

LIVING THE LIGHT



**Consecrated Life
in the
Archdiocese of Newark**

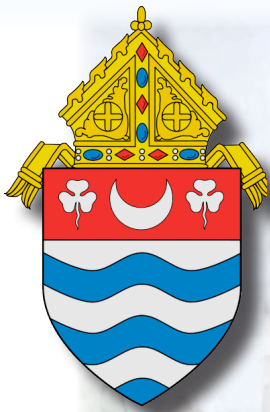
Fall 2023

INSIDE

**“Every vocation
to consecrated life
is born in contemplation,
from moments
of intense communion
and from a deep relationship
of friendship with Christ,
from the beauty and light
which was seen
shining on his face.”**

*--Starting Afresh from Christ:
A Renewed Commitment
to Consecrated Life
in the Third Millennium, no. 9*

- A Note from Sr. Patricia
- Featured Communities
- Reminders
- Congratulations, Remembrances, News
- From Pope Francis and Cardinal Tobin



Sr. Patricia M. Wormann O.P.
Delegate for Religious
Phone: 973-497-4582
Fax: 973-497-4228

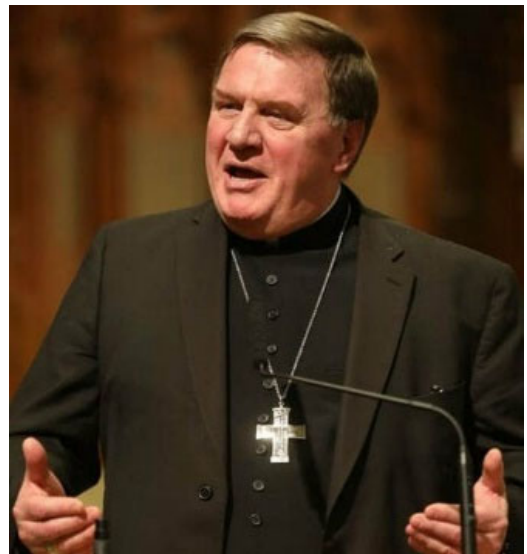
Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org

www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/delegate-religious



Spirit-filled evangelizers means evangelizers fearlessly open to the working of the Holy Spirit. At Pentecost, the Spirit made the apostles go forth from themselves and turned them into heralds of God's wondrous deeds, capable of speaking to each person in his or her own language. The Holy Spirit also grants the courage to proclaim the newness of the Gospel with boldness (*parrhesía*) in every time and place, even when it meets with opposition. Let us call upon him today, firmly rooted in prayer, for without prayer all our activity risks being fruitless and our message empty. Jesus wants evangelizers who proclaim the good news not only with words, but above all by a life transfigured by God's presence.

Pope Francis *Evangelii Gaudium*



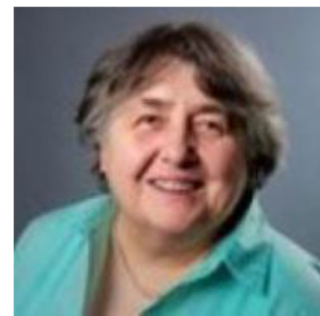
The working document (*Instrumentum Laboris*) for the first session of the Synod in October 2023 reminds us that the Second Vatican Council taught that “the pilgrim Church is missionary by her very nature” (*Ad gentes* # 2). Participation in the Church’s mission “allows one to receive the experience of Pentecost: having received the Holy Spirit.” When we accept our co-responsibility for the mission of the Church, we open ourselves to receiving (or renewing our reception of) the gifts of the Holy Spirit that make us bold, creative and generous evangelizers.

Cardinal Tobin *Rejoice in the Lord*

A Note from Sr. Patricia

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Can you believe we are in Fall? How time has flown by! I must apologize again for late newsletters. We've had some ruts in the road. Hopefully I'll catch up soon!



The Synod of Bishops 2023 began in Rome on October 4, 2023, and as I write, this session will continue until October 29th. Let us continue to pray for the women and men who make up the assembly. We, here in the archdiocese have done a lot of preparation and prayer. Now is the time to pray and fast that we might all be open to the Holy Spirit as we walk this path of synodality. Prior to the synod, Fr. Timothy Radcliffe OP and Sr. Maria Grazia Angelini, OSB, led the participants in a retreat in preparation for the synod. The talks are significant for all of us. You can find them on the Vatican website and You Tube. The website <https://rcan.org/> and the Facebook page of the Archdiocese of Newark also carries a weekly summary of what's happening at the synod by Cardinal Tobin.

There have been ordinations and religious professions, anniversaries, Chapters, and graduations. These are all signs of hope and new life in the midst of some difficult times in our universe, world, country, and Church. I have been enriched by all of you in various ways and have come to a deep appreciation of our diversity. Our charisms, spiritualities, and ministries are many and bless the Church – God's People, not only by what we do but also by who we are. My heart is filled with gratitude. Be assured that I hold all of you in my heart and prayer.

I am happy to announce that we will have Sr. Teresa Maya CCVI, a Sister of Charity of the Incarnate Word with us on November 30, December 1 and 2. Some of us are familiar with her from her speaking to our bishops regarding the sexual abuse crisis, as past president of the LCWR, and even some who know her from speaking/facilitating their Chapters or Assemblies. There is a SAVE THE DATE flyer in this newsletter and more information will follow.

November 30th will be for those in Consecrated Life and will include dinner, hopefully with the Cardinal. Friday, December 1 in the evening will be for those who speak Spanish. (Sister is Mexican by birth) and Saturday, December 2 in the morning will be in English. You are welcome to come to any of them. Please spread the word in your parishes and communities. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hopefully there will another newsletter in December. Thank you for all you are and do. Let us keep each other in prayer.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia M. Wormann". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Sr Patricia M. Wormann OP Delegate for Religious

World Day for Consecrated Life

February 4, 2023

This past year the World Day for Consecrated life was celebrated at St. Helen's Church in Westfield. The Eucharistic celebration as well as the reception that followed were filled with joy and festivity. There were new faces as well parishioners from St. Helen's that joined us. The church and music were beautiful, and it was easily accessible for all. No stairs! We thank Msgr. Tom Nydegger and the Parish of St. Helen for their gracious hospitality. We have decided to have these celebrations in the different counties of the Archdiocese. It brings a visibility to our various communities and share in their richness of diversity and unique styles as parishes. This February will be in Bergen county.



Some pictures from the day





*Congratulations to
Sr. Gabriela Ramirez CSJ
who celebrated her silver
jubilee at St. Joseph Parish,
East Orange*

*Pictured is Sr. Gabriela, Fr. Danny Pabon
and myself.*



Congratulations

*Fr. Patrick Winbush OSB who was
ordained a priest on May 20, 2023 at
Newark Abbey by Cardinal Wilton
Gregory..*

*Pictured is: Abbot Augustine Curley OSB, Fr. Patrick Winbush
OSB, Cardinal Wilton Gregory, Archbishop of Washington DC
and Fr. Larry Evans, Pastor of St. Rose of Lima, Short Hills.*

*Mass for Consecrated Life
and Celebration of Our Jubilarians*

Please mark your calendars The Mass for Consecrated life will be celebrated on February 3, 2024 at Saint Therese of Lisieux Church in Cresskill, NJ.. The parish is celebrating it's 100th anniversary and the Carmelites have ministered there for 100 years! Mass will be with the parish community at 4pm with Cardinal Tobin presiding. Like St. Helen's last year it is easily handicap accessible.



Salesian Brothers Mukuye and Taylor Make First Profession

by Fr. Mike Mendl, SDB



Bro. Pascal Mukuye, SDB, Bishop Anthony Taylor, SDB, Bro. John Taylor, SDB, and Fr. Dominic Tran, SDB (Provincial).

(New Rochelle – August 16, 2023) – Bros. Pascal Mukuye, SDB, and John Taylor, SDB, made their first religious profession as Salesians of Don Bosco on Wednesday, August 16, at the Marian Shrine chapel in Haverstraw, N.Y. Fr. Dominic Tran, SDB, provincial, received the brothers' vows in the name of the Salesian Rector Major, Cardinal-elect Angel Fernandez Artime, SDB, and gave the homily. Bro. John's uncle, Bishop Anthony B. Taylor of Little Rock, Ark., presided at the Mass; he received both a warm welcome from those present and warm thanks from the Salesians

The texts were those of the Mass of Religious Profession with readings chosen by the two brothers: 1 Sam 3:1-10, Ps 40:7-11, and Matt 19:16-26. They also chose the service music, a combination of modern hymns and Gregorian chants. Bro. Pascal sang the responsorial psalm with a melody of his own composition.

Fr. Abraham Feliciano, SDB, and Bro. Thomas Dion, SDB, witnessed Bro. Pascal's profession. Fr. Timothy Zak, SDB, and Bro. Thomas Sweeney, SDB, witnessed Bro. John's.

Pascal-De-Madeleine Maitela Mukuye was born in 1986 in the Democratic Republic of Congo. His father, Duniani Maitela, is deceased. His mother, Salima Zawadi Madeleine, lives in a refugee camp in Zimbabwe. He has four older brothers and three older sisters; one of his brothers and one of his sisters are deceased.

Pascal himself was a refugee in Zimbabwe before he emigrated to Newfoundland (Canada) in 2006. He began seminary studies for the St. John's Archdiocese. During his discernment, he had some discussions with a fellow seminarian who thought he might be a good Salesian and gave him a biography of Don Bosco. Eventually Pascal contacted the Salesians in Etobicoke, Ont., in 2018.

In mid-2019 Pascal moved to Ottawa as a preparatory step to joining the Salesians as a "pre-candidate" (Pascal's term) at Sherbrooke, Que., which he did in September to explore further what the Salesians are about. In August 2020, he came to the Salesian formation house in Orange as a candidate, followed by prenovitiate at Ramsey in 2021-2022. He served at summer camp in Tampa in 2022.

Pascal entered the novitiate in Richmond, Calif., on August 15, 2022. He found his study of the Constitutions particularly enriching and valued Fr. Joseph Nguyen, SDB, master of novices, as a good spiritual guide. He writes, "I have found much joy in living the rule as a way that leads to love; living with Don Bosco; and this desire continues to burn in my heart."

Bro. Pascal profess as a "cleric" and will continue studies toward ordination in the pre-theology program at Seton Hall University. Besides his studies, he looks forward to working with young people, bringing them his own gifts and experiences; and to meeting the confreres of the province of St. Philip. He's developing a social media presence that will enable him to reach youngsters more widely.

Eventually, Bro. Pascal hopes to specialize in spiritual direction and retreat work so as to help youths "discover the beauty of the Church; facilitate an encounter with God with these young people; and accompany them on their spiritual journey as they strive to respond to God's call."

For himself, Bro. Pascal says: "The gift of the Salesian vocation that our generous, good God has bestowed upon me continues to be the most precious gift that I continue to be thankful for. For the past four years, living the Salesian vocation has been a source of great joy in my life; a path that continues to bring me closer to God in holiness."

Brother John Taylor, SDB

John Lawrence Taylor was born in 1985 in Fort Worth, Tex. He's the third child of Joseph and Lynnice Taylor, with an older brother and older sister. John's vocational inspiration has been his Uncle Tony, who was a priest of the Oklahoma City Archdiocese until he became bishop of Little Rock in 2008. John used to spend parts of the summers of his youth attending Fr. Taylor's vacation Bible school and accompanying him to various parish events and services.

In 2010, John became a Salesian lay missionary and spent August 2010 to August 2011 serving at St. John Bosco Parish in Chicago. This interested him in youth ministry and a Salesian vocation. In August 2020 he became a candidate at Don Bosco Prep in Ramsey, contributing to the school's ministry. He became a prenovice there the following year and ministered at St. John Bosco Parish in Port Chester, N.Y., teaching catechism to Confirmation students and assisting at teen nights and a Penance service for youngsters preparing for first confession.

The part of his novitiate year in Richmond (2022-2023) that made the biggest impression on John was this summer at Camp St. Francis in Watsonville, Calif.: "I really enjoyed spending time at summer camp with the young. In this apostolate I was able to get a full perspective of what the young are living. I was able to know their dreams and interests and what bothers them. I got to share in their true joy."

This year Bro. John will continue formation as a "cleric" in the community at Orange while taking pre-theology courses at Seton Hall. He aspires to "keep learning about myself and to grow as a Salesian with the support and help of the Salesians" of the community and the province.

As a Salesian, Bro. John "would like to specialize in promotion of social justice advocacy and service to those in need together with the young."



Thank You!

Mr. James McTernan and I were honored with the first Irish American Leadership Award by the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children on March 14, 2023. Most of you are probably familiar with this fund and even possibly had students who have been helped financially by them. The event was a breakfast held at the Archdiocesan Center. Unbeknown to me, many of those I serve (YOU) were invited to come. I was overwhelmed and humbled by your presence. Because the event was a fundraiser I had said yes to the honor. Over \$91,000.00 was raised! This will help parents who need help paying their children's tuition.

Thank you for your presence and support.



Sisters of St. Joseph of Peace Welcome Two New Members

Cheruto Cynthia Bundi and Jessica Sun were welcomed as Candidates for vowed membership during the Eastern Region Autumn Assembly liturgy on Saturday, September 23, 2023. It was a celebration filled with joy and a sense of hope for our present and future. Congregation Leader Sister Andrea Nenzel welcomed Cheruto and Jessica in a simple ritual during the liturgy, held in the St. Michael Villa Chapel in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey.

"It has been a joy and privilege for many of us to become acquainted with Cheruto and Jessica during the past several months," said Sister Sheena George, Leadership Team liaison for initial formation. "Candidacy is a time in which the candidates and the community continue to discern their call to vowed religious life within the CSJP Congregation."

Jessica Sun is 27 years old and holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering from Virginia Tech University. She has worked as a computer software engineer in the banking industry. Jessica has served as Secretary and member of the Executive Council of Pax Christi Metro DC Baltimore and as a member of the Pax Christi Young Adult Caucus.

Cheruto Cynthia Bundi is 26 years old and holds a Bachelor of Arts in Quantitative Social Sciences from Dartmouth College. She is as a quantitative research associate at Harvard Business School. Cheruto is a member of the racial justice committee at her parish in Boston.

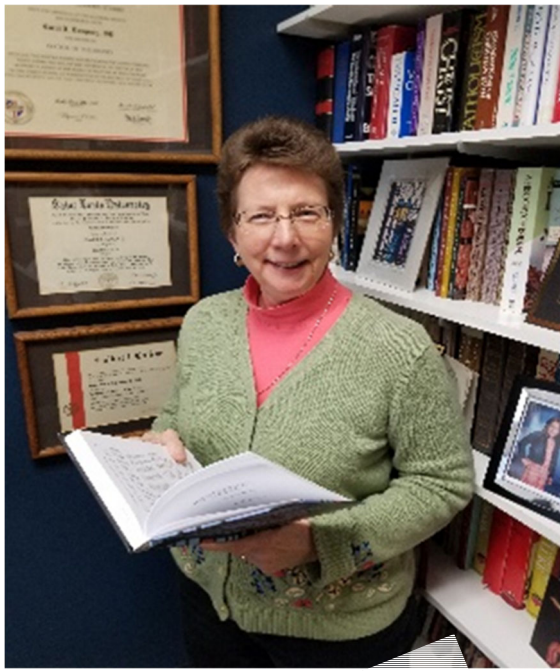
Sister Susan Francois will serve as Candidate Director for Cheruto and Jessica. "We meet the candidates where they are and provide opportunities for them to experience community life as they grow in awareness of our charism and spirit. We accompany them as they develop their relationship with God and the CSJP community and discern their eventual readiness to enter the Novitiate." Cheruto and Jessica will be part of a local community of CSJP sisters in Jersey City, New Jersey during their candidacy experience.



Pictured: Sr. Andrea Nenzel CSJP, Congregational Leader, Cheruto Cynthia Bundi, Jessica Sun, and Sr. Susan Francois CSJP, Councilor and Candidate Director.



CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION ELECTS CAROL J. DEMPSEY, OP



At the 85th International Conference of the Catholic Biblical Association of America, Carol J. Dempsey, OP, was elected Vice President for 2023-2024 and President Elect (to assume that next stage of leadership in 2024-2025).

*Begun in 1936, the CBA currently consists of 1,116 members who participate annually in regional, national, and international conferences and gatherings. Besides being elected to this leadership position, Carol also serves on the editorial boards for two of the society's major publications: *Old Testament Abstracts* and *The Catholic Biblical Quarterly*, one of the two premier journals in biblical studies.*

In its long history, only ten women to date have served in the capacity of vice president, president elect.

Congratulations, Carol!



Reminders

If members of your community are transferred or are added, please be sure to let me know especially if they are on visas.

Communities that have members of the clergy, please be sure that **anyone who celebrates the sacraments within the Archdiocese have faculties**. They are obtained through the Vicar General.

Those who work/volunteer in the Archdiocese of Newark need to have filled out a Memo of Hire or Religious Volunteer form. They should be signed and the original sent back to me with the accompanying paperwork. (Proof of Virtus or Praesidium training within the past 5 years, background check, signed code of conduct, picture ID, job description, etc.). There are people who are remiss in doing so. I appreciate your cooperation.

Information about events in the archdiocese can be found on our website: www.rcan.org

We Remember.....

Those suffering in any way, the poor, the elderly, the sick and the powerless, the immigrant, those in prison or living on our streets, for those who are affected by war and violence.

Those who have died and now share in the joy of the Resurrection:

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Sr. Ines Marie Di Bonaventura OP | January 24, 2023 |
| Sr. Maureen Joseph Kirwan SC | January 26, 2023 |
| Sr. Claire Donnelly SC | February 19, 2023 |
| Sr. Marie Victoria Bartkowski CSSF | February 22, 2023 |
| Sr. Lois Curry OP | February 26, 2023 |
| Sr. Kathleen Koerner SC | May 21, 2023 |
| Sr. Maria Agnes Karasig OP | March 18, 2023 |
| Sr. Barbara Brown SC | May 3, 2023 |
| Fr. Nicholas Capedola CRM | May 21, 2023 |
| Sr. Rosemarie DiCenso SC | June 2, 2023 |
| Sr. Anne Cunningham SC | June 2, 2023 |
| Sr. Joan Walters SC | July 24, 2023 |
| Sr. Gloria Doria MPF | August 5, 2023 |
| Sr. Ellen Fitzsimmons SSND | August 6, 2023 |
| Sr. Mary Henry Gadsby SSND | August 11, 2023 |
| Fr. James Keenan SJ | August 13, 2023 |
| Fr. Ciaran Fergus OP | September 2, 2023 |
| Sr. Ruthann Williams OP | September 28, 2023 |
| Sr. Helen Francis Coakley, OP | October 13, 2023 |

Those who mourn.

Those who have asked for our prayers.

NB: If you have members of your community who served in the Archdiocese and would like them to be remembered, please send the information to me. I will send you our form to complete. The information will be shared with the parishes and schools in the archdiocese via email. Oftentimes parishes will include the names in their intercessions at Sunday Mass. If you have an obituary; it can be sent directly to: submissions@rcan.org



SAVE THE DATE!

“In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples”

- Pope Francis -

As we prepare for Advent and savor the experience of the first session of the Synod, please join us for a time of reflection on

“Missionary Discipleship”
with
Sister Teresa Maya, CCVI

CONSECRATED LIFE:

Thursday, November 30, 2023 6 p.m.

HISPANIC COMMUNITY:

Friday, December 1, 2023 7 p.m.

ENGLISH SPEAKING COMMUNITY:

Saturday, December 2, 2023 9am

ALL ARE INVITED!

Dinner/Breakfast will be served at each session
in the Archdiocesan Center Auditorium

ARCHDIOCESE



of NEWARK

Sponsored by the
Office of the
Delegate for Religious

RSVP: **November 17**
Karin Walters
973-497-4226
karin.walters@rcan.org



Sr. Patricia M. Wormann O.P.
Delegate for Religious
Phone: 973-497-4582
Fax: 973-497-4228
Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Permit No. 5406
Newark, N.J.

Fall 2023

www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/delegate-religious

