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Dear Brothers,

On the occasion of the 190th anniversary of our Foundation, the words of our Holy Founder, Blessed William Joseph Chaminade ring out for us from across the ages, “God be blessed!”

I am happy to be communicating to you on this feast day some important changes and new initiatives for the General Office of Temporalities which we will undertake over the next year.

As we are all aware by now, the last General Chapter approved the General Finance Directory. One of the directives contained therein was the establishment of a temporalities committee in each unit and at the general level that would give advice on major patrimonial and temporal decisions. I am pleased to report that in May, the General Council gave its final approval to the composition of this committee. Invitations were extended to and the following members have accepted to serve on the committee: Mr. Antoine Hüe, (Province of France), Bro. Valentine Chola Mulenga, (District of Eastern Africa), Bro. Ron Overman, (Province of the United States) and Bro. José Eizaguirre, (Province of Madrid). A brief biography of each member can be found at the end of this letter.

Please join me and the General Council in welcoming these four men to their new roles in service to the Society. We are grateful for their “yes” and are very much looking forward to benefiting from their collective wisdom for promoting our common good. We also extend a word of thanks to their units for facilitating their availability. The first annual meeting of the committee is scheduled for January 17-20, 2008 in Rome.

As a response to the General Chapter in the promotion of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC), and looking to sustaining a system of good financial management, the following objective for the General Office of Temporalities was created:

Reorganize the areas of responsibility in the General Office of Temporalities so as to provide for more effective financial stewardship and administration and to allow for the Society’s regular participation in organizations (church related and secular) devoted to the promotion of justice, peace and the integrity of creation.

In fulfillment of this objective, the General Council, over the last several months, has been studying and discussing various possibilities for this reorganization. I am happy to announce the outcome of these inquiries. The current position of Administrator will be divided, creating two positions: Administrator for Finance & JPIC and Administrator for the AG/Community.

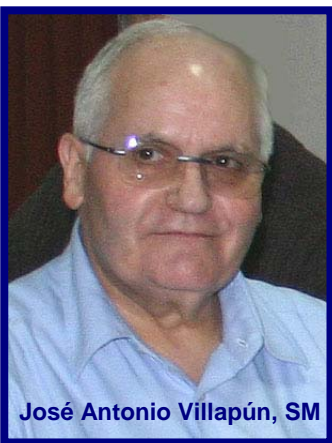
The Administrator for Finance & JPIC will have, in conjunction with the Assistant General for Temporalities, as his primary responsibilities the financial and accounting functions of the GA, assisting with banking and investments, regularly representing the Society and participating in organizations of JPIC, and assisting with the dissemination of JPIC programs, materials and information. He will also collaborate closely with the community administrator.

In setting up this position of Administrator for Finance and JPIC, the Council envisaged a formation component within the position as Rome offers unique opportunities to be exposed to a variety of programs and training initiatives in the areas of the finance, social development, fund raising, and JPIC. We sense that this “on the job training” has the potential to enhance skills which would be of great use to the home unit when the brother returns.

The Administrator for the AG/Community will have as his primary responsibility the temporalities of the house at Via Latina which includes personnel management, public relations with government and non-government entities, coordinator of the kitchen, maintenance supervision, etc. On issues concerning the community he will report to the community director. For those issues that concern the infrastructure of the house he will be accountable to Assistant General for Temporalities. Likewise he will work in conjunction with the Administrator for Finance & JPIC.

Both positions will have an initial term of three years which can be renewed on agreement of all parties concerned.

With the agreement of the Region of Togo, the Province of Italy and the respective brothers, Bro. Remy Sandah will assume the role of Administrator for Finance & JPIC in January 2008. Bro. Giuliano Cortese will take up the role of Administrator for AG/Community when he completes his sabbatical, in June 2008. Please join me and the Council in welcoming these two men to their new positions of service in the Society. We are grateful to them for their affirmative response and to their units for making them available for their new ministries.



In this transition we bid goodbye to Bro. José Antonio Villapún who will return to the Province of Madrid in June-July 2008. His seven year tenure here at Via Latina has been marked by a great enthusiasm for his work. We are profoundly thankful for his dedication and long years of service to the Society particularly for these last seven years in ministry here at Via Latina. We also thank the Province of Madrid for making him available for this special service to the Society.

In tribute to José Antonio, Fr. Dave Fleming writes,

“Jose Antonio and I have known each other since the early 70's when he was an eager and enthusiastic student of English and member of the formation community in San Antonio. Much later, I remember his very warm welcome when I visited Valladolid, where he was the community treasurer. When I learned that he could come to work with us at Rome, I was very happy because I knew that he would take up his duties devotedly and pleasantly, and that proved to be true. In Rome I also learned then of his deep attachment to his family in Spain and to his province. He has made very significant contributions to the Society in many places over the years, and been a faithful and devoted coworker. May the Lord and Mary be with him as he returns home now!”

Bro. Javier Anso also writes of his appreciation for José Antonio's work and presence at Via Latina over the years,

THANK YOU JOSÉ ANTONIO!

When, in the name of the General Council, I called José Antonio in order to propose that he come to Rome, he seemed rather apprehensive. A little while later, though, he called me to accept our invitation to come live and work at the GA. I have never regretted asking for his help. During the years that we lived together, he was a brother, a friend and a faithful, trustworthy collaborator. Thanks to him, I was able to confidently conduct my visits to the various Units of the Society of Mary, knowing that the economic affairs in Rome were in good hands. Thank you, José Antonio!

Finally, I am happy to announce that this year we will initiate the first phase of our process of study and dialogue into the characteristic elements/principles of Marianist administration, particularly as they apply to the Third Office. Dr. Steven Neiheisel, a professor of political science at St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Texas has agreed to assist in this process. Steve's academic focus is public administration and he is a Marianist Educational Associate. More information will be forthcoming on this exciting endeavor.

Fraternally,

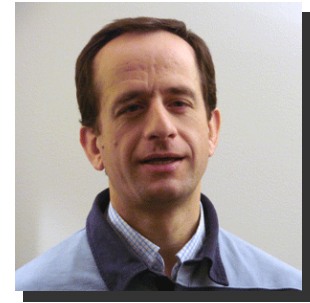


Bro. Edward Violett, SM
Assistant General for Temporalities

Temporalities Committee – General Level

Mr. Antoine Hüe

Mr. Hüe grew up in Burgundy on his parents' farm before leaving for Paris to pursue higher education. He studied in a business school and specialized in law and corporate finance. Next, he worked successively for the accounting department of a small Parisian company, the administration of a private school in Cameroon, in Brittany training crew members in sailing, and within the catholic education system in Tunisia. He met his wife, Blandine, in Tunisia. Once back in France, he took charge of the technical and financial affairs of a group of schools.



Since 2004, he has worked with the Office of Temporalities of the Province of France. Today, at age 39, he is the father of four girls, of whom the youngest is 5 months old. He has always felt a special bond with the SM since his father was trained by the Marianists in agriculture at Grangeneuve.



Brother Valentine Chola Mulenga, SM

Bro. Chola is a member of the District of Eastern Africa. He was born September 15, 1964 in the north of Zambia. He entered the novitiate in 1992 in Kenya and made his first profession in 1994. He is a trained auto mechanic and has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Human Development. He has been a formation director, Deputy District Superior and District Head of Temporalities. He currently is in his first term as District Superior.

Brother Ron Overman, SM

Bro. Ron is a member of the Province of the United States. He was born in Dayton, Ohio in 1945 and attended Chaminade high school there. He professed his First vows in 1964. He holds a Bachelor's degree and a Master's in Business Administration (MBA), both from the University of Dayton. From 1968 to 1973 he worked as the business manager at the Novitiate in Marcy, New York, and at Bergamo in Dayton. From 1973 to 1977 he was executive director of Bergamo East in Marcy, New York. From 1977 to 1986 he was assistant treasurer for the Cincinnati Province and he served as treasurer of the Province of Cincinnati and Council member from 1986 to 1997. Bro. Ron was named Director of the Marianist Mission in 1998 and since February 2006 he has been at the University of Dayton as Business Manager of Finance and Administrative Services. Bro. Ron has been an *ad-hoc* advisor for the General Office of Temporalities for investments over the last several years.



Bro. José Eizaguirre, SM

Bro. José was born in Madrid in 1964 and later became a student at the Marianist secondary school, Our Lady of the Pillar, in Madrid. Following his first vows, he completed his studies in architecture at the Universidad Politécnica of Madrid. He has worked in the design department of Ediciones SM and as a director for PPC publishing (a division of Grupo SM). He has obtained his Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and is currently pursuing a Masters in Social Doctrine of the Church. Since 2003 he has served as Assistant for Temporalities for the Province of Madrid.

Assistants for the Office of Temporalities General Level



Bro. Remy Sandah, SM - Administrator for Finance & JPIC

Brother Rémy Sandah is from Togo (West Africa). He was born in Atchangbadè (North Togo) in 1965. After his secondary school at Chaminade High School in Kara, he entered the Marianist pre-novitiate in 1984. He made his novitiate in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire) and pronounced his first vows in 1987. After two years of formation at the Normal School for Catechists in the Catholic Institute of West Africa (in Abidjan), he continued his studies in philosophy and English literature at Fribourg University (Switzerland) and Fordham University (New York). From 1996 to 2003 he taught religion, English and philosophy at Chaminade High School, Kara. Beginning in 1999 he gradually entered the work of formation, training candidates to live Marianist religious life at the Pre-novitiate in Kara. In 2003 he was appointed formator and bursar at the Marianist scholasticate in Abidjan. At the same time, he worked in the CELAF Institute (Lassalian Center in Africa) as a teacher at the Center for Religious and Pedagogical Studies. Brother Rémy was called back to Togo in July 2007 to serve again at Chaminade High School in Kara. Currently he is coordinating the preparatory committee for the first Regional Chapter of Togo.

Bro. Giuliano Cortese, SM - Administrator for the GA/Community

Bro. Giuliano was born in Arcole, Italy in the Province of Verona on August 15, 1941. He entered the novitiate at Giove in August of 1956 and made his first profession of vows the following year. He then entered the scholasticate in Pallanza. After two years there, he spent another two years in Madrid. Returning to Italy, he took up permanent residence at Brusasco until 1969, except for his spending one year at Santa Maria in Rome. He made his perpetual profession in 1962 at Brusasco. From 1969 until 1974 he was in Vercelli and then he moved to Rome where he remained until 1997. Here he took up his service as Administrator, first at the Marianum, and then at Santa Maria. After spending some time, once again, in Vercelli and Diano Marina, he returned to Rome, where he resides today.

