

THE

# BRIDGE

A silhouette of a man with a beard and a crown of thorns, looking upwards against a bright sunset background. The man's profile is dark against the glowing orange and yellow sky. His right hand is raised in a gesture of prayer or contemplation.

*The Sons of Divine Providence*

*Easter 2023*

**Social Topics: Pope Sends Letter To Fr. James Martin**

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# Two thirty year olds (2022) – one priestly ordination, the other episcopal!

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# From the Editor

**H**ere we are again, about to celebrate Easter, preceded by Lenten fasting and penance and a time to inwardly reflect our personal relationship with God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the place we give to Blessed Mary and all the saints as intercessors and guides for our daily spiritual lives, as we journey through life and death experiences from mortality to immortality, from the temporal to the eternal.

The family of Don Orione has shared dying experiences with human deaths including Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Pope Benedict XVI, some of our male and female religious, clients, staff, benefactors, friends and family members. We have experienced closures of houses that we thought would go on for ever, and we have suffered the pain of these with our residents, staff and families and the wider communities who have supported us for many years. In faith we have died with Christ and he has died with us.

In faith Christ arose from the dead. Our dying experiences bring new life and new experiences, new hope and renewed faith, love, peace and joy. Some enter new homes and meet different people and make new friends, some find new ministries, new employment or settle down to more relaxed days in retirement. Some are reenergised whilst others discover the reality of our bodies slowing and closing down. Some

discover that life begins again with change of life styles, a chance to help others in ways we have not in the past. Change can bring spiritual growth with more time to pray and reflect – what is God asking of us and our world today? With the resurrection experience, can we manage with less and share more? Can we put aside “my” will and embrace “God’s will” – can we be merciful, loving and forgiving as God is with us? Can we be Christ for our brothers and sisters? Can we accept poverty and suffering as God’s gift to us and rejoice that he is with us always and truly provides for our needs as he knows best for us?

The contents of this edition of The Bridge include Don Orione World Mission promotion, feedback and summary updates. There is new life with religious professions and priestly ordinations, new openings, and celebrations of achievements.

A word of thanks to Joseph Tipping and our sick friends who continue to support us with tenacity through prayer and fundraising. Thanks to our readers for continued prayers and financial support.

A very blessed Easter to one and all.

*Fri Stephen and confreres*

# Message from Don Orione Community, Ukraine

## "And peace will have no end" (Is 9:6).

**A** year after the beginning of this war that has brought only death, destruction, division and terror, we would have much to say and to tell you. Those who have followed us in these 365 days know how we have lived, what we have tried to do and with what feelings we have had to face this tragedy that has also marked our lives. Today we feel obliged to thank those who, in different ways, have made us feel their closeness and solidarity. There have been many of you.

The list is really long as great was your generosity and special attention and prayer for us, our disabled friends, the displaced, the poor, the boys of the oratory, in L'viv as in Kyiv. Our thanks are very little. But it is meant to be the concrete sign of our gratitude for your friendship. The war continues and we don't know how long... Our prayers and hopes are addressed to the good Lord so that peace and harmony may soon arrive among all peoples. We confidently await the end of this absurd war in order to rebuild houses and consciences.

We are still counting on your prayers, friendship and solidarity. We are sustained by the certainty that God can transform any evil of man into beauty. This is where we place our hope, no matter what happens.

Don Fabio, Don Egidio, Don Moreno and Theology students Mykhailo and Orest.





# Financial Contributions To Help Sustain Humanitarian Projects From A Distance

Who doesn't have time or possibility of coming to Ukraine can equally help our projects:

## Project 1 Reconstruction

Visiting the towns of Irpin, Bucha and Hostomel, we have seen that many persons have made good the buildings damaged by the air raids. This project provides financial help to some families for a minimal reconstruction of windows, doors, fences, roofs etc.

## Project 2 Helping the poor

After the outbreak of war the number of people to fall into poverty net has increased considerably. This second project provides help for the activities in favour of the poor and the "have nots": At L'viv (Leopoli) every week a pack is distributed to about 200 persons, among whom a considerable number of refugees, and periodic social meals are organised. At Kyijv a hot meal is guaranteed twice a week to more than 80 persons without fixed abode, above all young people, who arrived in the capital since the beginning of the war in 2014, originally from Donbass.

## Project 3 Help for disabled persons

Notwithstanding the restrictions of the war and the notable difficulties created by the pandemic, we continue to give shelter at home to persons with disabilities of various types. This third project provides material help to sustain the daily activities of our Casa-Cafarnao, at L'viv, a stable residence for eight disabled persons, and for the workshops that involve about 15 boys and girls with disabilities and their families.

To support our projects you may send financial contributions, specifically named, according to the project of your choice, using the details below, made payable to:



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ASCENSION  
CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST

# ACAT



**A**scension Catholic Academy Trust (ACAT) was established on 1 December 2022 and is currently a formal partnership of six Catholic schools in Richmond and Surrey – St. Paul's Catholic College and St. Richard Reynolds High School, and four primary schools, St Michael's, Ashford, Our Lady of the Rosary in Staines, St Ignatius in Sunbury and St Richard Reynolds Primary, six schools working collaboratively to provide excellent Catholic education for our young people.

ACAT is the catalyst for our family of schools - that will hopefully soon include the Catholic schools in Hounslow together with St Edmund's, Sacred Heart and St James', the remaining Richmond Catholic schools, so that collectively we can protect, secure and develop the Church's mission in Catholic education.'

Our vision for Ascension is based on the fact that before His own glorious ascension into heaven, Jesus told the apostles 'I am always with you'. We make the same commitment to the young people we are privileged to serve - we will always be with them. We will be with them to support their faith formation, to cherish them as a unique gift from God and made in his image.

We will provide the very best Catholic education for each young person across our Trust so that they can flourish and become the person that God created them to be.

Our ambition, for which we will work tirelessly to achieve is that our Trust will become a beacon of excellence with Jesus Christ's teaching placed at the heart of all

that we do. We will support all our families and serve the common good of our communities.

ACAT is already providing useful support for its schools in terms of financial and operational management that enables great learning and teaching - as well as sharing best practice in all aspects of school working. Together we are stronger.

To mark the Foundation of ACAT, on Monday 20 February in Westminster Cathedral Cardinal Nichols led an uplifting Mass for all the staff of the ACAT schools - who were joined by a number of their pupils and students, Governors and parents. The Cardinal celebrated with a number of supportive priests from the area, including Fr Stephen Beale whom he ordained priest in The Sacred heart Church, Teddington, 1 August 1992.

As Nelson Mandela so rightly told us 'Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.' Education comes before anything else as the way to promote Catholic social teaching, the hidden jewel in our Catholic church, to make our world a better place and we are confident that ACAT will be a major catalyst for this in south west London.

# A SHORT AUTOBIOGRAPHY Jayne Bunbury

I was adopted at the age of 4, and have only very few memories of my life until then. I had a varied and unusual but good education, but a difficult relationship with my adoptive mother, and was eventually sent to a convent, as a dire punishment, to complete my schooling. My mother had been brought up a strict Scottish Presbyterian and was anti-Catholic in the extreme, and we were taught to think of Catholics as truly evil, so I was scared. However, the nuns turned out to be kind and gentle, and the school was a happy place for me.

My mother was a very talented woman, and loved literature, music and dance, so I was also sent for theatrical training for about 6 years. However that stopped after the war started, and when I had finished school I was sent to the Royal School of Needlework, which trained us as teachers in the history of art, embroidery of different historical ages and countries, as well as dress making. My ambition then was to work in museums, finally as a curator. But this was not to be, because at the age of 21 I told my parents of my intention to convert to the Roman Catholic faith which horrified them to such an extent that I had to leave home immediately. Luckily my qualifications enabled me to take up teaching, and for some 10 years I worked at a girls' independent boarding school.

Later I went to Italy for about 18 years, teaching English both privately and at a well-known school in Milan. Then what I call middle age madness took hold and I set off for India, having trained and qualified in Spain, to work with leprosy patients in the slums in and near Bangalore. This great adventure started when, with a group of friends, we decided to choose one of Jesus' teachings and try to live it literally. My choice was his suggestion that one should sell one's possessions, give the money to the poor and be like the lilies of the field. I did not do this to the letter, but gave all my things away instead. Then I also reckoned that if I was going to a hot country like India and working in very dirty conditions, it would be wiser to take two of my basic articles of clothing because of the need to wash them every day, and one pair of sandals.

An Italian society working for world leprosy aid, who had paid for my training in Spain, gave me a small allowance which covered my rent and transport, but everything else was wonderfully provided for by Providence. On several occasions I found myself with nothing to eat, and each time my need was met in quite extraordinary and unexpected ways. You cannot imagine the freedom which this way of life gives you! We spend so much time worrying about money and our daily needs, and I suddenly found myself totally free of any such cares. Leprosy patients are the poorest of the poor, not only having to resort to begging for food but being total outcasts and spurned even by other slum dwellers, but daily contact with them taught me how well we manage without 90% of all we think we require, and be content. My mother used to make me write out proverbs and admonitions hundreds of times, and one of them was: "Enough is as good as a feast." I had no idea what this meant at the time, but during those years in India I came to fully understand how true it is. We really do not need more than is sufficient, and returning to Europe later it really hit me how we surround ourselves with the superfluous, and it never satisfies us. Another quotation which I heard in India and which made a great impression on me was: "I met a man who complained because he had no shoes, and then I met another who had no feet"!

*Written by Jayne Bunbury 8 November 2016*

# Jayne Bunbury RIP

April 30 1927 - 17 February 2023

On Friday evening 17 February Jayne Bunbury passed away peacefully aged 95 years. She was a year younger than the late Queen Elizabeth II. On hearing of her death, Jayne told me that she was assigned to keep company with the young Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret, in Windsor, when they were teenagers in the Girl Guides.

Jayne had a tenancy with the Sons of Divine Providence, living at Hampton Wick about 30 years. Jayne came from being a lay missionary in India, having also worked with lepers.

Fluent in French and Italian, she had taught English and did translation work in Milan. Retired back to UK Jayne taught our students and priests English to prepare them for English Speaking Mission territories including Philippines, India, Kenya. Jayne was always knitting something for someone. Jayne always spoke clearly and precisely and so she was a “voice” on reading books for the RNIB.



Jayne always lived frugally and was always as generous as possible to those she saw, with her special sensitivity for others, to be in need.

Jayne’s whole life was dedicated to love and service to God and those he placed in her path. When priests were learning English they could only take even the smallest part reading at Mass -“when Jayne said they could!” To allow them to speak prematurely met with her wrath!

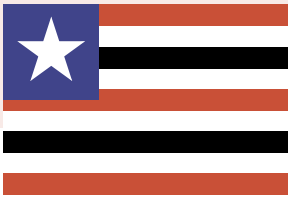
Some hymns chosen by Jayne or for her last hour and for her funeral: The love I have for you my Lord is only a shadow of your love for me; be still in the presence of the Lord; Gentle woman; I danced in the morning; I the Lord of sea and sky; ubi caritas e amor; Immortal, invisible, God only wise; deep calls to deep. Some readings: Proverbs 31:10-31 reminds us of Jayne - servant of God and sharing with His people her gifts and talents – reading, writing, computer literate, art and crafts, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, photography and her love for nature, including plant life, scenery, squirrels! Psalm 102:1-4.8.10.12-13 The Lord is compassion and love; 1Cor: 12:31-13 hymn of charity; Luke 17:11-19 and Matt. 8 healing of the lepers; Matt. 25:31-40 in as much as you do for the least of my brothers ...; Jayne had a vivid and an intense spirituality, balancing Martha with Mary - Luke 10: 38-42.

Dearly missed by her goddaughters Frances and Elizabeth, her dear friend Sr. Monica, the family and friends of Don Orione and so many more...  
Thank you Jayne for your missionary witness.

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.  
May she rest in peace.  
Amen

(Photo taken with squirrel December 2021)





## BRASILE NORD: THE FIRST ORIONINE MISSION IN THE STATE OF MARANHÃO

The Province "Our Lady of Fatima" – North Brazil, continues its missionary expansion. In fact, after the opening of the mission in Novo Aripuanã within the Amazon forest, on Sunday 19 February 2023 a new Orionine community was established in the diocese of Balsas, which once knew the episcopal ministry of Mgr. Enemésio Angelo Lazzaris.



The Congregation, in fact, has been entrusted with the pastoral care of a parish, the first in the State of Maranhão.

The opening of this new community had been anticipated by the missionary experience that the clerics Junior Alencar and Renato Ribeiro had in that diocese during the period of vacation from theology studies. The two clerics, speaking of their experience, reported: "Our mission took place in the diocese of Balsas, from December 16 to January 21. Initially we spent a week accompanying the bishop and his activities, getting to know the reality of the diocese and the future "network of communities" that we would assume in the diocese. Since December 21st we have been sent to a village called Ananás, in the district of the city of Sambaíba which is 100km away,



From left to right: Fr. Jackson Melbim (from India); Bishop Valentim Fagundes de Meneses and Fr. Antônio Jhones Silva Barbosa.

while there are 50 kilometers of road to go to reach the city of Balsas. The village has about 2,000 inhabitants and there is only a small chapel whose patron saint is St. John the Baptist. Our main activities were visiting families and the sick, participating in a Bible circle, praying the rosary at home, meeting with young people, liturgical formation and, on Sundays, celebrating the Word. There are times in our lives when God usually speaks to us through actions and in this mission God has always spoken to us, reminding us how at all times our holy founder spoke of caring for and bringing Christ to those who need it most. Our actions and pastoral testimonies have left hope in people and in us that we can do everything by serving God. Everyone in the village said we only had a short time left and wanted us to stay. The bishop and the diocese supported us at all times, and especially the people, who took great care of our accommodation and our food.

Our mission ended on Saturday 21 January with Holy Mass presided over by Msgr. Valentim Fagundes, Bishop of Balsas-Ma. We thank our good God for this opportunity and for all that we have done in his name and of our holy founder St. Luigi Orione. We left renewed and enthusiastic thinking about the future within the Province and wanting to be always available for new missions.



# MEMORIES OF PARBOLD NEAR UPHOLLAND



**L**earning that The Sons of Divine Providence have a House in Upholland brought back happy childhood memories of visits to Parbold a picturesque rural village in West Lancashire, only a few miles from Upholland. Sometimes we went to Parbold, my Mother, my older brother and me, just for a day out. Other times we had a whole week's holiday there and Dad could take a week off from working in Manchester. We set off from Manchester's Victoria Station. It was gloomy and functional. In those days the big railway terminals didn't boast a plethora of retail outlets and coffee shops, just a newspaper stall, (where I could buy the Beano to read on the train), a Waiting Room and a small tea room.

When the little stopping train arrived at Parbold, I thought we had arrived in a different world from the city. Everything was so tranquil, even the little station. There were just the two platforms, a ticket office and the Station Master's imposing house built of local stone. The Leeds to Liverpool Canal runs close to the village centre and the colourful barges ambling along added to a sense of being in an entirely different place. If Mr Cartmel, a local farmer was near the road as we walked along, he would pass the time of day as he had known mother's family. I remember when I was a small

child thinking he must be very poor as he didn't dress smartly. Little did I realise the value of the rich farmland and of the horses running free in his fields.

On our day trips we might have brought a picnic. Sometimes we were invited to lunch by an old lady who lived with her daughter in a cottage near the bottom of Parbold Hill. They were virtually self-sufficient so far as vegetables were concerned and lunch there was always a treat. After a hearty lunch, weather permitting a walk up the Hill would definitely fit the bill. En route up, there are two imposing Churches. The Catholic Church of Our Lady and All Saints on Lancaster Lane was constructed between 1878 and 1884 at a cost of £12,000.00. For 235 years until 2020 the Benedictines have had a presence in the area. The Parish has been served by 13 Parish Priests 7 Assistant Priests and 3 Administrators/ Priests in Charge. All were monks from Ampleforth - seven were from Merseyside or Lancashire. There is definitely an increase in the gradient as we reach the top of Parbold Hill. The effort is worth it. We are 400 ft above sea level The view is amazing and a sign confirms that on a clear day, Manchester, Liverpool and North Wales are all in sight.

Another reason for our walk is to visit Christ Church, the local Church of England

Parish Church. There was a chapel on this site dating back to the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. The Parish Church was constructed in 1875 and paid for by a cousin of my mother's great grandfather, Miss Ellen Morris, in memory of her mother. So in the family we always referred to Miss Morris's Church. Some of the stones from the earlier building were incorporated into the construction and a church warden said that one of the angels decorating the pulpit was a representation of Miss Morris herself.

The Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur were another Catholic presence in Parbold at Lancaster House their home from 1947 until recently. I did not know at the time that I would be a pupil at the Sisters' School in Southport after we moved from Manchester.

"Just some recollections from a kaleidoscope of childhood memories."

Thank you for asking me to undertake this task which has been very enjoyable. Hope some of it may be of use.

Thank you also for your care for the Parish .

Kind regards



Catherine McGreal

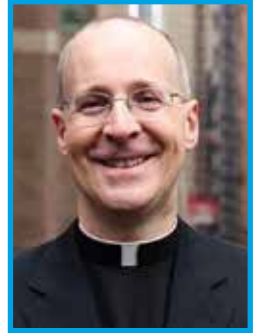
*Editor's note: SDP used to have a holiday home named Gradwell Farm. Every year the managers Frank and Barbara Dickenson used to bring the Chernobyl children and other groups including my family and I on the Parbold canal boat trip on The Rose of Parbold.*

*Happy days also for SDP priests celebrating Mass for SND sisters sometimes at the convent. SDP had a good rapport with SND Parbold who offered hospitality, when needed, to the residents of Cardinal Heenan House (sadly, both care homes now closed).*

# Pope Sends Letter To Fr. James Martin On Homosexuality And Sin



Pope Francis pens a letter to Jesuit Fr. James Martin explaining his recent comments in an interview with AP that “being homosexual is not a crime”, saying he was referring to Catholic doctrine that teaches that every sexual act outside of marriage is a sin.



## By Vatican News

25/01/2023

**Pope: Critics help us grow, but I want them to say it to my face**

“I was simply referring to Catholic moral teaching, which says that every sexual act outside of marriage is a sin.” Pope Francis penned those words in response to a letter from Father James Martin, SJ, who carries out his apostolate among the LGBTQ community in the United States. The American Jesuit had written to the Holy Father following his recent interview with the Associated Press. The Pope's handwritten response in Spanish was posted on Father Martin's website, along with a translation in English.

Clarification. It was already clear from the context of the interview that the Pope had spoken of homosexuality, meaning in that case "homosexual acts" and not homosexuality itself. In his letter, Pope Francis reiterated that his position is that of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, as he had already said in his first interview with reporters on the flight back from Brazil in 2013 ("If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge?"). Responding to Fr. Martin, the Pope stressed that, regarding sin, “one must also consider the circumstances, which may decrease or eliminate fault.”

“I should have said ‘It is a sin, as is any sexual act outside of marriage,’” added the Pope. “This is to speak of ‘the matter’ of sin, but we know well that Catholic morality not only takes into consideration the matter, but also evaluates freedom and intention; and this, for every kind of sin.”  
Prayers

Pope Francis went on in his letter to repeat that being homosexual is not a crime.

“I would tell whoever wants to criminalize homosexuality that they are wrong,” he wrote. “In a televised interview, where we spoke with natural and conversational language, it is understandable that there would not be such precise definitions.”  
There are over 50 countries that hold out the possibility of legal sentences for homosexual people and some of these nations even employ the death penalty. The Pope concluded his letter by assuring Fr. Martin that he prays for him and his work with the LGBTQ community. “Please do the same for me,” he said.



# Reflection on The Grain of Wheat

## by Dr Kathleen Murphy RSM

“Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” (Jn 12:24 RSVCE Bible).

In my preparations for Lent and Easter this year, I have been reflecting on the above quotation from John’s Gospel. It carries a deep and inspiring message about dying to sin, self and selfishness; of hope, transformation and new life. It has become my mantra daily in my contemplative prayer.

Recently while channel flicking on our television, in my search for news headlines, I accidentally came across a story about a child who having lost his single mother in death, died himself interiorly. In his anger, brokenness and insecurity, he rejected extended family support and drifted into a troublesome gang.

A caring neighbour, who ran a gym took him aside, began to mentor him, showed him fatherly love, diverted him from the gang and nurtured him through gymnastics, karate and a local drama club. The boy developed new energy, self-confidence, trust and an attitude of gratitude. He began to reach out to others bringing street children to the gym and club.

At the presentation of awards three years later, the boy, now fourteen, won the gym’s prestigious trophy together with a special award for empathy, generosity and outreach. God’s grain of wheat had become exceptionally fruitful to the astonishment of his original so-called friends, and to the delight of his caring mento and relatives. It’s amazing what the transforming love of Divine Providence can do when God’s people respond to grace.

This story instantly threw my mind back to some of the transforming and redemptive stories in my own new book, *The Splendour of Caring*: twelve stories of vulnerability, mercy, healing, forgiveness and joy. Like the little boy in the story each person is one of God’s seeds that initially struggled to take root. But having been nurtured, they flourished and set about supporting, affirming and being there for others. They heard the call of Jesus to become contributors rather than critics, collaborators rather than commentators and saints rather than sinners.

Let us pray: Lord Jesus, through our renewed efforts to nourish your seed of life in us, enable us to have a new and life-giving experience of Your Resurrection on Easter Sunday as we join the choir in singing Alleluia,

Amen.

# CELEBRATION OF 175<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CONGREGATION OF THE SISTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE 1847 - 2022

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022 much preparation went into this celebration of the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Founding of the Congregation of The Sisters of Charity of St. Paul the Apostle.

There was a display of historical Documents from the early foundation years.

There was also a display of artefacts from the time of Mother Foundress, Genevieve Dupuis, and her companions, depicting various documents and photos from gatherings held over the years. We had a Video presentation of photos of houses long closed with pictures of groups of sisters from the early years through to the present day.

The day began at 9.30 with coffee being served on the Cloister for visitors, Sisters and Associates. Mass was celebrated at 11 am. The chief Celebrant was Archbishop Bernard Longley assisted by Fr Dominic Cosslet, Fr Christopher Handforth, Fr Denis McGillicuddy and Fr. Nicholas Latham.



At the beginning of Mass Sr. Ann Sullivan welcomed the Archbishop, Clergy, Sisters and Visitors present. She reminded us of the wonderfully courageous start made by Mother Foundress and her Congregation here in the Diocese of Birmingham.

She paid tribute to the Sisters past and present for the years of service and devotion in their various ministries over the years. She gave thanks to the Holy Spirit who has guided and inspired our endeavours through many changes in Religious and secular life.

During the sermon, the Archbishop thanked the Sisters for all they have done in England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, South Africa and Romania, but especially in the Diocese of Birmingham.

The Mass continued, enhanced by the music and singing of everyone.

After Mass, group photographs were taken to record the day. This was followed by an excellent meal which all enjoyed in the company of each other, and which was prepared by our ever excellent kitchen staff. Sr Ann thanked all who had prepared for this very special day.

Later, in the afternoon, a special service was held in the cemetery at the grave of Mother Genevieve Dupuis, Foundress, led by Fr. Christopher Handforth ending with the hymn to St. Paul. At 4pm tea and cakes were served in the cloister.

The whole day was a day of unity and warmth and thanksgiving as we chatted with friends and explored the display and videos in the Library.





# From the Archive

Dear Fr. Stephen

I was introduced to the work of the Sons of Divine Providence whilst serving on a Royal Air Force Leadership Course at Loyola Hall, Rainhill in 1958. I commenced support for the Charity in 1960 and am still admiring your work. Father Bidone was my contact in correspondence and when I mentioned that I had planned a cycle pilgrimage in 1962 to the holy land, returning via Rome, for the intentions of the success of the second Vatican Council, he was very supportive and suggested that I included Hampton Wick in the itinerary.

I thought that a copy of the associated letter and prayer card blessing may be of interest to you for "From the Archive". He graced me some letters of introduction for charities in Rome but unfortunately I had Hepatitis in Jerusalem and had to come home directly.

However in the Millenium Year 2000 I completed the cycling pilgrimage to Rome with my son Thomas.

God bless you Peter (*Hambley*)

*\*Still riding the bicycle but also now have an E-bike 27.02.2023*

## **Pilgrimage Route**

Newcastle upon Lyme 8<sup>th</sup> May 1962

Hampton Wick - 350 miles

Brussels, Cologne, the Rhine Valley, Black Forest and Innsbruck -1180 miles

Bavarian Alps, Salsburg, Austrian lakes and Vienna 1540 miles

Yugoslavia – Velebit mountains, Sarajevo and Skopje 2735 miles

Greece – Salonica and Alexanderopolis 3090 miles

Turkey – Istanbul, Ankara and Antakia (Antioch first Christian Church) 4020 miles

Lebanon Tripolis and Beirut 4245 miles

Demascus in Syria 4315 miles

Jordan – Jerash the Dead Sea and the Old City of Jerusalem.

4500 miles in 91 days.

For complete details [www.saint-christophers-ccc.com/tours/pilgrimage](http://www.saint-christophers-ccc.com/tours/pilgrimage)







Photo: J Cunningham

**SAINT CHRISTOPHER'S CATHOLIC CYCLING CLUB**

National Committee meeting at Spode House 1969.

L.to R. – Tom Greep, Liverpool, Peter Hambley, N Staffs, Touring Secretary, John Penn, Private Member, Insurance Secretary, Tim Yates, N Staffs, Frank Hughes, Manchester, Rota Editor, John Newman, Private Member, Chairman, Mick O'Meara, London, Treasurer, Brian Cummings, Surrey, Road Race Secretary Vin Dilger, Manchester, Maurice Perrin, Private Member, Secretary, Dusty Rhodes, Keighley, Fr Gordian Marshall OP, Spiritual Director.

**THE SONS OF DIVINE PROVIDENCE HOMES FOR THE AGED**

(a voluntary body for the care and relief of the aged, infirm and handicapped)

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Homes registered at :—

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42 Christchurch Road,  
London, S.W.2  
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(see address at right)

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**WESTMINSTER HOUSE,**  
25 Lower Teddington Road, H/W,  
Kingston-on-Thames  
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18th February 1963

Dear Mr. Hambley,

Thank you very much for your letter. I am delighted to hear your exploits in the Holy Land, but so sorry that your trip had to end with jaundice and a spell in hospital. I do hope you are now quite recovered. What a pity that you were not able to visit the Eternal City as planned, but I am sure you will take advantage of another occasion to make a separate pilgrimage there, as you have such admirable energy and dedication. You must have gained a good deal from your recent experience and I am glad you were able to do some work with delinquent boys out there. It is a very worthwhile and rewarding occupation.

We are all well here, except for one or two of the 'old boys' who have found this winter very long and difficult. Please continue to pray for me and for all of us here, and we will not forget to pray for you.

May God bless and reward you for your generosity and your regular support,

Yours sincerely,

*Fr. Paul Bidone*  
Fr. Paul Bidone, F.D.P.



# Greetings and Updates from Sarsfield House in Dublin!

The Board of Management and staff strive to work with people who are amongst the most, vulnerable, disadvantaged and/or isolated people in Ballyfermot. These include older people with limited opportunities for social interaction, carer's and families in need of respite, older people in need of suitable and appropriate housing, families who are homeless and who are seeking permanent accommodation. Through its work and activities Orione Care Ireland provides important and practical assistance to these groups through Sarsfield House Day Centre, Fr. Bidone Court housing scheme and Sarsfield House Family Hub. On an ongoing and regular basis, we provide practical assistance to 127 people through these three services - comprising 37 older people who attend the Day Centre, 60 older people who live in Fr. Bidone Court, and 30 people (from 12 families) who are availing of transitional accommodation at the Family Hub until they secure more permanent long-term accommodation. We also provide financial support to the missions abroad.

## Sarsfield House Day Service for Senior Citizens

The Centre offers transport to and from our centre, meals & activities such as bingo and seated exercises. Pre Covid we had up to 35 people per day attending the service. However, we are still under certain Covid restrictions and our service users are still required to maintain a 1-meter social distance. Whilst this measure is necessary to keep our staff and service users safe, unfortunately it limits us to the amount of people who can attend the Day Service, at present we can only provide our service for up to 18 people per day. Our plans for the spring/summer of 2023 is to recommence (restrictions allowing) day trips and the hairdressing service. Our day centre services are funded through the Health Service Executive and subsidised by The Sons of Divine Providence.

# Fr Bidone Court

Fr. Bidone Court housing scheme contains 47 housing units for older people over the age of 55. These 47 units comprise 32 single room apartments for one person and 15 one bedroom apartments usually reserved for couples.

There is a common room in Fr. Bidone Court which includes a fully functional commercial kitchen. The aim of the common area is to provide activities to encourage social interaction among tenants. In conjunction with Ballyfermot/Chapelizod Partnership there are a number of activities planned for the coming year. These activities include Yoga, Nutritious Cookery course, and a support group focusing on men's Mental Health.

We are blessed with some wonderful tenants, who look out for each other and helped maintain the grounds of Fr Bidone Court throughout the Pandemic, these tenants continue to volunteer their services to our community.

## Family Hub

After a major refurbishment of Sarsfield House by Dublin City Council in 2016 – 2017, Sarsfield House Family Hub became operational in December 2017. The Centre is managed by Orione Care (Ireland) and funded by the Dublin Regional Homeless Executive.

This facility is located on the first floor of Sarsfield House. This service provides transitional accommodation for 12 families at any one time as they try to secure more permanent housing. Many of the families previously lived in emergency accommodation such as hotels which were often located quite a distance away from their main connection and contact points (e.g. the family/community in which they have connections, schools that their children attend).



Sarsfield House Family Hub is the only one of its kind in Ballyfermot/Dublin 10 and enables families to remain close to the area which they know and in which they have family/community connections.

The Family Hub provides a wraparound range of services which include accommodation, meals, activities for children, playground, playroom and Key Workers from Focus Ireland to assist residents to secure longer term accommodation and to access other services.

To date at least 50 families have availed of temporary accommodation in Sarsfield House and have managed to move into more secure permanent housing.

**By Evelyn Leonard  
Manager**

*Note from the editor – Mass is celebrated weekly by a local priest.  
Congratulations and best wishes to all attached to Sarsfield House*

# ORIONINE INITIATIVES CELEBRATING POPE FRANCIS' 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PONTIFICATE



Next March 13, Pope Francis will celebrate 10 years of his Pontificate. Given this date, Superior General Fr. Tarcisio Vieira invites the Orionines to organize a series of initiatives to better celebrate this event.

The celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Pontificate of Pope Francis next March 13, "will be for us," writes Fr. Tarcisio Vieira, "an additional occasion to recall the meaning of our IV Vow with the expressions of Don Orione: "To love Jesus Christ and make him known and loved by our works. To love his holy Catholic Church, and to make known love, and serve the Pope, our most holy Father, the universal head of the Church and Vicar of God among men, is the greatest work we can do on this earth to the glory of the Lord, and it is the purpose of our poor Institute of Providence - Instaurare omnia in Christo, by the grace of God all things to be established in the doctrine and charity of Jesus Christ crucified, with the implementation of the papal program, especially the part concerning the freedom of the Pope and the Church and the union of the separated churches" (Writings, 30:17). These are the Father's words: loving Jesus by works; loving and serving the Pope by implementing his program and promoting his knowledge."

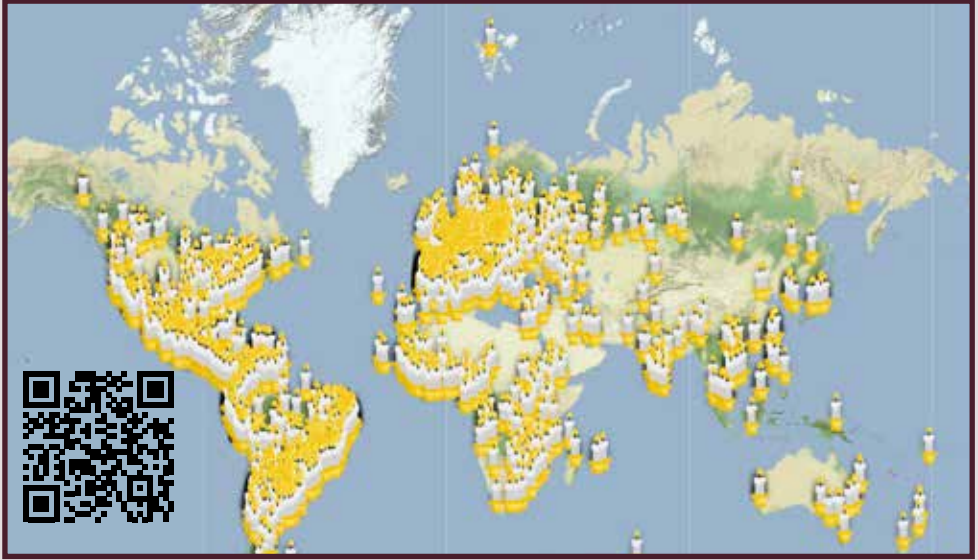
"I am sure that each Community," Fr. Vieira continued, "will know how to take this opportunity to encourage prayer for Pope Francis, who does not tire of asking, as he did also in the meeting with the Orionine Family: 'Dear brothers and sisters, I thank you for coming, and especially for what you are and what you do. I heartily bless all of you and your communities. And please, I ask you to pray for me.'" (06/25/2022) It will also be an opportunity to organize some festive, formative, or even charitable expression towards the poor (as Pope Francis likes so much)."

The General Council asked the Provinces and Delegations to propose an initiative to present an aspect of Pope Francis' Magisterium, emphasizing the reception of detail of his message in the provincial reality.

"A beautiful way to celebrate Pope Francis," the Director General added, "was found by the students of the Theologicum of Rome who will make their Perpetual Profession in



St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican next March 12. They come from different regions of the Orione world: Ch. Cristian Sergiu Andries, from Romania; Ch. Dandy de la Cruz, from the Philippines; Ch. Henrique Fortes Almeida Francioni Gama, from Brazil; Ch. Dritan Boka, from Albania; and Ch. Victorien Dabire, from Burkina Faso. It is no small matter to profess perpetually in the Basilica of the Pope, also making the Fourth Vow of Fidelity there. To the symbolism of getting physically close to the Pope to profess in St. Peter's Basilica, fidelity and obedience to Him, the Clerics will know how to reflect in Orione's life, the true values of consecration that Pope Francis (and Don Orione as well) hold in high regard, in their hearts."



Another initiative, born in the context of the Digital Synod, offers the possibility to join the proposal "A Hail Mary for Francis." Those who wish to share this initiative will find on the website [www.decimus-annus.org](http://www.decimus-annus.org) which will be active until March 13, an invitation to pray one or more Hail Mary's for Pope Francis. Each adhesion may be represented by a virtual candle placed on a map. In the end, a map with many lit virtual candles will be sent to the Holy Father, to visually show Francis the support offered to him through prayer by the faithful around the world as he approaches the milestone of his 10th pontificate.

"Dearly beloved, concluded Fr. Vieira, the dates to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis can be different, depending on the possibility of each community: one can start from the "Orione" Sunday of March 12 by making explicit Fr. Orione's love for the Pope on his "dies natalis"; March 13 is the date of his election; but March 19 can also be a good date because it marks the beginning of His ministry 10 years ago. Important is not to let pass the opportunity to express that "love and devotion to the Pope are the characteristics of our Congregation: to live, to work and to die of love for the Pope: behold, this, and this alone is the Little Work of Divine Providence" (Const. 9).

Sent by Fr. Marcelo Boschi, Delegate. Sharing with readers something of our love for the Pope and the Church

# THREE BROTHERS MAKES THEIR FINAL PROFESSION IN KENYA



On Saturday 11 March, there was joy in Kenya as three Kenyan brothers, Samuel Muthoka, Austine Namusende and Martin Kamau, made their final profession at the formation house in Nairobi. The celebration was attended by many Orionine confreres from different communities in Kenya, many orionine seminarians and brothers in formation, the parents of the three brothers, their relatives and friends as well as by their school mates at the Salesian theological College.

The celebration was presided by Fr. Anthony Njenga, the regional superior in Kenya, who later received the perpetual profession of the three brothers in behalf of the superior General Fr. Tarcisio. In his homily, Fr. Anthony invited the three brothers to imitate Abraham as they consecrate themselves for life. Abraham a man and a witness of Hope and trust in the Lord who obeyed God who called him to move to another land even though he could have been stopped by the fear of the unknown and uncertainties. He believed in the promises of God which is a sign of total surrender to God who calls. The way Abraham was told that he would be a source of blessing to all nations, Fr. Anthony reminded them to be a source of blessing through their religious consecration. He also invited them to be united with Christ the vine and be totally rooted in Him for them to bear fruit in their religious consecration: Our identity and mature vocation derive from the "one necessary thing" union with God, which founds and develops the spiritual life and apostolic activities.

The three Brothers were encouraged to throw themselves into the fires of the new times and to imitate our Holy Founder St. Luigi Orione in his holiness and at the same time bring holiness wherever they would be as consecrated. Remembering the words of Don Orione, Fr. Anthony said; on March 3, 1914, St. Luigi Orione addressed to the students still in formation saying: "I need holy sons! The mission promises very well, but I need saints! It will be necessary for me to find at least one of you and send him quickly, but I need saints! I wouldn't mind if they were young, they would learn the language at once, but I need that whoever goes, brings holiness there".

Kenya orionine region is young in as far as the presence of the Congregation is concerned but has manifested hope and this orionine presence is steadily growing. Kenya now has 17 perpetually professed religious.

God bless Kenya.

**Fr. Anthony Njenga Mburu**



## PAOFI 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Payatas Orione Foundation Inc. (PAOFI) will celebrate its 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary with its theme “PAOFI: 16 Years of Humble Services, Worth of Kindness” on March 11, 2023 at Mother of Divine Providence Parish, Payatas A, Quezon City.

The highlight of the event is the Eucharistic celebration at 9:00 in the morning to offer prayer and give thanks to all the sponsors, partners, and friends who supported the Foundation. Afterwards, there will be a “PAOFI Scholars Got Talent” Grand Finals to showcase selected PAOFI scholars’ talents in singing and dancing. Prior to the anniversary celebration, PAOFI conducted an elimination round on March 4, 2023 for 7 competing teams for the dance contest and 11 scholars for the singing contest from different chapels. Three dance groups from Lourdes, Immaculate & Fatima, Mother of Divine Providence (MDPP) & St. Benedict and only five from singing contestants were selected to advance to the grand finals.

The event will be attended by 60 staff and volunteers, 105 scholars, and an estimated 40 religious, sponsors, guests and friends of PAOFI.

**Official Hashtag: #PAOFIatSixteen #PAOFIScholarsGotTalent**



Payatas Orione Foundation Incorporated (PAOFI)

News update summary

PAOFI Fr. Angelo Falardi Health Clinic remembers the 16th Death Anniversary of our generous sponsor Mr. Frank Hickey and celebrates the 17th founding anniversary of the clinic on August 9, 2022. The highlight of the activity is the Thanksgiving Mass to offer prayer and give thanks for our long time partnership with Hickey Family Foundation Inc. Free medical consultation (virtual) and dental mission (tooth extraction only) conducted at the clinic after the Mass. Among the beneficiaries are children from PAOFI General Feeding and Scholarship Program. Our heartfelt gratitude to all the volunteer dentists, Dra. Josephine B. Censon, Dra. Ma. Teresa A. De Castro, Dra. Ma. Filipina Murao Musni and Dr. Raymond Gan and special thanks to Mr. Dennis Posadas and Ms. Julee Miranda for their support and donations.

Editor’s comment: Sharing with our readers some events of 2022



# The Philippines:

## MY EXPERIENCE AT THE COTTOLENGO FILIPINO

Our Congregation presents us with numerous opportunities of service. Being in the Novitiate at Montalban, Philippines I am delighted to take you through my personal experience serving at Cottolengo Filipino usually on weekends.

Cottolengo Filipino is a work of Charity established and managed by the Sons of Divine Providence for over 20 years now. It is a house that is home to 37 boys who live with disabilities and were abandoned by their families. My apostolate which I have been doing for about five months now has taught me many things. I would like to share three of them with you.

First, at the Cottolengo Filipino one sees the face of Christ. The Bible presents us with many



faces of Jesus. The healer, the teacher, the scourged, the crucified and the risen. At the Cottolengo, I have encountered the face of Jesus who is disabled and abandoned. The boys here are living with conditions of down syndrome, acute and mild cerebral palsy. Many need to be fed, moved around on wheelchairs and guided in walking. In all these, one sees Jesus who is in need of a helping hand. It is so fulfilling responding to such an invitation by Jesus himself.

The second lesson. At the Cottolengo, I have discovered you need so little in life. One day I went through their teacher's objectives of the skills that they need to be inculcated with. It's so simple, in our eyes. They only needed to know how to take shower, make their bed, brush their teeth, fold their clothes and maintain the compound.





When I look around life, I see many people fighting depression because they set unattainable goals, others want speedy life but cannot manage it. At the Cottolengo, you learn that life requires only little to live happy and contented.

Cottolengo Filipino is a house of God's Providence. This is my third lesson. The boys live a decent life, have good infrastructure, nice social amenities, ready assistants who are employees of the Cottolengo and three meals a day. All this is made possible by the many benefactors who have taken up the Cottolengo as their responsibility to see to it that all operations run smoothly through their donations and support. Luckily enough, Cottolengo Filipino moves out to reach out to the poor households in the neighborhood. During the Christmas festivities, about two hundred families benefited from provisions of food and hygiene items.

Cottolengo Filipino is a house of faith formation. With an open heart you can learn a lot and above all make an encounter with God. Life's noblest art is one of making someone happy: at the Cottolengo this is lived and experienced.

Novice Peter Thuku  
Montalban, Philippines



# India:

12th March 2023

Orione Seva/Kripa Trust – the charitable arm of the Sons of Divine Providence celebrates Orionine Missionary Day by opening the Sneha dispensary with the Free Medical Camp at Orione Seva Estate, Chandanaduru.



Orione Seva works for the marginalized of society especially in the peripheries and it also runs centers in the rural villages of Gauribidanur Taluk since 10 years. From our experience working in the villages, we often realized that the care for health especially of the children is not paid enough attention. Most of the time it is not the fault of the people, it is simply that there are not many health care facilities available in the surrounding areas. We also had a few cases where, if proper care were given if proper care were to be given in time, some preventive measures could have been taken to avoid fatal situations. Unfortunately, it was not so. As a response to it, Orione Seva, having felt the need of a health center, built a dispensary with the help of the donors. We are immensely grateful to Maria Luisa Fornasari and Giuliana Guida for the dispensary building that we are inaugurating with the prayer of blessings by Rev. Fr. Martin, the Regional Superior for India. He expressed his sentiments in the following words –“Today, it also marks the 83rd death anniversary of our founder St. Luigi Orione who always wanted his sons to go to the peripheries. We are indeed happy that on the commemoration of his dies natalis we are able to fulfill a part of his desire”.

On this inaugural day, Orione Seva, in the Sneha dispensary, has also organized a free general medical camp especially for children, women and the aged residing at the rural villages of Gauribidanur Taluk. There were 5 doctors from Bangalore with various specializations. The children were among the many who benefited the most. This free health camp helped us to understand the common sicknesses and take preventive measures that we have to focus on.

Fr. George Fernandes, the director for social works in Gauribidanur, who was also behind the organization of the medical camp, expressed his deep sense of gratitude to all. “It was a collaborative work with Claretian Missionary Fathers with their project vision (eye specialist) team, Jesus, Mary and Joseph sisters with their doctors and nurses (free medicines etc), St. John’s Hospital with their doctors, Members from St. Vincent de Paul society, Marthahalli Bangalore with their financial support, and the youth from the St. Antony Church Marthahalli with their volunteer service.”

One of the volunteers expressed that it was an amazing experience away from Bangalore. She also added that people in this area need more attention and they were very happy that as a team they chose to have an experience in the peripheries.



The Clinic building is open but the equipment needed for the clinic is yet to be purchased.

As always we trust in the providence of God.



# Orione Lay Movement - Who is Saint Luigi Orione?

He was born in Pontecurone, (Alessandria), diocese of Tortona, Italy, on 23 June 1872 to Vittorio Orione and Carolina Feltri. Before him, three brothers were born: Luis, who died very young, Benito and Alberto who was only 4 years old (Vita Di Don Orione, Giorgio Papisogli, page 11, chap. I).

"That poor old peasant of my mother -remembered Don Orione - she would get up at 3 in the morning and go to work, and it always seemed like a spindle going, and always she worked, worked as a woman and, with her children, she also knew how to act as a man, because our father was far away at work in Monferrato. She beat the sickle to cut the grass, and sharpened it, without taking it to the knife grinder; she made canvas with hemp spun from it, and my brothers shared so many sheets, so much beautiful linen, my poor mother! She kept track of broken knives, and these have been my legacy. She didn't run to buy, if she really couldn't do without it".

The family was very poor. All the brothers, from the oldest to the smallest, wore the same clothes, the one that left the brother before him. The mother was very skilled with the needle, and she was the one who mended and made clothes. Like a good farmer, she got up very early and went to glean, Luigi helped her gather the ears, sometimes he pulled them and she said "It's bread, Luigi, this is bread". For this he developed a true devotion to bread and also collected bread crumbs from the ground to eat them. His mother gave him love for the Church.

Luigi Orione grew up as a country boy. His mother gave him an education of values that served him throughout his life. He has always been very supportive: on one occasion he gave his umbrella to an elderly man who was all wet who was walking slowly, on another occasion he gave his bread to a person who could not move due to his physical deformities....

With his father, the relationship was different. Vittorio was not a devoted believer like Carolina, but he gave them permission to attend church. With him Luigi worked on his knees putting and beating stones along the road. Sometimes, after the day's work, while he was reciting the rosary, he listened to the workers complain about the low pay they received, he listened and this will be fundamental, being already a cleric, in making important decisions for the Congregation.

Since he was a child, his desire was to become a priest.

At 13, he entered the Franciscan Convent in Voghera (1885-1886), but became seriously ill and had to leave the convent.

Luigi suffered a lot when he was brought home, he was not resting, he was restless. But soon he will have good news: in October 1886 he is accepted at the Salesian Institute of Valdocco. There will take place the meeting between Luigi Orione, 14 years old and San Giovanni Bosco, who marked his priestly vocation.



"The most extraordinary graces - wrote Don Orione, - Don Bosco granted me after his death and continues to accompany me step by step in my work. Didn't he tell me: will we always be friends? (Biography of Don Orione, Giorgio Papisogli, "Life of Don Orione" pag. 23 et seq.)

When Don Bosco died, Luigi Orione, in the midst of the spiritual exercises, had the doubt whether to continue with the Salesians or not; he had already thought about the diocesan seminary. His priestly vocation was not in doubt, but he did not know whether or not to remain with the Salesians.

On October 16, 1888 Luigi Orione already wears the habit of a diocesan seminarian, experiences moments of great joy and great regret and derision on the part of his companions, who initially considered him "a strange guy". However, he advances, from year to year, on the priestly path.

In the autumn of 1891, he became Guardian of the Cathedral of Tortona, a function that he loved and performed with deep devotion. In 1892, he met the young Mario Ivaldi, a providential meeting because together with him and other young people, they formed the oratory, which lasted a little less than 1 year, because while Orione goes to Rome to see the Pope, a goal that has not been achieved, the bishop decides to close the oratory. It's a big blow to him.

Then in October 1893, Orione, who is 21 years old 2 years of seminary to go, feels the desire to found a school for poor children who want to be priests. He talks to Monsignor Bandi who gives him permission. However, in order to found a school, he tells him: "You need money and to carry a load of problems". But Luigi Orione had a lot of faith in Divine Providence, that everything is possible: "With Divine Providence, everything, without her nothing" and how his faith becomes stronger and more determined. Thus was born the Collegio di San Bernardino, so called because it was in the San Bernardino district, onekilometer from the city of Tortona. After some time the school became too small to receive many postulants; his heart could not say no, but meanwhile his debts were growing too. He sought a larger and more adequate place and thus the Collegio Santa Clara was born, which was an uninhabited convent, in October 1894, not without controversy and detractors from political groups of an anticlerical Italy chained in a hostile environment. It opened with 110 places for internal students, but hosted up to 140.



On April 13, 1895, Holy Saturday, Luigi Orione was ordained a priest. His first mass was in the chapel of Santa Chiara. That same day, Orione conferred the cassock on some young men, with the permission of the Bishop and thus the Work of Divine Providence was born. Luigi Orione was 23 years old.

Luigi Orione is inexhaustible, he seems to have no rest. Santa Chiara became too small and he had to move again. They passed to the Paterno, which became the mother house of the Congregation. The young boys increased every day, as well as the debts, but Divine Providence does not abandon its children.



On December 28, 1908, a violent earthquake occurred which shook Messina and Reggio Calabria. The whole area is reduced to rubble. Faced with this situation and seeing the needs of the population, the Pope decides to appoint Don Orione as Vicar General of the Diocese of Messina. He obeyed the Pope for three years, that mission lasted so long. There Don Orione lived a real ordeal. He was the victim of envy, slander, humiliation. Once his mission is over, he leaves in silence.

His mother died in 1908.

On 29 June 1915 he founded the female Congregation of the Work of Divine Providence: The Little Missionary Sisters of Charity.

Don Orione travels to America, invited by his Italian friends based in Argentina. The first time in 1921 he went to Brazil and Argentina, to give impetus to new works. The second time he left for America and remained there from 1934 to 1937: he founded the Piccolo Cottolengo Argentino, on the outskirts of Buenos Aires and works in Brazil.

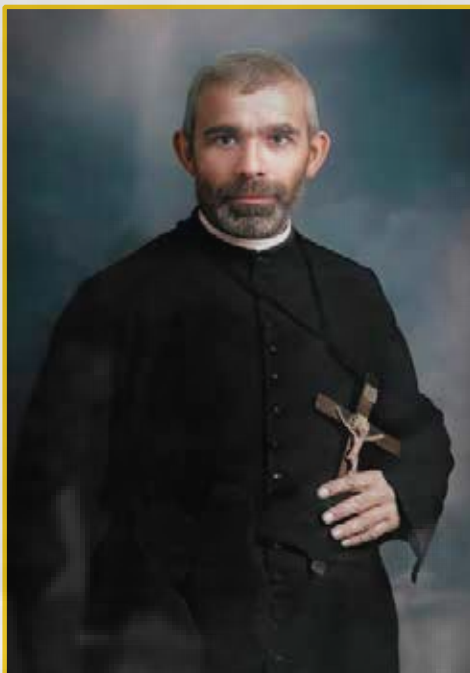
He went to Chile on January 30, 1936, while his religious arrived in 1942 and the sisters in 1943. The desire to travel to Lima in Peru remains in his heart, but he fails to do so.

He died on the evening of March 12, 1940 "standing", as he had always wished, in an Orionine retirement home in the city of San Remo, where, against his will, he had been sent by doctors who trusted in the sea air for the improvement of his health.

Before leaving Tortona, on 8 March he expressed his disappointment by saying: "I don't want to die among the palm trees, but among the poor, who are Jesus Christ". He was only 67 years old.

He was canonized on May 16, 2004 by Pope John Paul II in Rome.

***Editor's comments: the various places that hosted house Masses for Friends of Don Orione in the UK have ceased. Now is the time to revive. Are you interested to get to know the Life of St Luigi Orione and to spread his charism in small groups and support Don Orione Missions worldwide? Please contact us.***



# Westminster Diocese Moves Towards Carbon Neutral By 2030

The Diocese of Westminster has committed to do its utmost to become carbon neutral by 2030 in its parishes and curial buildings. It has also expressed its commitment to working with schools to encourage them to follow the same path.

As Pope Francis explains in *Laudato Si'*, caring for God's created world and cooperating with the Holy Spirit in this work of creation is everyone's responsibility, not least that of the faithful.

There are many simple actions we can take all year long, not just on this World Energy Efficiency Day on 5 March. Using daylight hours for tasks that require more lighting.

Turning off lights and electrical devices when they're not in use. Another way to contribute to energy efficiency is by using LEDs in place of conventional lamps or lightbulbs. In fact, this alternative can generate energy savings of up to 80 % over traditional lighting and is also environmentally friendly thanks to the materials used to produce it.

Replacing old appliances with more efficient ones, which consume less energy. Class A (green) appliances are the most efficient, while class G (red) appliances are the least efficient. Although these appliances might be more expensive when you come to purchase them, they will pay off in the long term.

In terms of mobility, the most efficient option is to prioritise public transport or cycling. However, there are some driving habits that can contribute to energy efficiency: maintaining a steady pace and not driving at excessive speeds; keeping the windows up and the air conditioning at an average temperature of 21°C; and ensuring that the tyres and engine are properly maintained.



In addition to their environmental benefits, these actions can also lead to financial savings e.g. using less energy means a lower electricity bill.

**What are LEED and BREEAM Energy Efficiency Certifications?**

Aside from the actions we can take in our day-to-day lives, World Energy Efficiency Day is the perfect day to learn about LEED and BREEAM energy efficiency certifications. Both are systems designed to verify the sustainability and energy efficiency of buildings, and although they have many points in common, they differ in some respects.

Firstly, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification bases its evaluation on the analysis of six environmental impact categories.

## **A Sustainable Site**

**Water Efficiency And Reduction In Water Consumption**

**Energy Efficiency And Reduction In Energy Consumption**

**Recycled Materials And Natural Resources**

**Indoor Environmental Quality**

**Innovation In Design**



*Sustainability Article submitted by Anita Tozzi*

# Joseph Tipping

In spite of his being sick and then in hospital during sales, he raised £5640.64 for Don Orione Missions from winter bulbs sold Christmas 2022. His and our grateful thanks to all who made this possible yet another year! Joseph reports in 25 years he has raised £150, 000.00 from bulb sales.



# UPHOLLAND COMMUNITY NEWS

**F**r. Paulo FDP joins Wigan, Wrightington and Leigh Teaching Hospitals chaplaincy team. My name is Fr. Paulo Jose Damin. I am one of the chaplains here at WWL. I have been with the trust for a month now. I was born and raised in Brazil and at the age of 17 joined the Catholic Church seminar training. I was ordained a priest 37 years ago.



I am well-travelled as a missionary, in Cape Verde, Kenya and Mozambique before coming to Wigan. I like listening to music, walking, enjoying nature and the fresh air. I enjoy working here and meeting many people. Please say hello if you see me out and about on the wards. (WWL news bulletin March/April 2023)

*From the Editor:*

*Best wishes to Fr. Paulo and those you encounter daily, and to Fr. Philip and parishioners at St. Teresa's and St. James*

**St Teresa's parish in Up Holland is very proud of its British saints. We always raise the flag for 1st March, St David, 17th March, St Patrick, 24th April, St George, 30th November St Andrew. Welsh dragon, Gold, green and white tricolour, Red cross of St George and blue saltire of Scotland. In the picture are Rose and Paula, long standing and stalwart supporters of Don Orione along with Fr Philip.**



**Fr. Philip Kehoe FDP, Parish Priest, is pictured outside St Teresa's Upholland. He has now picked up St. James' Parish Orrell, also long time supporters of Don Orione.**





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Saint Teresa of Calcutta

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**13 Lower Teddington Road, Hampton Wick, Kingston upon Thames KT1 4EU**

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Our Book of Remembrance is dedicated to the Benefactors and Friends of the Sons of Divine Providence

If you wish your name or that of any person, living or deceased, to be inscribed in this Book, please fill in the form below. All those inscribed in the book share in the prayers and Masses offered daily by the Sons of Divine Providence. Cheques, POs should be made payable to The Sons of Divine Providence.



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## Mass Offerings

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Please make cheques payable to the Sons of Divine Providence.

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Mass to be offered for: \_\_\_\_\_

Please tick appropriate box:

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## Gift Aid Declaration

For past, present and future donations

**Please treat as Gift Aid donations all qualifying gifts of money made**

- Today**  
 **In the past 4 years**  
 **In Future**

Please tick all boxes you wish to apply

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and / or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities or Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for that tax year. I understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 28p of tax on every £1 that I gave up to 5 April 2008 and will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give on or after 6 April 2008.

### Donors Details

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Full Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Please notify the Sons of Divine Providence if you:

• Want to change this declaration • Change your name or home address • No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/ or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

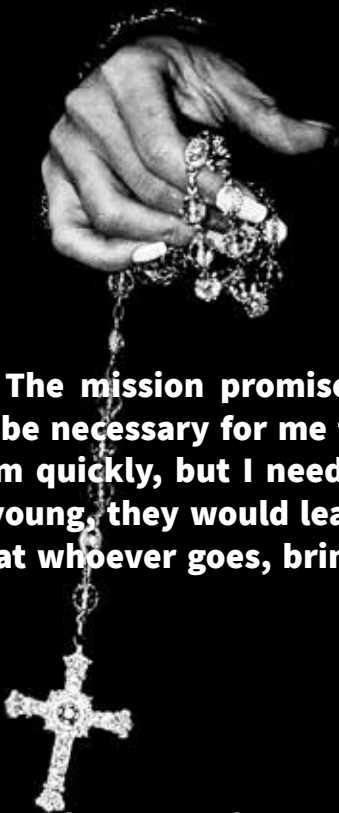
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