



## Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Dear Brothers,

Happy Feast Day! Today (May 30, 2021) we celebrate the feast of our Trinitarian Order and Family, the **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**. This is the opportunity for us to reflect upon our religious commitment as consecrated men and our lives as brothers in the light of this mystery, most especially as we begin our preparations for our upcoming Provincial Chapter in October of this year. On this day we celebrate who God is. I suppose that we could say that *every* Sunday is, in a very real sense, dedicated to God and therefore a Trinity Sunday. But since Pope John XXII (1316–1334) ordered the feast for the entire Church, the Church has celebrated this day on the first Sunday after Pentecost, to help all of us focus more explicitly on who God is in his profound mysterious depths, and therefore who we are called to be, made in God's image and likeness.

*"The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity,"* we read in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, *"is the central mystery of Christian faith and life"* (CCC 234). It is the central mystery, not just with regard to what we believe but how we live. The Catechism goes on to say why: *"It is the mystery of God in himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them. It is the most fundamental and essential teaching in the 'hierarchy of the truths of faith.'"* The mystery of the Trinity, in other words, illumines the mystery of Creation, the mystery of Redemption, the Mystery of Sanctification. It illumines every page of Sacred Scripture. It helps us to understand the commandments. It reveals what is at the root of all of the sacraments and prayer. It unveils for us the deepest reason for the dignity of every human life and person.



The Catechism paragraph concludes, *"The whole history of salvation is identical with the history of the way and the means by which the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, reveals himself to men and reconciles and unites with himself those who turn away from sin."* Underneath the history of the world, underneath our own personal history from the moment of our conception in our mother's womb, until now and beyond, has developed within this mystery of the Blessed Trinity. Therefore, it's crucial for us as human persons, not to mention believers and consecrated religious, to pour ourselves — not just our minds but our heart, soul, strength and entire existence — into the mystery and reality of the Trinity. The Christian life is meant to be a **Trinitarian life**. Your life, my life, the priestly life, the religious life, is meant to be a Trinitarian life.

The question for each of us is, *how do we live a Trinitarian life?* We certainly are helped to live this reality liturgically. The entire celebration of the Eucharist is, for example, lived in communion with the Trinity. We began the *Mass in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit*. We end it by receiving the blessing of *Father, Son and Holy Spirit*. Everything we do and say during the Eucharist is nothing other than a prayerful dialogue between us and the Father, through the person of Jesus Christ (Son), united by and in the Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday, then, is a day in which God wants to help us to enter more deeply into his own inner life and allow that life to become the defining reality of our own. We do this in many ways, but the way I would like to focus on with you is through the evangelical counsels, which St. John Paul II called in *Vita Consecrata*, a *"reflection of the Trinitarian life."*

*“The deepest meaning of the evangelical counsels is revealed when they are viewed in relation to the Holy Trinity, the source of holiness. They are in fact an expression of the love of the Son for the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit. By practicing the evangelical counsels, the consecrated person lives with particular intensity the Trinitarian and Christological dimension that marks the whole of Christian life. The **chastity** of celibates and virgins ... is a reflection of the **infinite love** that links the three Divine Persons in the mysterious depths of the life of the Trinity. ... **Poverty** proclaims that God is man’s only real treasure. When poverty is lived according to the example of Christ who, ‘though he was rich ... became poor’ (2 Cor 8:9), it becomes an expression of that total gift of self which the three Divine Persons make to one another. ... **Obedience**, practiced in imitation of Christ, whose food was to do the Father’s will (cf. Jn 4:34), shows the liberating beauty of a **dependence that is not servile but filial**, marked by a deep sense of responsibility and animated by mutual trust, which is a reflection in history of the loving harmony between the three Divine Persons.”*

We realize that Jesus himself said and did whatever he heard from the Father, and the Holy Spirit’s mission was to remind us of everything Jesus himself had said. Our obedience is a reflection of the loving filial obedience of Jesus made possible by the Holy Spirit. St. John Paul II concludes,

*“Consecrated life is thus called constantly to deepen the gift of the evangelical counsels with a love which grows ever more genuine and strong in the **Trinitarian** dimension: love **for Christ**, which leads to closeness with him; love **for the Holy Spirit**, who opens our hearts to his inspiration; love **for the Father**, the first origin and supreme goal of the consecrated life. The consecrated life thus becomes a confession and a sign of the Trinity, whose mystery is held up to the Church as the model and source of every form of Christian life (VC 21).*

This shows us the path to true freedom, true love, and true wealth.

My brothers, our Triune God wants us to have among ourselves the communion that exists in God, the communion that flows from love, the communion that is a fruit of our participation in God’s own interior life. Just as in the Blessed Trinity, their oneness is greater than the distinction of persons, so in the Christian life, our Trinitarian consecrated life, our communion is meant to be more distinctive than the diversity of our gifts, personalities, opinions. This is something that the early Christians themselves approached, by cooperating with the Holy Spirit, and is something that we need urgently to pray for and seek again, especially as we find ourselves diminished in number, energy and even in spirit at times.



St. John Paul II talked about the prophetic sign of Trinitarian communion that is meant to be glimpsed in our community life as religious. *“Fraternal life,”* he wrote, *“whereby consecrated persons strive to live in Christ with ‘one heart and soul’ (Acts 4:32), is put forward as an eloquent witness to the Trinity. It proclaims the Father, who desires to make all of humanity one family. It proclaims the Incarnate Son, who gathers the redeemed into unity, ... above all [by] his death, which is the source of reconciliation for a divided and scattered humanity. It proclaims the Holy Spirit as the principle of unity in the Church, wherein he ceaselessly raises up spiritual families and fraternal communities”* (21). He adds, *“By constantly promoting fraternal love, also in the form of common life, the consecrated life has shown that sharing in the Trinitarian communion can change human relationships and create a new type of solidarity. In this way it speaks to people both of the beauty of fraternal communion and of the ways that actually lead to it. Consecrated persons live ‘for’ God and ‘from’ God, and precisely for this reason they are able to bear witness to the reconciling power of grace, which overcomes the divisive tendencies present in the human heart and in society”* (41). This solidarity, the communion of the Holy Spirit, is meant to be shown in all its beauty in our Trinitarian communities – to be true Houses where the Trinity dwells and is alive in the hearts and lives of all of the brothers.

This Trinity Sunday is a chance for us, once again, to hear God calling us to live up to our dignity and enter more deeply into communion with Him and with one another as *Brothers of the Holy Trinity* that will bring true joy to our lives in this world and eternal joy in the next. It is a time for us to receive the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the communion of the Holy Spirit, to dwell in it and to let that grace, love and communion overflow. And so, let us pray for that, in the words with which St. John Paul II concluded his beautiful exhortation on the Trinitarian dimension of the consecrated life:

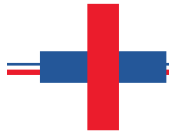
*Most Holy Trinity, blessed and the source of all blessedness, bless your sons and daughters whom you have called to praise the greatness of your love, your merciful goodness and your beauty. **Father Most Holy**, sanctify the sons and daughters who have consecrated themselves to you, for the glory of your name. Enfold them with your power, enabling them to bear witness that you are the Origin of all things, the one Source of love and freedom. ... **Jesus our Savior**, Incarnate Word, as you have entrusted your own way of life to those whom you have called, continue to draw to yourself men and women who will be, for the people of our time, dispensers of mercy, heralds of your return, living signs of the Resurrection and of its treasures of virginity, poverty and obedience. May no tribulation separate them from you and from your love! **Holy Spirit**, Love poured into our hearts, who grant grace and inspiration to our minds, the perennial Source of life, who bring to fulfillment the mission of Christ by means of many charisms, we pray to you for all consecrated persons. Fill their hearts with the deep certainty of having been chosen to love, to praise and to serve. Enable them to savor your friendship, fill them with your joy and consolation, help them to overcome moments of difficulty and to rise up again with trust after they have fallen; make them mirrors of the divine beauty. Give them the courage to face the challenges of our time and the grace to bring to all mankind the goodness and loving kindness of our Savior Jesus Christ (cf. Tit 3:4).*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen!

In Trinitate,



Very Rev. Albert M. Anuszewski, O.S.S.T.  
Minister Provincial



## Prayers Requested for our Sick and Infirm Brothers

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*Please remember our brothers who are experiencing illness or who are in senior living situations.*

**Fr. Tom Dymowski** had surgery for a hip replacement on May 25<sup>th</sup> in San Antonio. A day after the surgery, Tom was released from the hospital and returned to our house. The surgery went very well and Tom has begun the various programs of therapy.

**Fr. Bill Axe** relates that he is doing really well with the immunotherapy drug but is at the lowest possible level at this time. Bill's surgeon has ordered a CT Scan on May 29, of a tumor he wants to biopsy. His oncologist wants to do a complete body PET-Scan to see how the immunotherapy drug is dealing with the cancer—that one is scheduled for June 8. Bill is still not driving or reading good literature because his concentration is still very weak. He has also been told by his doctors to avoid contact with many people since his immune system is very weak.

**Fr. Ken Borgesen** celebrated his 81<sup>st</sup> Birthday on May 14 in the skilled nursing unit of **St. Joseph's Hall** in Lawrenceville, NJ. Recently, Ken's situation is stable.

**Fr. Michael Conway**, continues to show signs of mental deterioration and needs more assistance with various activities.

**Fr. David Colella** is doing well overall and his condition is being monitored by the nursing staff of Caritas House.



## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord....

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### Fr. Mario Cipollone – Province of Saint John de Matha



**Fr. Mario Cipollone, O.S.S.T.**, of the Province of Saint John de Matha, was called home to God on April 26, 2021, while a patient at the Hospital of Frascati (RM). Fr. Mario was born in the town of Cese di Avezzano in the province of Aquila, on December 24, 1939. He entered the novitiate of the Province of St. John de Matha on September 26, 1956, at the monastery of the Shrine of Our Lady of Grace in Cori and professed his First Vows there on October 7, 1957. Undertaking his studies in Rome, he made his Solemn Profession of Vows at the Basilica of San Crisogono on September 29, 1963 and after completing his studies in theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University, he was ordained to the priesthood on March 5, 1966, also in Rome.

After serving for two years at the house of San Ferdinando in Livorno, he served several times at our house in Palestrina,. He soon fell in love with the parish and the people of Santa Lucia. He served as the parochial vicar of the parish from 1968 to 1974, then he returned as the pastor of Santa Lucia from 1987 to 1996. After a period of time in Rome at Santa Maria delle Grazie alle Fornaci, he returned once again to serve as pastor of Santa Lucia from 2003 to 2015, as Minister of the local community from 2015 to 2018. Fr. Mario remained as a conventual of the community despite poor health. *“Fr. Mario was very much beloved by the people of Palestrina and was known to be a man of peace who served the people of God with the serene soul of the Good Shepherd and who, at the same time, was very much aware of being one of the sheep of the Divine Shepherd, Jesus,”* (Funeral Homily of Most Rev. Mauro Parmeggiani, Bishop of Tivoli and Palestrina).

*May the Most Holy Trinity, source of infinite mercy, receive Fr. Mario into the joy of Paradise.*

### Fr. Juan Justino Feregrino Feregrino – Delegation of the Holy Redeemer (Mexico)

Less than a month after the death of Fr. Conrado Pérez Silva, O.S.S.T., God called **Father Juan Justino Feregrino O.S.S.T.**, a member of the Delegation of the Holy Redeemer (Mexico) to eternal life in the Kingdom of Heaven.

Fr. Justino was born on July 18, 1957, in Ezequiel Montes, Mexico, the son of Guadalupe and Matilde. Fr. Justino entered the novitiate of the Order on October 1, 1984, in Mexico, and made his First Profession in Rome on November 23, 1985. He made his Solemn Profession of Vows on December 4, 1988 in Mexico and received priestly ordination in his home town of Ezequiel Montes on December 24, 1990.

Throughout his priesthood, Fr. Justino served in our parishes in Mexico City, most recently at Santa Cruz Acatlán



*Let us commend the soul of Father Justino to our prayers and ask our Triune God to grant him eternal life.*

At the April 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Provincial Council, Father Albert accepted two candidates who will enter the Postulancy program of the Province. They will begin the yearlong program in August and will reside at the new Provincial House/ Formation House in Sykesville, MD. The two men are **Kim Inteligando** and **Marvin Jhan Santos**. Please pray for Kim and Marvin and for their perseverance as they prepare to enter the formation program.

### *Kim Inteligando*



My name is Kim Inteligando, I am the younger of two children in the family. I was born and raised in a small town in Tandag City, Surigao del Sur, Philippines on August 9, 1989. My father, William, is a farmer and my mother, Luzminda, is a housewife and my sibling, Katrina, is a licensed teacher.

I am a graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Accounting and a Certified Public Accountant in the Philippines. I worked as a general accountant in Bayer Business Services Philippines Inc. for a year before I went to work in the Middle East in 2016. I worked there for five years, first as a Corporate accountant in Philips Lighting for one year and a half after which I worked as a Senior Tax Consultant in Ernst and Young (EY) for three and a half years.

In 2017, I found the Catholic Community in the most unexpected place through a common friend. I was introduced to Fr. Aldo and other Trinitarian priests. It was interacting with them that my vocation to be a Trinitarian began.

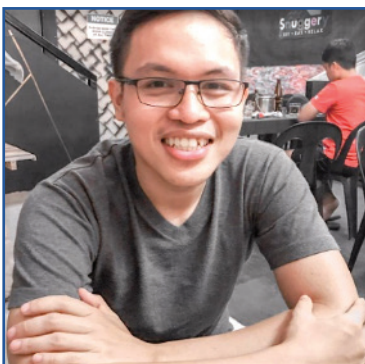
It took me several years until I finally decided to join the Order and answer God's call. Before I could apply I had to support my family while I was guided by Fr. Aldo in my early discernment process. In addition, I was able to meet the Trinitarian brothers and sisters in Cerfroid in 2018, in Rome in 2020 and just this January, in the Philippines.

This has been one of the biggest yet fulfilling decisions of my life. I was able to overcome my worries about how my family will cope financially in the coming years since I have been the breadwinner. I do believe that God provides.

As inspired by the mission and charism of the Trinitarian Order, I am certainly up for the challenge to live a life as a Trinitarian priest. I dream to dedicate my life to Him and to help the poor and the captives. I wish everyone could live a free life in the Holy Spirit according to our baptismal graces. I want to go through the way of holiness.

Lastly, I do hope and pray that I will be fully equipped in all aspects of life especially the values of a Trinitarian all throughout the formation program of the Order.

### *Marvin Jhan Santos*



Growing up in a solid catholic family, I have discovered the gift of faith at an early age of 4. My Lola (grandmother) would usually take me to church every Sunday with the promise of bringing me to Jollibee (a famous fast food chain for kids in the Philippines) afterwards. I never thought that this weekly endeavor would eventually lead me to serving in our parish as an Altar boy, and later as a Lector. Little did I know that this routinely mass attendance with my Lola and my simple service in our parish would lead me in a greater act of offering oneself; priesthood.

In comparison to my Lola, my parents are not that religious. My father was a former overseas Filipino worker who is now living in the Philippines, and my mom stays at home taking care of her family's needs. They both have their own families now. I have a brother who is handling our water station business, and a little sister who is still studying in elementary.

I finished my High School in a private non-sectarian institution, the Corinthian School with flying colors. I then took the shot of entering the seminary in hope of deepening my relationship with the Lord. I took Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy then pursued Master units in Master of Arts in Theology major in Sacred Scriptures and Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry major in Family Ministry and Counseling. After a year in Theology, I have decided to work for some time and continue my philosophical studies. I took Master of Arts in Philosophy at the University of the Philippines, Diliman. I became a College instructor/lecturer in different universities such as, La Consolation University of the Philippines, Centro Escolar University, Corinthian School and Mary the Queen School of Malolos teaching Metaphysics, History of Philosophy and Social Science.



I also served as an English Tutor in English Central teaching English proficiency to Turkish, Brazilian, and Japanese doctors, lawyers and software engineers for two years.

I first encounter the Trinitarian Order with my professor in UP Diliman. She finished her doctorate in the University of the Holy Cross, Rome. She was able to see and encounter Trinitarian priests in the eternal city and was fascinated by their history and charism. When I told her that I have my plans to return seminary formation, she recommended that I join the Trinitarians. I then searched it over the internet and see the work and charism which the Order is doing. I then contacted

Fr. Richard and was invited in the house. Seeing the community made me realize that this might be the place in which the Lord called me, so with a series of prayerful discernment, I officially sent my letter of application to the province.

The vocation to the priesthood is a call to fidelity. Fidelity to the promise made by the Lord and fidelity to his calling of redeeming the lost sheep of the sheepfold.

### **Michael Angelo Estores - Aspirant**

Hello Everyone,

I am Michael Angelo Cataman Estores and I am 21 years old. I came from Busco, Butong, Quezon, Bukidnon. I just completed my 1<sup>st</sup> Year of College at Rogationist Seminary, Parañaque City, where I majored in AB Philosophy. My father's name is Solitario N. Estores, he died last November in the year 2020. He used to work as a Barangay Council in our town, but when he died, my mother took over his duties. My mother's name is Mary Ann C. Estores, she is now working in our Barangay as replaced by my Father's work.

Both of my parents were active in our parish. My Father was a secretary before in our parish and he was the one who managed the Servers of the Altar. He spent many years of his life in our parish. My Mother was a member of the Catechist. She was teaching the students in Busco Elementary School. She was the one who assisted my father if there's a parish activity. I have also one sister, her name is Cates C. Estores. She just completed her 10<sup>th</sup> Grade in high school, and now she's enrolling for a Senior High School Year.

For my religious Formation, I spent 2 years in our house in Merville Subdivision, Parañaque City before I was accepted as a member in the community last year 2020. I began my studies in philosophy last year 2020 and now I have just completed my 1<sup>st</sup> year AB Philosophy.

My first year of formation was a tough experience. This was because I had to adjust myself to a new culture, food and





people. There were times that I wanted to go home because of various problems and trials in my life. I lost hope and courage at that time. I know that it was a difficult experience for me but I just realized that problems and challenges are always normal in every community, but it is inevitable that you will get affected by it. But because of these challenges and struggles, they formed me to become a more mature person and know how to stand on my own two feet when tough problems arrive. The seminary formation helped me to develop my personal relationship with God and taught me how to deepen my spirituality and especially, to have a devotion to the Most Holy Trinity. It also helped me to interact and socialize with different people, cultures and society. The seminary formation has made a huge difference and improvement of who I am today. I am also grateful for the help of **Fr. Richard A. Giner, O.S.S.T** and **Fr. Shinu Matthew, O.S.S.T** who guided me throughout my journey on my vocation. I learned a lot from them, and they taught me how to live as a religious person in the Order of the Most Holy Trinity.

In my First Year Philosophy studies, it was a challenging part for me it is because I was adjusting to the world of Philosophy. We were just having our online classes through via Zoom or Google Meet. When I entered the house, they trained me how to read books and how to develop my vocabulary especially my English grammar. I know it was a bit adjusting for me because of the system and studies in College, but I will do my best with God's grace to learn and study hard and to share what I have learned to the people around me.

I am so grateful and happy because I finished my 1<sup>st</sup> Year College AB Philosophy with the prayers and support of our **Minister Provincial, Fr. Albert Anuszewski, O.S.S.T, Fr. Richard A. Giner, O.S.S.T, Fr. Shinu Matthew, O.S.S.T,** and especially to the Trinitarian Family around the world, benefactors, friends and especially to my family and God. Thank you so much for your support and prayers. As I continue my journey in my Trinitarian vocation, may God bless and guide me to become a good brother in the society and especially to the Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives. Thank you so much! Take care everyone and may our Good Lord bless us and protect us in this COVID-19 Pandemic. God bless us all!

**St. John de Matha, Pray for us! Amen.**

Respectfully Yours,

Michael Angelo C. Estores

### **Brother Allan Gastardo Receives Ministry of Acolyte**

Brother Allan Paul of the Cross Gastardo, received the ministry of acolyte on May 14, 2021. Fr. Albert M. Anuszewski, O.S.S.T., Minister Provincial, was the principal celebrant of the Mass and installed the new acolyte in the chapel of DeMatha Catholic High School, Hyattsville, MD. Fr. Gerard Lynch and Bro. Kevin McGrady joined the local community to celebrate with Brother Allan. The ceremony was held in the School chapel since the community chapel on Laverne Drive is too small to accommodate the number of religious and one vocation visitor that attended. After the ceremony, however, everyone returned to St. John de Matha Monastery on Laverne Drive for refreshments and a dinner. It was a great way for Bro. Allen to complete his third year of theological studies.

An acolyte assists a deacon or priest, primarily in the celebration of Mass. He attends to the needs of the altar and may distribute Communion as an auxiliary minister. He also may be entrusted with the public veneration of the Blessed Sacrament, but does not give the Benediction, which is reserved for a priest or deacon.



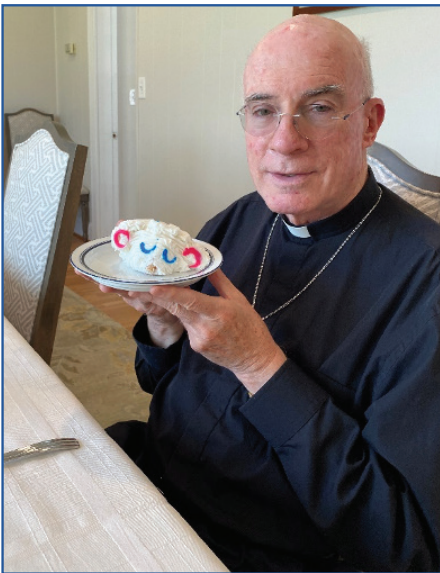
## Around the Province...

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### St. Lawrence Martyr Parish, Hanover, Maryland

Brother Kevin McGrady reports that the RCIA program for children and teens is drawing to a close. The participants have been participating the final sessions of the period of the Mystagogy. Once Brother Kevin concludes his time of pastoral ministry at St. Lawrence, the next group of young people will be led by a new team that “God has sent” to journey with them. He also reports that Fr. Jose Naralely is assuming responsibility for visiting the homebound parishioners he has been visiting throughout the year.

### Holy Trinity Monastery, Pikesville, Maryland



The members of the community of Holy Trinity Monastery (Provincial House) continues to be engaged in a variety of activities and ministries in the Baltimore-metropolitan area. Father Gerard continues to serve as the chaplain at St. Martin’s Home of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Catonsville, MD, until June 30<sup>th</sup> when the new chaplain assumes the responsibility. Recently, he has been preaching a retreat for the residents of the home with the theme, “*Growing Closer to Jesus as We Advance in Years*”

During the latter part of April and the first half of May, Bro. Patrick was busy preparing for his move to San Antonio. His ministry as the Coordinator of religious Education at St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Pikesville concluded with the group of the children he was working with making their First Penance and receiving their first Holy Communion on May 16. At the beginning of the month, he completed the last of the instructional videos which were posted on Mat 1<sup>st</sup>. Brother Patrick also substituted for the organist at St. Charles who had been hospitalized. This included playing several weeks during Lent and then during the Easter Triduum. Fortunately, not long after Easter, Alex, the organist, was well enough to resume his duties.



Fr. Canisius Tah, pastor of St. Charles, expressed his appreciation and that of the parish community for his efforts to revitalize the Religious Education program despite it being a small program, and for his assistance with music during the organist’s hospitalization.

Patrick began his journey to San Antonio on Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> and, after visiting family and friends in Kansas, he arrived safe and sound in the Lone Star State on May 25<sup>th</sup>. He would like to express his gratitude to everyone at the Pikesville community for their good wishes and their patience and understanding since living there.



Father Kurt has been continuing all of his work as Treasurer and Secretary of the Province as well as overseeing the renovation work at the new provincial house in Sykesville, MD. Along with this he continues to serve as a weekend assistant at St. Michael Parish in Poplar Springs, MD.



Father Santhosh has been participating in meetings at St. Mark Parish in Catonsville, MD, as he prepares to become the pastor and assume the pastoral responsibility for the parish. He is working with the parish staff to create a smooth transition. At the same time, he is completing coursework for his master's degree in Non-profit Management and Leadership at the University of Wilmington. Santhosh is finishing up his course work and hopes to complete everything by this Fall semester. He has also been assisting Fathers Binoy and Binoj as they assume the responsibility of the Mission Development Office for the Vice-province of India.



These last weeks, Father Provincial has been working with the two men entering the postulancy program as they complete their applications for St. Mary's Seminary in Roland Park and the necessary paperwork and documentation that is required. He has also participated in a number of Zoom conference meetings with CMSM, St. John Vianney Center and NRVC. When needed he has been helping Father Kurt with the property in Sykesville.

### **St. John de Matha Monastery, Adelphi, Maryland**

Brother Allan had another successful semester at The Catholic University of America. This second semester was hybrid in-person and distance learning. At the conclusion of the exams, he went on a three day private retreat at Loyola on the Potomac. As this newsletter goes to print, Brother Allan is planning to visit some friends in New York State and then will return to our community, since he begins his CPE program at the Washington Hospital Center on June 1 and will continue until August 20, 2021. He is expected to fulfill 400 hours of supervised ministry as a Chaplain Intern. This program is sponsored by the School of Theology and Religious Studies at CUA.

Brother Allan continues to offer his smile and his services with preparing delicious meals on the weekend with the help of Fr. Josh and Fr. Binoj.

Fr. Binoj Mathew has blended well within the local community since his March 11, 2021 arrival. Fr. Binoj has received faculties for the Archdiocese of Washington, has passed his driving test, and has already been to DeMatha to meet his two department chairs where he will be teaching in the English and Theological studies. Fr. Binoj is presiding at daily liturgies with the other fathers, and he has been in a few of the DeMatha classrooms already to familiarize himself with the learning approaches in the United States.

Fr. Binoj has also assisted in several Syro-Malabar parishes in the area on weekends, and for two weeks he was able to supply ministry to a parish in the Philadelphia area whose pastor was on vacation. He has assisted at St. Alphonsa Parish in the Baltimore area, and plans to assist in another Syro-Malabar parish in West Virginia in June. As he awaits the opportunity to minister in a Roman parish, Fr. Binoj has concelebrated at St. Jerome Parish in Hyattsville. Fr. Binoj reports that his family has remained healthy during the COVID epidemic which has re-occurred in India, and Fr. Binoj keeps us posted on the medical status of our brothers in the Vice-Province.





Fr. Binoj is very generous with his time and talents and has greatly assisted the local bothers in the kitchen, at prayer and his overall spirit of generosity to help in the functioning of the local community and the ministry at DeMatha.



Fr. Josh is completing another year as theology teacher and Campus Minister. Due to the pandemic, many regular programs had to be adjusted, and he was more than capable in organizing this. The retreat programs for all four levels had to be modified due to COVID restriction, but it is clear that every student was provided



with spiritual opportunities

to reflect and act upon. When the senior retreats ended, we discovered that several seniors had to miss the retreat since they were on quarantine due to COVID, so Fr. Josh and another faculty member arranged for them to have an overnight retreat and camping opportunity which was very fruitful.

Fr. Josh's time of ministry at St. Lawrence Martyr Parish came to an end, so he has been assisting at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Takoma Park, which is a tri-lingual parish (English, Spanish and Haitian) and is pastored by DM graduate and former faculty member, Fr. Shaun Foggo. After the Province retreat, Fr. Josh will finally be able to go home to be with his family in Texas for a Mass of Thanksgiving and some time to relax and unwind. Upon his return, he will again seek out a permanent weekend opportunity to assist and preside at liturgies on a regular basis, since he now has faculties as a priest both in the Archdiocese of Washington and Baltimore.

Fr. Josh asks that we remember in our prayers his mother, Kristi, who was recently diagnosed with an auto-immune disease. Kristi is making progress in living with this disease, but it is an adjustment which needs time and medical intervention.

Fr. Josh is a singular presence in the school and is well respected by faculty, students and families. We are blessed that in September we will have four Trinitarians on the faculty in various roles; it is believed that there is no other Catholic high school in the Archdiocese which can boast of that gift of religious life and priesthood within the ministry of Catholic education. Fr. Josh is also a singular presence within the local community with his skills in the kitchen and his skills on the computer. We are all learning a lot and he is the Master Teacher in both of these areas.



Fr. Damian has completed his 46<sup>th</sup> year in the ministry of Catholic education at DeMatha. He has concluded his senior theology classes and his accounting class. Fr. Damian continues to minister at St. Mary of the Mills Church in Laurel, Maryland. He recently blessed his sister Dianne and brother-in-law Dave's new home in Sparrows Point.

Fr. Damian has been the Master of Ceremonies for our graduation ceremony for many, many years. This year due to the COVID restrictions we were not permitted to have the ceremony at the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, DC. Our ceremony will be held on campus in the Lt. (Seal) Brendan Looney Convocation Center with a reduced capacity in attendance. Fr. Damian is assisting in writing up the new format and will be the *Voice of DeMatha* once again at the commencement.



Fr. James continues with the *DeMatha Forever* Campaign and is very pleased with the response of the alumni and friends of DeMatha. The school has reached 75% of the goal in cash and written pledges, and when we add the verbal pledges and estate planning, we are at 94% of goal. It is clear that the larger community continues to believe in the mission of the Trinitarians at the school.

Due to COVID, our attendance on campus has been reduced, but during the month of May we did have two wonderful examples of the DeMatha family spirit. May 7 was to be the prom night, but the county would not permit that event for any school. Therefore, we had a day picnic for all seniors on campus, and we had three trucks with pizza, barbecue and ice cream, and for several hours, we finally had over 200 DeMatha Stags on campus. It was so refreshing to look out the window and see our Class of 2021 laughing, taking, meeting each other and eating together. It was clear that they missed each other, and it was also clear to all of the faculty and staff who mingled with them, that we missed them too. But there is more.....



On Wednesday, May 12, we had a similar outdoor evening gathering for parents who had expressed sadness that they, too, could not be together. We invited families in masks to come and enjoy the family spirit, eat some food and enjoy libations, and 200 people gathered on the Monastery Plaza near the Stag statue. At the end of the night we drew the winning chance for the \$10,000 tuition credit for next year, and, for the first time, the winning family was actually there. Again, it was a glorious moment of seeing the enthusiasm and gratitude of families who love DeMatha and all that we stand for.

As a humorous note, one adult came up to me after we marveled at the large turn out and with a smile on his face said: “Fr. James, don’t let this crowd size go to your head. We just wanted to get out of the house!” That might be true, but it was great to see them gathered under the banner of DeMatha Catholic High School.

Summer school will still be all virtual, but our plan now, unless the government intervenes, is to be on campus with full time learning, five days a week in the fall. We can’t wait for that to happen, and we enjoy the challenge of welcoming them back after 14 months of a different style of school. Our enrollment appears to be stable at 815, but we will continue to offer this opportunity for a quality Catholic education to anyone who wants to work with us and excel.

**DeMatha Today! DeMatha Forever!**

## **St. Anne Nursing Center and Residence, Miami, Florida**



It was reported to the Catholic Health Services Community on Tues., Feb. 23, 2021 by CHS Board Chairman, Mr. Ralph Lawson that

Mr. Joseph Catania (CEO – CHS) has announced his plans to retire effective Sept. 30, 2021. Mr. Lawson stated:

“We accept his decision with heavy hearts yet extraordinary gratitude for his remarkable service, significant contributions, dedication and commitment. Joe has been a visionary and courageous leader, steering CHS through some very difficult times in the early years of his 30 year tenure to building this

strong and stable organization. I know you all join me in wishing Joe and his family the very best and will continue to work together to ensure a very successful future for Joe and the CHS family.”



Also regarding Mr. Catania's retirement, Miami Archbishop Thomas Wenski, noted in an email to the priests within the archdiocese:

*"Joe Catania has ably led the Archdiocese of Miami's Catholic Health Services. Catholic Health Services, as a ministry of the Archdiocese, makes visible and continues in our South Florida community the healing ministry of Jesus. Joe Catania, the only chief executive officer Catholic Health Services has ever had will retire effective September 30, 2021.*

*Catholic Health Services, under Joe's leadership, most recently made available the Pfizer Corona Virus vaccine to our priests – both active and retired – who are over 65 years of age. We are all grateful for his many years of dedicated service."*

The Lenten Season began with the distribution of ashes to our residents and staff. Each resident was visited and given an opportunity to participate in the solemn beginning of the Lenten Season.

Every Friday, the Stations of the Cross were prayed while the residents view the Stations of the Cross on closed-circuit TV broadcasted throughout the facility. This brought great comfort to our residents as they united their sufferings with that of Jesus. The Pastoral Care team of Fr. Ed, Fr. Frank and Sister Chidi, works diligently to attend to the pastoral and spiritual needs of the residents and staff.

In the meantime, our chapel renovations continue. Much progress has been made. A completion date has yet to be determined.

During the months of January and February 2021, the Pfizer vaccine was administered to both staff and residents and also to some of the clergy of the Archdiocese of Miami.

Finally, St. Anne's Nursing Home and Residence is continuing to welcome family members of our residents on a limited basis, contacting the Director of Social Services, to arrange family visitation.

## Les Amis des Trinitaires

*The following is a translation from the French newsletter from the organization, Les Amis des Trinitaires*

April 20, 2021

Dear friends,

After marveling at the wonder of the completion of the work carried out in the Church of Saint-Louis de Fontainebleau, it seems only right to recall that the first "church of the Trinitarians" was, the church of Saint- Pierre in Avon. To this end, we are reissuing a few short notes which accompany the visitors who love this beautiful and impressive Romanesque church. Enjoy your visit here, too!

- + 1259: King Saint Louis, upon his return from the crusade, decided to establish a Trinitarian house inside his castle of Fontainebleau. This is an exceptionally unique fact, which shows the importance that the king placed upon their active dedication to defend Christendom, as they freed Christian captives by paying their ransom.



### + 300 years in the midst of the Court of Cheval Blanc!

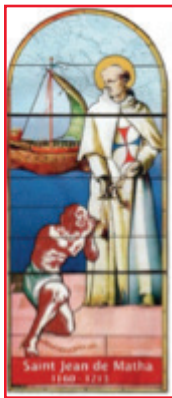
The buildings occupy the current Court of Honor and are thus the “permanent” of the castle, while the kings only stayed there during the hunting season.

### + 1529: Francis I expropriated them!

The buildings remained as they were constructed until King Francis I decided to reconfigure the structural design of his castle and make it a “French Renaissance” wonder. The location of the Trinitarian convent hampered his plans and in 1529 he expropriated the house of the Trinitarians, taking from them the Great Meadow, their fish pond (now Etang aux Carpes), and he demolished their monastery, and rehoused them in a new building, the wing of “*Ministers*” (Trinitarian Superiors). For everything they received 200 tournament pounds in compensation!

### + 1549: The Trinitarians, priests of Avon!

Twenty years later, the king decided to compensate them more substantially by granting them the donations and the benefits of the Church of Avon, which would be added to their conventual service at the Castle.



The Trinitarians were very satisfied with the compensation received and came to enjoy having contact with the local residents, since they were semi-cloistered - except during the ransoming missions - living in their house, enclosed within the castle walls.

### + New prosperity!

The donation of the church to the Trinitarians brought about a new prosperity for the parish: Jean du Montceau generously donated the current gothic style choir which harmonizes with the style of the Romanesque church, built in 1555, when the influence of the Renaissance flourished at the Château (castle) in new architectural and decorative achievements.



### + Saint-Pierre: Royal Parish!

The church of Avon became known as the Royal Parish because all the royal sacramental Celebrations (baptisms, funerals, etc.) were celebrated at the Chapel of the Trinity in the Castle and were recorded in the sacramental records of the parish in Avon! Thus, prestigious signatures alternate, in their venerable pages, with the acts of the daily life of the inhabitants of the municipality of Avon: this is utterly unique, which deserves to be mentioned!

### + Jean Deseaux: an avant-garde Trinitarian!

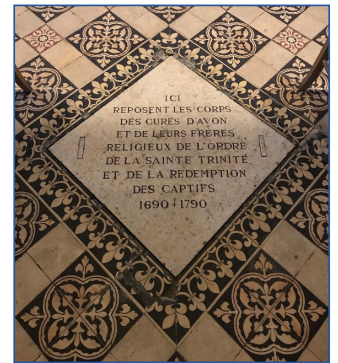
Having been named the pastor of the church, the Trinitarian Jean Deseaux, born in Avon, quickly purchased a small piece of land just in front of the church doorway, in order to have a school for girls built. Anyone wanting to teach girls, in the early 17th century, especially in a rural parish, would have to be considered avant-garde!





The school remained for some time, until the building was turned into the “*Presbytery of the Trinitarians*”, of which there remains a small vestige: etched into a stone pillar of the choir can be found a Trinitarian cross located above the entrance door of the building.

The Trinitarians’ Crypt--ossuary, excavated under the choir. The ties that bind the Trinitarian religious even more to the church of Avon are due to the crypt dug under the chancel: 19 skeletons of religious are kept there.



The Trinitarian tombs had been much “abused” during the centuries:

- those who were buried in the ground of the primitive chapel of the Holy Trinity at the chateaux, were damaged during the construction of the horseshoe staircase!
- As to the bodies of the Trinitarian Superiors who rested in the church of Fontainebleau, the tombstones that identified them have disappeared when the Trinitarians were taken from the church, to be replaced in 1661 by the Missionary priests ... [Note: In March 2021 an engraved stone marker was placed at the foot of the altar steps and now bears the names and dates of the five Trinitarians buried in the choir].

#### A very narrow entrance to the Crypt ...

In 1690, a Minister General from Provence, Eustache Teissier, decided to excavate a vault under the choir: 2 m 10 high, 4 m, 66 long, and 2 m 68 wide, where all the brothers would be reunited for eternity, “*in the fraternity in which they had lived during their lifetime.*” Thus, wrapped in a shroud, and immersed in quicklime, the dead were kept and protected in this vault.

#### Destruction of the Crypt, October 9, 1790

During the Revolution, this very stripping attracted the envy of the “Municipal”. Convinced that the vault concealed treasures, the revolutionaries of Avon decided on a “citizen” descent! The breach of the vault took place during the funeral of the last Trinitarian who was interred there, Gilles Frichet, on October 9, 1790, and not content to find only the mortal remains, those in charge proudly signed their package by writing their name and the date on the vaults of the crypt.

#### The Brothers listed among the collection of tombstones ...

In the midst of the unique and extraordinary collection that is kept in the church of Saint-Pierre of Avon, several tombstones identify Trinitarians. They were sealed on the pillars of the church, and some of them can still be read:

- Jean Deseaulx (n ° 41), the founder of the school for girls;
- Barthélémy Toéry (n ° 52), Minister of the Order, whose words erased from the gave rise to fanciful “reconstructions” in the 19th century (GASTINORUM, instead of CAPTIVORUM, for example!).
- Louis Blouin (n ° 55), Minister at the time of Louis XV, offered a sumptuous Missal-Graduel au Roi (1729), where he is represented in the Chapel of the Trinity, with the 6 other Trinitarians of the Convent.





- ✚ The Trinitarians were forced to abandon the convent in 1791, dispersed like all Catholic religious Orders in France (there were 11 religious in 1790, when their usual number was 7 clerics or priests). Two, Nicolas François and Jean-Baptiste Hué, were held in the gallery of the castle which served as a prison.
- ✚ Another, Jean-Marie Feutray, had an incredible odyssey: he was sent to the Rochefort pontoons and then to the camps of Cayenne, suffered shipwreck on the return voyage and then was imprisoned in England. He ended his life as parish priest of Penchard, not far from Meaux, the diocese in which our house of Cerfroid is located.
- ✚ Finally, Jean-Baptiste Desessart was the only Trinitarian not to be prosecuted in 1791 because the parishioners of Avon had elected him democratically to be the pastor of Avon Church! However, he was later imprisoned in Melun, for “uncivil remarks”.
- ✚ Currently, every year, at the end of August, a group of Trinitarian religious (the Order returned to France in 1975) gather at Saint-Pierre Church to celebrate a Mass in memory of their deceased brothers.



- ✚ The association “*Les Amis des Trinitaires*” aims to preserve and revive the historical memory of these religious, who lived for more than 500 years in the chateaux of Fontainebleau. The primary activities for the preservation of the Trinitarian heritage connected to the church consists of the following:

- Etching on a stone pillar of the choir a Trinitarian cross from the lintel of the Trinitarian presbytery, which was located opposite the church but destroyed in 1966.
- The restoration of the tombstones sealed against the wall and renewing the numbering of the dates and names.
- Installation of a stained-glass window above the porch, with a subscription dedicated to the members of the *Friends of the Trinitarians*, representing a seafront where Saint John de Matha freed a Christian captive from his chains.
- Realization of the statue of Notre-Dame du Bon Remède, which is a copy of a 13th century statue which is located in the convent of Marseille, where the Trinitarians embarked upon their ransoming missions and returned there with the Christian captives whom they had redeemed, and which is very much venerated by the Trinitarian Order.

