomach like a stone.

Last week the people of the village sent a delegation to an old woman, a diviner, at Nainoknoka in the mountains above us. The old woman has the reputation of being able to discern the "why" when bad things happen. She thought long and hard (a couple of days I was told) about the problem and then gave the delegation from Musa's village her verdict. She told them that all these bad things were taking place because of the way they had treated Musa.

The old woman said they must now have Musa bless their village. The blessing would consist of taking Musa to their village and giving him the things that he was deprived of as an infant. Musa's father came to us with this story and asked us to take Musa "home" to bless the village. We agreed, and a couple of days later took Musa to his village. The family gave him milk to drink and a gourd of milk to take with him. They fed him a little butter and rubbed butter on his stomach. These were the two things, milk and butter, that he lacked as an



infant, the food that a normal Maasai child is given in abundance. During all of these very solemn and vital proceedings, Musa was much more interested in the baby chickens that a woman of the village was raising to sell to the shopkeepers at Olbalbal village. He kept running after the chicks and had to be brought back to continue with the blessings. That was it. It took about a half hour and Musa had blessed the village by his presence and the symbolic milk and butter that he was given. We brought him back here to the mission and now everyone is waiting to see if the very sick child will get better and if the general health of the people of

that village improves.

I thought afterwards that the least they could have done would have been to give Musa a baby chicken for his efforts.





Fr. Jeff Duaime, C.S.Sp.

Last month, I had the occasion to visit Don McEachin and get to know the Spiritan mission in the Dominican Republic a little better. The mission is in a remote location near the border with Haiti in the small town of San Juan de la Maguana, and it has Spiritan mission written all over it. It is part of a poor diocese which has only a few local priests. The bishop, who is from the Dominican Republic, is very charismatic and extremely energetic in promoting the evangelization of the local area. Don and Jose Alamo, the confrere from Puerto Rico presently assigned to the mission, are giving tremendous witness to the Spiritan charism through their energetic work and their simple lifestyle. It was a moment of great pride for me to visit and see their enthusiasm for this new ministry.

As we celebrate the gift of new life this Easter, I think of the presence of the Risen Lord who challenges us to embrace challenging times so that we might experience the power of the resurrection in our everyday lives. Surrounded by signs of decline and death, this ten-year collaborative ministry on the part of the North American and Caribbean Spiritan region is a great act of faith and hope in the power of the resurrection in our world. As the North American provinces struggle with declining membership and the scaling back of commitments, the need to be faithful to our mission and evangelize in our own backyard is stronger than ever. The Caribbean circumscriptions are small in number and struggle with limited resources, but they have

a great sense of hope and mission as they respond to the call to live the Good News in their own particular situations. The thriving collaborative project in the Dominican Republic is a corporate commitment of the region that binds us together in ministry and spirit. It is a true sign of the power of the resurrection for us as a community as we break through all that binds us and holds us back. Through this common commitment, we embrace the future with faith and hope.

The peace and joy that we celebrate this Easter season is the hallmark of all that we do as Spiritans. As the Spirit has guided us for more than 312 years, we can rejoice in the gift of community and commitment that strengthens us in all that we do. While we might feel overwhelmed at times with the issues of an aging membership and certain crises in the church, the future is bright for those who believe in the resurrection.

By putting his faith in God's plan and embracing the cross on Calvary that Good Friday, Jesus was raised from the dead on Easter Sunday and is the source of new life for all who believe. In discovering the empty tomb early that first day of the week, the disciples might not have fully realized the significance of that moment, but because of their experience of faith, their lives and ministry would never be the same. My prayer for each of you and for our community this Easter season is that we might embrace the present moment in light of the hope that is ours through our sharing in the death and resurrection of the Lord. May it be a time of peace and joy for you and all you do in the Lord.

Politecnico San Miguel Fe y Alegria High School Expansion

Fr. Don McEachin reports that slow but sure progress is being made with the expansion of the ever growing parish high school that he oversees, Politecnico San Miguel Fe y Alegria. They are still hoping to move into the new sections sometime this spring. Meanwhile, Fr. Don is teaching five hours a week but in five different classrooms. He finds it very difficult to learn the names of all the students, and now with 100 students to learn, he takes a picture of each class group and writes their names over their heads on the photo. It means a lot of homework for the teacher!! Fortunately, the students love to have their pictures taken. He has recently discovered how much he likes working with high school students. It's never too late to try new things and learn!! (See back cover for additional photos.)

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~ Anniversaries of Ordination celebrated in April and May ~

Congratulations, and may God sustain you in celebrating the Sacraments, in proclaiming the Gospel, and in consecrating your life to God for the good of the people entrusted to your care.

Fr. James Okoye	45 Years	April 18, 1970
Fr. Honest Munishi	15 Years	May 13, 2000
Fr. Jean-Pierre Tambwe	10 Years	April 21, 2005
Fr. Gilbert Tairo	5 Years	May 8, 2010

Legend of the Dogwood

At the time of the crucifixion, the dogwood had reached the size of the mighty oak tree. So strong and firm was the wood that it was chosen as the timber for Jesus' cross.



To be used for such a cruel purpose greatly distressed the dogwood. While nailed upon it, Jesus sensed this, and in his compassion said, "Because of your pity for my suffering, never again shall the dogwood tree grow large enough to be used for a cross. It shall be slender, bent, and twisted, and its blossoms shall be in the form of a cross - two long and two short petals. In the center of the outer edge of each petal will be the print of nails. In the center of the flower, stained with blood, will be a crown of thorns so that all who see it will remember."

It was a Happy St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day always calls for a celebration! Even if one is not Irish, we find ourself looking for something green to wear on that day. At Libermann Hall we have lots of reasons to celebrate St. Patrick's Day! First of all, we have a Superior General who is from Ireland. Second, we have resident priests like Fr. Kelly, and a few other

Irish men. And last but not least, we like to have parties!!

Late in the afternoon, before a dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage, we gathered in the community room. We enjoyed green beverages, Irish Soda Bread, along with other snacks, and of course Irish music!!

Whatever the reason, it is always fun to have a celebration, exchange stories, and enjoy each others' com-

pany. "May the luck of the Irish always be with you"!!



Our Best Birthday Wishes to these Spiritans with Birthdays in April, May and June!

April

- 1 Fr. William R. Headley Fr. Daniel S. Sormani 11
- 20 Fr. Andy V. Do
- 23 Fr. Edward T. Marchessault
- 29 Fr. Adrien T. Hebert

May

- Fr. Edward J. Caron
- 13 Fr. Josephat Msongore
- 20 Fr. Naos McCool

June

- 2 Fr. Paul M. Flamm
- 8 Fr. Joseph F. McDonough
- Fr. Jean-Pierre Tambwe
- 17 Fr. Michael T. Grey
- 19 Fr. Jean-Michel Gelmetti
- 22 Fr. Raymond French
- 26 Fr. John A. Sawicki
- 26 Fr. William L. Smith
- 26 Fr. Leonard J. Tuozzolo
- 26 Fr. Freddy J. Washington
- 28 Fr. John Owusu-Achiaw

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Pg. C-28: UCHENDU, Clement -

new cell 832-792-5009 Pg. C-28: VU, Martin -

correct cell: 832-451-9612

Pg. H-2: EKE, Casimir - correct emai

to read: eke.casimir@yahoo.com Pg. <u>I-10</u>: Taiwan-Vietnam:

PALMER, Patrick - new email: patpalmercssp@gmail.com

Remembering in Prayer ...

Please join the Spiritans in praying for our recently departed:

- Most Rev. Vincent Ezeonyia, C.S.Sp, 74, diocese of Onitsha, Nigeria, after 52 years of religious profession, on February 8;
- Patricia Byrne, sister of Fr. Tom Byrne, C.S.Sp., 93, on February 8th, formerly of New York, in North Carolina;
- John E. Murray, Jr., former Duquesne University president and chancellor, 82, on February 11, in Pittsburgh;
- Damas Skaj, older brother of Fr. John Skaj, February 25, Minneapolis;
- Fr. John P. Skaj, 78, March 26 in Pittsburgh (obituary on page 2);
- Colleen McKnight, 86, eldest sister of Fr. Al McKnight, CSSp, March 28 in Binghamton NY;
- Mr. Joseph Adjei, adopted father of Fr. Francis Tandoh, recently, in
- Anthony Mahfouz, uncle of Fr. Daniel Sormani, in Long Island NY, April 11.

and those who are ill, especially:

Fr. Girard Jean Kohler Fr. Norbert Rosso

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for 2015

April

Universal: That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization: That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

May

Universal: That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

Evangelization: That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be ready to proclaim Jesus.

<u>June</u>

Universal: That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

Evangelization: That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.



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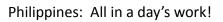
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