



News from the Generalate

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Perpetual Professions

Congratulations to **Brother Natalicio de Pólito (SW-Brazil)** who made his perpetual profession of vows on December 6th. Congratulations and *ad Multos Annos* to our newest professed member in Holy Cross.

During the calendar year 2008, twenty-six (26) men pronounced their perpetual vows in the Congregation of Holy Cross. Let us give thanks to God for inspiring and sustaining these men—eight Brothers and eighteen seminarians—who have joined us in our life of committed service to the Gospel.

JOSEPHITES: four from the **District of Brazil (SW)**; two from the **Vicariate of India**; one from **St. Joseph Province (Bangladesh)**; one from the **District of East Africa (EB)**.

SALVATORISTS: five from the **Province of North East India**; four from the **Indiana Province** (including one from Mexico); three from the **Province of South India**; two from the **District of East Africa (IP)**; two from the **Province Notre-Dame-du-Perpétuel-Secours (Haiti)**, and one

each from **Sacred Heart Province (Bangladesh)**, and the **District du Brésil (C)**.

Presidential Citizens Medal

The Presidential Citizens medal was established in 1969 to recognize U. S. citizens who have performed exemplary deeds of service for the nation. It is one of the highest honors the President can confer upon a civilian. In a ceremony in at the White House in Washington on December 10th, **Father Timothy R. Scully (IP)**, Director of the Institute for Educational Initiatives at Notre Dame, and a member of the Congregational Education Committee, was one of this year's recipients. Congratulations! His citation reads:

“Father Timothy Scully has committed his life to strengthening communities through faith-based education that prepares individuals for a lifetime of achievement, service, and compassion. Through his leadership at the University of Notre Dame, he has developed innovative ways to support under-resourced schools. The United States honors Father Timothy Scully for demonstrating that every human being has boundless potential.”

Visitations

Brother Joseph Tsiquaye conducted formal formation visits to the St. Joseph and Sacred Heart Provinces in Bangladesh in December. Then Brother Joe and **Father Richard Warner** represented the general administration at the first session of the St. Joseph Province Chapter and also conducted the general visitation of that province.

Brother John Paige represented the general administration at the Inauguration Ceremony of **St. Edward's University's** new programs in Angers, France, in early December. SEU will share facilities at the Universite Catholique de L'Ouest and Institute Bois-Robert.

Father Mario Lachapelle chaired a meeting of the Congregational Religious Life Commission which was held at Stonehill College in December.

Father Hugh Cleary and **Father Eric Jasmin** represented the general administration at the 50th Jubilee celebrations of Holy Cross presence in East Africa. The celebrations were held in Fort Portal, Uganda, the site of our first Holy Cross mission in that area of the world. The District of East Africa chapter preceded these events.

Generalate Visitors

Visitors to the generalate this month included **Bishop Theotonius Gomes CSC**, Auxiliary Bishop of Dhaka, and **Kathy and Doug Lowe and family** (relatives of Fr. Russ McDougall).

The generalate community also hosted a meeting of English-speaking African general formators, and held a reception for members of the **University of Notre Dame Alumni Club of Rome**.

New Year 2009

We saw his

STAR

as it rose

words of the Magi (Mt. 2:2)

*May we, too, see His star
which will also reveal Christ
to us each day of this
and every New Year.*

*Blessings of Christmastide!
Holy Cross Generalate
Community*