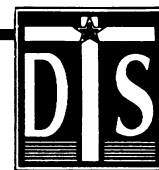


# The Clarion



*Newsletter of the Brothers of Christian Instruction*

## Major Superiors Gather in Castlegandolfo, Italy

Superior General Brother Yannick Houssay convoked the major superiors of the congregation for a 9-day session aimed at preparing for the 2012 General Chapter. The assembly gathered March 2-9 at the Casa Mennesiana in Castlegandolfo in the Alban Hills outside Rome.

Membership included the provincials and vice provincials, the assistant provincials of Canada and France and the members of the General Council. They represent the twelve administrative sectors of the congregation comprising 880 members in 25 countries. Brother Jerome Lessard, provincial, represented the 23 Brothers of the Notre Dame Province, USA.

The major superiors' gathering may occur twice in between general chapters held every 6 years. It occasions a review of the responsibilities of the superiors vis-à-vis the challenges faced in their provinces. Beginning with a review of the implementations of the last assembly's recommendations, the meeting dealt especially with the preparatory work for the 2012 General Chapter whose theme will be:

**EDUCATION AND  
EVANGELIZING TODAY.**



Members of the English Speaking Group: seated Br. Edward Ismail (Tanzania/Kenya), Assistant Br. Gerard Byaruhanga, Br. Gerard Mwebe (Uganda). Standing: Br. Robert Smyth (Canada), Br. Jerome Lessard (USA), Br. Claude Beauchesne (Congo/Rwanda), Br. Guy Morissette (Japan/Philippines)

A preparatory committee, in place for some time already, presented a reflection paper assessing the work of evangelization in each province. A summary of the written reports provided a guide for this March assembly's discussions.

One day was given to study Pope Benedict's Apostolic Exhortation *Verbum Domini*. A theology professor from the Salesian University in Rome, Fr. Jose Luis Moral, facilitated a discussion of the topic of

evangelization in the light of the Brothers' education charism. Brainstorming over the 2012 General Chapter produced some interesting suggestions regarding preparing for and holding that assembly.

*The 26<sup>th</sup> General Chapter  
March 1-15, 2012  
Ploermel, France*



## Ugandan Brothers Join Walsh Community

Three Ugandan Brothers arrived in Ohio in time for the 2010 fall semester, to undertake advanced studies. The LaMennais Hall community at WU is delighted to have these confreres living with them during their studies.

**Brother Joseph Muyunga**, a Brother since 1995, took his final vows in Tokyo, Japan where for six years he joined another Ugandan and some Canadian Brothers at St. Mary's International School. He has a degree in English Language and Literature. He served in several communities and schools in Uganda for nine years before going to Tokyo, and is now pursuing a Master's Degree in Education at Walsh U. He

enjoys meeting people, learning new things including mechanics, sharing ideas and discussions, travel, reading and writing, taking care of nature, etc.

**Brother Denis Katusiime** has been a Brother since 1990. He holds a license in Philosophical Anthropology from the Angelicum (in Rome), a Postgraduate Diploma in African Studies from the Maryknoll Institute in Nairobi, a diploma in Spirituality and Spiritual Direction from Tangaza College, also in Nairobi, and is now pursuing a Ph.D. in Cultural Foundations of Education also at Kent State University. Until recently he worked in our houses of formation in Uganda and at

Kisubi Brothers' University. He loves to sing and travel, and speaks many languages including Italian and French.

**Brother Pius Ochwo**, a Brother since 1988, holds an M.A. in Development Studies and an advanced diploma in Education Management from Uganda Martyrs' University, a B.A. in Music and a Diploma in MDD from Makerere U., both in Uganda. He has taught in four secondary schools, was headmaster at one of them, and Academic Registrar at Kisubi Brothers' University for four years. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in Evaluation and Measurement at Kent State University. He loves singing and acting.

*Br. Ernest Paquet*



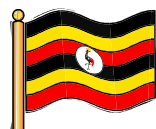
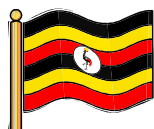
**Br. Joseph Muyunga**



**Br. Denis Katusiime**



**Br. Pius Ochwo**



## Advisory Committee Launched in Alfred

Last fall an advisory committee was formed for the study of the future disposition of the Brothers' property in Alfred, ME. Brother Jerome Lessard, Provincial, with the advice of his council decided it was time to launch a study of the options available to the province regarding the future uses of the property, providing a basis for any decisions taken regarding the future sale of any parcel of land.

The group of eight is constituted by representatives from a varied and rich background. They have had over the years a supportive relationship with the Brothers. Monthly meetings, chaired by Br. Jerome, are held on the NDI campus. Each meeting is dedicated to the review of one aspect of the study, usually with the help of an invited guest presenter.

On board is a retired school superintendent, a retired local businessman, a diocesan chancellor, a legal expert in property matters, an insurance agent, a realtor, a K.of C. field agent, and a Massachusetts Sister experienced in working with religious communities in establishing land trusts.

The timing of this study is right. The Brothers face no urgent need for any immediate decision. Some options take years to study and execute. Relying on expert input makes for a more comprehensive study. The Brothers provide the vision; the committee offers its collective enthusiasm and interest in scrutinizing the possibilities, raising questions and making recommendations. This is a sign that the age of the active Catholic laity has arrived.

### News in brief

**Catherine Gardens** was officially launched on Dec. 10, 2010 at a ribbon-cutting ceremony held on the grounds of the former Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburgh, NY. The \$8 million undertaking provides 31 downtown affordable apartments, especially for senior citizens and working families with median incomes.

Frequent visitor and member of Notre Dame Province for several years, **Canadian Br. Ovide Fortier** died on Feb. 1, 2011, at the age of 87. Due to serious health issues last

year he had to terminate his pastoral work in Trois-Rivieres, and relocate to the Brothers' infirmary in La Prairie, QC. Brother taught in Fall River (1965-8), worked at NDI (1982-6), returning to Alfred to direct the Notre Dame Spiritual Center (1990-92). His funeral and burial took place in Pointe-du-Lac on Feb. 8.

**Zachary Tierman**, age 6, the grand-nephew of Br. James Lacasse, died in East Rochester, NH, on April 9 after a 5-year battle with a rare form of leukemia. May he rest in peace.



Seated: Vincent Gallucci, David Vanasse, Frank Butterworth, Dick Bergeron; Standing: Sr. Chris Loughlin, OP, Sr. Rita-Mae Bissonnette, RSR, Br. Jerome Lessard, FIC, Alan Nelson, Michael Frechette

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## **D+S Mark Your Calendars!**

*Saturday, July 9, 2011*

**Mennaisian Pilgrimage  
Notre Dame Institute  
Alfred, ME**

**11:00 a.m. Prayer Service**

**Honoring the Brothers'  
Founder  
Ven. John de la Mennais.  
1780-1860**

**Notification of plans to attend  
should be made to a Brother for  
the buffet lunch.**



**"May schools have been  
founded to make Jesus  
Christ known."**

Fr. John-Mary to Mr. de  
Salvandy, French Minister of  
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## **Update from Japan:**

Our Brothers' schools in Tokyo, Shizuoka, and Yokohama were not affected by the March 11 earthquake that struck Japan nor by the ensuing tsunami that struck the northeast coastline.




Mennaisian display, NDI,  
work of Br. Donald Lapointe

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