



Rome, June 29, 2014

## To the whole Congregation

### Change of General Postulator and General Procurator

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I publish this communiqué to inform you that on June 27, 2014, our brother **Alfred Bell** SSCC ended his term as General Postulator and General Procurator of the Brothers of the Congregation.

Alfred began his second stage of services at the General House in 2008, becoming readily available to replace Bruno Benati SSCC. in his duties, who had died suddenly in Rome in June of that year. From then until now, Alfred has been serving the General Government, the community of the General House, and the whole Congregation, with a competence and dedication which characterize him.

Thanks to his work as Postulator, the process of the canonization of the now Saint Damien was completed, in October 2009; the beatification of the now Blessed Teófilo, Gonzalo, Isidro, Eladio and Mario, martyrs of Spain, occurred; the cause of our brothers Ladislav, Polycarpe, Marcellin and Frézal, murdered during the Paris Commune, has resumed; the causes of the Good Father, the Good Mother (of which Alfred has also been the postulator), Blessed Eustaquio, and Esteban Gumucio have made progress.

To this must be added the many services he performed as General Procurator (the person responsible for ensuring communication between the Holy See and the General Government) and as local treasurer of the General House.

On my behalf and on behalf of the whole congregation, I thank Alfred for his dedication and service, and I wish him a blessed return to the Province of Germany, where he will work in services of postulation, procuration and legal issues in the diocese of Münster.

We recently had a simple farewell party to pay tribute to Alfred on the recent feast of the Sacred Heart. We gave him a picture of one of his happiest memories of these years spent in Rome: his meeting with Pope Benedict XVI at the canonization of Damien. May the Lord bless Alfred with the same joy of the saints for whose causes he worked so much!

I also thank the brothers who have accepted the responsibilities that were performed by Alfred, namely:

- **Remi Liando** SSCC, our Secretary General, who is now also appointed General Procurator.
- **Alberto Toutin Cataldo** SSCC, general councilor, who also coordinates the Commission of the SS.CC. Spiritual and Historical Patrimony, is now also named

General Postulator *ad interim* until the arrival in Rome of **David Reid** SSCC in January 2015. David will then be appointed General Postulator, and be presented to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints for ratification as General Postulator.

- **Joseph Antony Raja Sebastian** SSCC, General Treasurer, is now also appointed local treasurer of the General House.

To all of them we ask the Lord for blessing in their service to the Congregation.

Fraternally in the love of the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,



Javier Álvarez-Ossorio SSCC  
*Superior General*