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## Over 10,000 at blessing of church dedicated to Sacred Heart

### U.S. benefactors help to fund first SCJ church in Indian District

**F**r. Dominic Peluse, SCJ, and Pam Milczarski from the Province Development Office, along with Fr. Tom Cassidy, SCJ, former provincial superior, represented the U.S. Province at the January dedication of Sacred Heart Church in Nambur, India. Benefactors from the United States were significant contributors to the project, the first church built by the Priests of the Sacred Heart in India.

Talking about the parishioners at Sacred Heart, Fr. Dharma Akula, SCJ, the pastor and primary force behind the new church, said that "our people are unskilled day workers, without guarantees of regular work, who make \$2 for a long day of difficult labor. During the year they might only get 120 days of work... I often worry about them. The people here are good, devoted. There are nights that I cry for them in their situation."

Sacred Heart Church replaces a former cowshed that the faith community worshipped in until it burned down.

Approximately 10,000 people took part in the day-long celebration. Fr. Tom wrote about the day in one of his posts on the province blog. What follows at right is his first-hand account of the dedication:

*Fr. Tom writes...*

January 27, 2014

I traveled from Eluru with Frs. Mariano and Vimal, plus two theologians and five postulants. We got there in plenty of time for the planned procession set for 5:00 p.m.

During my first visit to Nambur in 2011 I became involved in helping to support the construction of this church, both a church and a shrine to the Sacred Heart. The first pastor and builder is Fr. Dharma who was ordained in 2010. His baptism by fire was this assignment as pastor and the immediate task of building a church for the faith community.

One of the keys to Fr. Dharma's success, I believe, was that he kept his donors informed on what was going on, thanked them often, and gently reminded them of the financial needs required to see the project to completion. Our U.S. Development Office involved our benefactors in a fundraising campaign for the church and that is what brought Pam and Fr. Dominic to India (they are pictured here with a parishioner; the other photo is of me cutting the ribbon of the new church with the bishop).

Now on to the grand celebration. Let me begin by saying this would never take place in the United States. I have attended the dedication of several buildings and one church and nothing we do could compare to the type of celebration the Indian people of Nambur put together. Simply put, it fit perfectly within the cultural con-

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### text of India.

At 5:00 p.m. the bishop of Guntur and I were driven to the edge of Nambur where we were helped into an elaborate silver gilded carriage pulled by two white horses. A small group of people met us along with the drum group who would lead the procession and a group of youngsters (both boys and girls) who carried drumsticks and did varying routines while pounding out a beat. Just before the drummers set the beat to begin the procession, firecrackers and fireworks were set off. The noise and fireworks would be often repeated along the route.

I was impressed with the horses who pulled our carriage. The noise from the drummers, the beat of the kids, the bang of firecrackers and fireworks plus an ever-growing crowd pressing in on them never phased them. The driver did not sit in the carriage, rather he held onto the reins in front of the horses and facing them (walking backwards) led the beasts. He was assisted by an attendant who walked along the left side of the carriage.

The procession took an hour even though the distance was no more than a kilometer or two at best. We stopped for special fireworks from time to time. Then about halfway to the church we were joined by three costumed characters, two of them on



The bishop blesses the new altar

stilts. They did dances and other antics the rest of the way, but the star of the show turned out to be one stilter who was a fire-eater; he repeated his act about four times before we ended our journey. By the time we reached the church it was just about dark and the church was lighted up in all its glory. The lights on the church itself were not just for this occasion but are meant to highlight the church on a permanent basis.

As the bishop and I were helped out of the carriage the priests who were going to concelebrate gathered to be vested and process to the church. Fr. Dominic and I were given places of honor just in front of the bishop. We would also be given parts in the dedication ceremony itself.

Because of the crowd, the Mass itself was held outside. I was given the honor of cutting the ribbon at the main entrance doors which were then opened so people would be able see the interior and parts of the dedication liturgy, such as consecrating of the altar with holy oil, etc.

The various liturgical elements of the consecration before the first reading took well over an hour. In addition to assisting at oiling the altar with the bishop, Fr. Dominic, Fr. Thomas Vinod (SCJ district superior) and several priests of the Diocese of Guntur, lent a hand. I was asked to incense the church, bless several crosses with holy oil and — the most thrilling — bless the tower and its statues. This involved climbing stairs that have no railings in alb and chasuble. Luckily I had my iPhone with its flashlight application as it came in handy in some of the dark corners on the way up to and down from the tower. By the way, Fr. Dominic also made the trip to the top of the tower.

We finally got to the parts of the liturgy any good Catholic would rec-



LEFT CORNER: The church just after the roof had been put on, allowing parishioners to hold Mass inside when it rained. ABOVE: The church lighted and decorated for the celebration.

ognize as the Liturgy of the Word. Both of the first two readings were read by women from the parish.

By the time the liturgy ended and Fr. Dharma gave his thanks it was 9:00 p.m. Those who began with the procession had been at it for four hours. We were driven back to the novitiate where a wonderful meal was prepared for the community and invited guests. Much to my delight I would stay overnight as Fr. Mariano had a district council meeting on Monday and the car from Eluru would come back to pick us up on Monday afternoon for our return home.

*-Fr. Tom Cassidy, SCJ*

### More from Fr. Tom

Fr. Tom spent approximately six weeks with the theology community in Eluru, India. During that time he sent posts for the province blog. You can view them, as well as

## New on staff



Mark Peters

**W**ith the start of the new year the Provincialate Offices welcomed two new employees. Mark Peters has been hired as the province director of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation, the first

lay person to hold the position, and David Schimmel was hired for the newly created job of director of Dehonian Associates.

"Having someone focus full time on Justice and Peace issues was a goal of our Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Commission," said Fr. Stephen Huffstetter, SCJ, provincial superior. "It was a goal that was endorsed by the last provincial administration and now the current leadership. Hiring a lay staff member to head up our efforts allows us to move in that direction, though it will be a new learning experience for our province. The commission developed Mark's job description, and has set forth initial goals..."

"As SCJs, the justice of God's reign has a privileged place in our spirituality. Much of the work we do is in response to that call. It is our hope that a full-time director will assist the province members in responding to the challenge to be 'prophets of love and servants of reconciliation' in today's American society, the Church, and the global community."

For the last several years Mark has worked at St. James Parish in Mukwonago (Archdiocese of Milwaukee) as the Director of Adult & Family Ministry; he previously served at St. John Vianney parish as Human Concerns Director, as Director of Project Concern (one of the largest food pantries in Milwaukee County), and as director of the St. Francis Interfaith Older Adult Program. Mark was also

a parish consultant with the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and worked on the merger of the SCJs' Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary and Holy Assumption parishes (now, St. Martin of Tours, Franklin).

You can reach Mark at his office phone at 414-427-4229 or by email at [justdir@usprovince.org](mailto:justdir@usprovince.org).

### Sharing the Dehonian charism

David Schimmel, a scholar on Fr. Leo John Dehon and his charism has already begun work in the newly created role of director of Dehonian Associates.

"David is a former SCJ who brings a strong background in spirituality and spiritual direction to the role," said Fr. Steve. "He has a deep understanding of Fr. Dehon and an exceptional ability to articulate Dehonian charism."

"The mission of the Dehonian Associates is to promote Dehonian spirituality and the charism beyond the members of the Priests of the Sacred Heart. David's main responsibility will be to create, implement and evaluate efforts to promote, develop and sustain the Dehonian Associates within the US."

David will work from his home office in Chicago, but it is anticipated that he will also be spending time at the Provincial Offices, as well as other SCJ locations. He works in collaboration with the Dehonian Family Committee, chaired by Mike Tyrell of St. Joseph's Indian School.

"We've always had great ideas when we meet together as a committee," said Mike, "but all of us have full-time commitments in other areas. Having someone dedicated to developing and implementing the dreams of the committee is very exciting."

You can contact David at [dfschimmel@juno.com](mailto:dfschimmel@juno.com).



David Schimmel

## Priesthood led novice to Church

**V**isiting with a staff member of Sacred Heart Southern Missions early this year, Novice Justin Krenke talked about his vocation. A convert to Catholicism, he said that while "most people say that they are led to the priesthood by the Church. I was led to the Church by the priesthood!"

He continued, adding that "I was 17. I picked up the phone and called St. Margaret Mary parish, the closest one to our home. A nun answered the phone and I asked her 'How old do you have to be to become Catholic without permission?' She asked me how old I was. I told her; she said that I was old enough, but she wanted to speak to my mother. When my mother got home from work, I told her that she needed to call the nun. I was a little nervous, but I was determined that I was going to do this. My mother eventually made the call. That was almost six years ago."

Justin became a candidate with the Priests of the Sacred Heart in 2010. He hopes to profess his first vows on August 15.



Novice  
Justin Krenke

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Priests of the Sacred Heart



Fr. Anthony Kluckman, SCJ, chaplain at St. Joseph's Indian School, with some of the many children helped by the work of the new Donor Care Center. "Our benefactors are part of St. Joseph's 'tiyospaye,'" he said.

## Center is much more than a fundraising tool

**B**enefactors are key to the mission of just about any non-profit organization. No matter how good a cause, no matter how many people are helped by a program, very little happens without money.

"Donors are partners in ministry."

It may seem like an overused phrase, but it is far from being trite. At St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota (as in all SCJ ministries), benefactors are as much a part of the school's ministry as are the teachers, house parents, administrators, maintenance staff, and even the SCJs themselves.

"Our benefactors are a part of St. Joseph's 'tiyospaye,'" said Fr. Anthony Kluckman, SCJ, school chaplain.

"Tiyospaye" is the Lakota word for 'family.' "We work together to better the lives of our children here at St. Joseph's," said Fr. Anthony.

It was in that spirit of partnership that the St. Joseph's Donor Care Center was developed.

"Of course we want to raise money," said Kody Christianson, manager of the Donor Care Center. "But our purpose is much more than that. The DCC mission statement calls us 'to build meaningful relationships.' This is more than just a 'call center.' Our number one goal is to build lasting relationships with our donors."

St. Joseph's Indian School opened the center in Sioux Falls in March, 2013. The idea came out of the school's strategic planning process. "We came up with the idea for a donor care center as a way to focus on personal contact with our benefactors," said Kody. "It is a way of engaging the donors in the conversation."

No one likes the bore at the party who only talks about himself. "This is what I'm doing... this is what I plan to do."

The Donor Care Center is a way of making it a two-way conversation. If benefactors are true partners in the ministry of St. Joseph's Indian School, it is important to communicate WITH, not just AT them.

"The Donor Care Center enables us to more easily reach out to donors, but also for them to more easily reach out to us," said Kody.

Those who work at the care center are also partners in the mission of St. Joseph's Indian School. There isn't a canned dialogue taped in front of each employee's desk. The center's 40 employees go through a two-week education program on school history, mission and culture. They spend time at St. Joseph's and learn first-hand about what the school does and the children and families served by its programs.

The education process continues with weekly meetings and visits by students and alumni from the school.

"All of this is so that we can really personalize our conversations with donors," said Kody, "Our employees are not just hired to represent the school to donors, we are all a part of the school and its mission."

Some have asked why a donor care center for St. Joseph's – something which is a part of the mission of the school – is located in Sioux Falls, 150 miles east of Chamberlain (the school's location). One of the primary reasons is size. In Chamberlain, with a population of about 2,400 (and a low unemployment rate), keeping the center fully staffed would have been challenging. Eventually, Kody expects to have 60 employees at the center.

"Just as a donor halfway across the country is a part of the mission of St. Joseph's, so are our employees at the Donor Care Center," he said. "The location isn't what is key to the mission of the center."

Right now the primary method of communication is the phone. However, the center was developed with an eye on ever-changing technology. Long gone are the days when an SCJ "got phone books from cities across the country and looked up names that sounded Catholic, wrote to



Fr. Stephen Huffstetter cuts the ribbon to open the center last year.

them about our needs in South Dakota and hoped they'd respond."

The quote is from Fr. Tom Simcox, SCJ, who died in 2003. He was one of the province's first fundraisers for the ministries of South Dakota. "Back then," he added, "fund raising for religious ministries was just one step up from begging."

Members of the center's staff call benefactors to make sure that they know that their donations are truly appreciated. They check in to see if donors have questions about the school or its students. If a donor has asked to be removed from contact lists a representative from the center does a follow-up call — not to be a pest, but to find out what is going on with the donor.

"Sometimes a donor has asked to be removed because he or she is going through financial difficulties," said Kody. "We want them to know that they are still a part of our mission. If they can't help financially, they can still support our work with prayer."

Over and over Kody reinforced the idea that it is a donor CARE center, not call center.

"I can't believe that you are calling just to thank me." Kody said that he hears this over and over. "But that's how you develop life-long relationships. The contact has to be more than a one-way conversation of 'This is what we need, will you help us?'"

Those who work at the center understand that. "Many of our employees are people who have a strong history of giving and serving," said Kody. "From personal experience they know the importance of a two-way conversation with organizations they support..."

"It is exciting for me to work with people who seem to have found a home promoting what they love, helping to accomplish great things for the students of St. Joseph's Indian School.

"It is exciting for me to be a part of the mission of St. Joseph's."

## Exploring the anthropology behind Dehonian spirituality

Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec (US), Fr. David Szatkowski (US) and Fr. Gustave Lulendo (Canada) represented North America at "Anthropologia Cordis," an international Dehonian theology conference in Taubaté, Brazil, February 2-7.

"You [the young SCJs gathered] represent the future," said Fr. John van den Hengel, SCJ vicar general, at the conference's opening. "On you the congregation counts to be the bearers of the tradition and legacy of Fr. Dehon. We need your voices to take the congregation into this post-modern world."

Each day Fr. David shared a reflection from the conference. Commenting after a presentation by Marcello Neri (an Italian theologian, Marcello may be familiar to SCJs in the US Province — he taught for a semester at Sacred Heart School of Theology), Fr. David wrote that "I believe his suggestion of God's presence in the world, and helping people to experience that love, is central to Dehonian ministry and mission today.

"By taking a fundamentally positive view of humanity and creation, we can understand the Sacred Heart as a human heart, a heart that wants to be united to our struggles for liberation. This is a Heart that truly wants to be touched by and moved by the struggles of humanity... It is by this sharing of the love of Christ that each person in his/her context allows others to do the same."

Fr. David's final reflection concluded that "the most common theme among all participants was the importance of the love of Christ being not an act of piety, but a concrete expression of care for the people among whom we minister.

"For me, this was the most important commonality. I believe the common theme that was suggested — but never named directly — is that the more we practice the love of Christ, making that love experienced, making that love tangible, that we as a congregation truly build up the Kingdom of God in hearts and societies."

Fr. David's reflections, as well as other reports and information from the conference, are available on the province website at: <http://tinyurl.com/mamoevh>. Photos are at: [www.generalate.smugmug.com](http://www.generalate.smugmug.com).



Participants at Anthropologia Cordis in Brazil. Go to the Generalate's photo site to see more pictures at [www.generalate.smugmug.com](http://www.generalate.smugmug.com)



Fr. Johnny Klingler tutoring Mary at the Benedict Center in 2007

## Rebuilding lives with the help of a little bit of soap

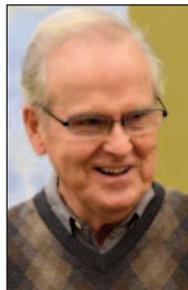
**H**e's not the story, but Fr. Johnny Klingler, SCJ, had an important role in the life of someone who is at the heart of it.

In 2007, Fr. Johnny was a member of the Benedict Center's Board of Directors and a frequent tutor, helping clients at the Milwaukee-based social service center study for their high school equivalency certifications.

Mary McCauley was one of those women. Getting her high school equivalency helped to open doors for her, but still, it's not easy for a single mother to make ends meet and stay out of some of the challenging situations that led to contact with the Benedict Center in the first place (the center often helps women who have been involved in illegal activities, including substance abuse).

Although he lost touch with many of his students, Fr. Johnny continues

to stay in contact with Mary. Near the end of the year, the two of them met for lunch. It was then that he learned about "Gifts for the Journey," a business venture where the bottom line focuses on helping women to rebuild their lives.



Fr. Johnny today

Gifts for the Journey is a non-profit social enterprise run by women with a history of abuse, prostitution and/or addiction. The women make and sell specialty soaps and other bath

products

Mary told Fr. Johnny that she was working with the newly developing organization.

"Would you like to buy some soap?" she asked him.

He said that he would, but that he also knew of a lot of other people who might like her products. Just before Christmas he set up a display in the dining room at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake. Prior to it "I talked

up the products with the residents and told them about the women who were helped by the business," said Fr. Johnny.

Inspired by the mission of Gifts for the Journey, one of the residents at SHML offered to assist with the display. "Jane Gore was a big help staffing the table," said Fr. Johnny. "Jane wasn't the only one inspired by the idea behind Gifts for the Journey,

"We sold over \$600 of products," he said. "And it wasn't that people were simply being generous; these are good products. I've given them as gifts myself."

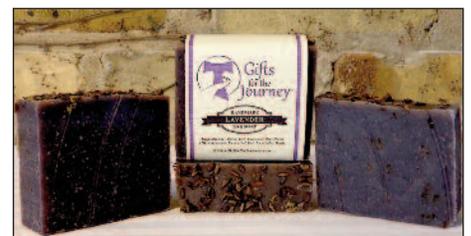
Gifts for the Journey was developed by the Franciscan Peacemakers, a Catholic outreach program that goes to Milwaukee's inner city streets to work with people who have turned to prostitution, often to support drug addictions.

In the spring, Fr. Johnny plans to again set up a display at SHML. However, purchases can also be made online at [www.giftsforthejourney.com](http://www.giftsforthejourney.com).

A sale tip from Fr. Johnny if you buy products online: "Type the word 'Mary' in the promotion code box at the checkout and receive a 5% discount on the order."

"Mary," of course, is Fr. Johnny's former student.

"It's amazing what she has been able to do with her life since I first met her; there are so many challenges," said Fr. Johnny. "This is just one way for her, and other women like her, to continue to rebuild their lives."



**For more information about products sold by "Gifts for the Journey" go to:**  
[www.giftsforthejourney.com](http://www.giftsforthejourney.com)

## Grant money goes a long way in rural South Dakota

**C**ongratulations to the Lower Brule Pastoral Team for receiving a \$1,500 grant from OCP (Oregon Catholic Press), a worship resource publisher.

The pastoral team ministers to six parishes: three on each side of the Missouri River, half in the Diocese of Rapid City and half in the Diocese of Sioux Falls. While \$1,500 isn't quite in the "windfall" category of finance, the pastoral team has found ways to stretch the money so that the grant will benefit all six parishes.

"We plan to use the funds to purchase an extra guitar; the ones we have are aging or borrowed," said Fr. Joseph Dean, SCJ, moderator of the rural pastoral team that also includes SCJ Frs. Vincent Suparman and Christianus Hendrick. "On the west side we plan to purchase missalettes for all three parishes [so that all have the same kind]. This will make liturgical preparation easier. In addition, we plan to purchase a projector."

Fr. Joe added that the team will also "order booklets to enable people to better participate in baptismal liturgies, which have been more frequent."

OCP started the parish grant program in 2001. Annually, it provides direct financial assistance to parishes across the United States towards worship enhancement. The publisher has awarded over \$2 million in grants.



Fr. Hendrik, a member of the Lower Brule Pastoral Team, with young parishioners.

## Portuguese SCJ joins Rota

Pope Francis named Fr. Manuel Gomes da Costa Saturino, SCJ, a member of the Portuguese Province, as a prelate auditor of the Roman Rota. He took his oath of office on January 24.

The Tribunal of the Roman Rota is a Tribunal Court of the Apostolic See, usually at the appellate stage, which fosters jurisprudence in the Church and safeguards the rights of individuals. The Rota deals with trials of all kinds, but the majority of the cases are questions of declaration of nullity of marriage.



Fr. Saturino

Fr. Saturino, 61, professed his first vows with the Priests of the Sacred Heart in 1975. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1983. He did his initial theological studies at the Catholic University of Lisbon and later attended the Pontifical Lateran University in Rome, where he earned a Licentiate and Doctorate in Canon Law.

In the mid-to-late 1980s he served in the secretary general's office at the general curia in Rome.

In his home province of Portugal he taught canon law and was dean of the theology department at the Catholic University of Lisbon. He was also the first director of the Institute for Canon Law in Lisbon, a position he held until 2011.

In 1990 he was appointed to the

tribunal in Lisbon. He also served as provincial secretary of the Portuguese Province, as a member of the province formation team, and as a spiritual director. In between his academic and administrative assignments, Fr. Saturino was also involved in parish ministry, and served on committees and commissions of the Holy See.

## Member of original class at St. Joseph's Indian School dies

Orville Webb, one of the last three original students from when St. Joseph's Indian School opened in 1927, died January 28. He was 97 years old.

Last year Orville was honored as a St. Joseph's Distinguished Alumni. His son, Bud, represented his dad due to Orville's health. Orville's wife, Irene, died just a few weeks before her husband on January 7.

When sharing the news of his father's death, Bud mentioned that his father's final wish was to be with Irene.

## Water, water EVERYWHERE

SCJs at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake woke up to the sound of the fire alarm at 2:00 a.m., January 10. Thankfully, there was no fire. However, a burst pipe in the sprinkler system caused extensive damage on all four floors of the SCJ wing of SHML. Sixteen apartments plus corridors and storage rooms suffered extensive damage.

It will take approximately three to four months to replace damaged walls, insulation, electrical work and other material. Also a part of the process: inspection! Systems



Removing damaged insulation at SHML

are being tested to ensure that such an event doesn't happen again.

Those whose apartments suffered the worst damage are staying in guest rooms during reconstruction. Of course, this means that there is no guest space at SHML until repairs are complete.

Check the province Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/PriestsoftheSacredHeart](http://www.facebook.com/PriestsoftheSacredHeart)) for photos of the damage and repair. You can find them under the "Photo" tab. There are two albums: 1) "Not what you want to wake up to" and 2) "Restoration begins."

Speaking of Facebook, **have you liked our province Facebook page yet?** It's a great place to find current news not only about SCJs in the US Province but around the world as well!

### Familiar face named to direct Dehon Study Center

Fr Stefan Tertünte, SCJ, has been named as the new director of the Dehon Study Center at the Generalate in Rome. Fr. Stefan is familiar to SCJs in North America after joining them at the North American Continental Conference last September where he gave



Fr. Stefan

the keynote presentation.

Among the center's tasks is the continued digitization of the founder's writings and other congregational resources, making them more readily available to others. Also, the new director will be coordinating historical and theological reflections on SCJ spirituality, offering resources to SCJ entities and the wider Dehonian Family.

### Going high tech at St. Joe's

Fifth-grade students at St. Joseph's Indian School recently participated in "Starbase." The high-tech science program operates out of a mobile classroom, reaching students all over South Dakota.

"It's a pretty amazing experience," said Brock, one of St. Joseph's fifth-grade instructors. "The technology we have access to through the mobile classroom isn't what we would normally use. The students have a lot of fun and learn so much."

As an introduction to engineering, students used a computer program to create a space station, which was then printed off as a poster. They learned about chemistry by building molecules and, through the construction and launching of a rocket, they now better understand the laws of physics.



## Join us!

The Priests of the Sacred Heart (SCJs) is an international Catholic religious community of brothers and priests ministering in over 40 countries on five continents.

Based in community, nourished by the Eucharist and inspired by the Sacred Heart, SCJs serve in a wide variety of ministries, including education, social work, prison and hospital chaplaincy, the missions, health care, youth ministry, and of course, parishes.

**Do you know of someone who may be discerning a vocation to religious life?** Contact our vocation office to learn more about the Priests of the Sacred Heart. Call 800-609-5559 or email us at [vocationcentral@wi.rr.com](mailto:vocationcentral@wi.rr.com)

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