

NICE TO MEET YOU!

ESL Program Welcomes Summer Students

My name is Milton Zonta. I was born in Videira a small town in southern Brazil, not so far from the border with Paraguay. The majority of the inhabitants of my hometown are of Italian origin. My grandfathers were born in Italy. Unfortunately, they didn't go back to their birthplace ever again. They died when I was child.

I left my hometown very early. I went to live in São Paulo. There I completed all my studies. I have studied philosophy, pedagogy and theology. Since 1987 I have been a Salvadorian priest. Last year I celebrated my priestly jubilee with my relatives in my hometown. My hobby is reading theology books. I enjoy reading those authors who help me to find the truthful sense of life. If I had not become a priest maybe I would have been an actor. I love theatre. Whenever possible, I will go to see interesting plays.

After many years in Brazil, I moved to Rome, Italy. I have been living there since 7 years ago. Nowadays I am a member of the leadership of my congregation. My religious family is called "*The Society of the Divine Savior*". My job is not easy, but I don't regret it. I have learned a lot. In the last years I have been in many countries and I discovered how interesting it is to know different cultures and different styles of life. I have learned to be more universal.

In order to improve my English, I came to Milwaukee. I will be in the USA for just some weeks, but to learn more English is very important for my job. English is the official language in our international meetings. I look forward to going back to Italy very soon more confident and more fluent in the English language. I hope so! We need to have dreams otherwise things do not happen. I think it was Walter Disney who said: "*If we can dream, so we can make our dreams reality*".



Fr. Milton Zonta gets to know Sr. Thuy Nguyen at our picnic in Whitnall Park.

Greetings, my friends.

My name is Brother Jean Mafutala. I am from the Congo. I'm in the Congregation the Priests of the Sacred Heart. I'm the principal in our school in Kinshasa, the capital of the Democratic Republic of Congo. I am happy to be back studying English this summer.

I am a good brother and I really love my profession.

Thank you for your kindness and your patience.

The Cross

A Reflection by *Thuy Nguyen*

Usually when we talk about the cross, the first thing which comes to our minds is the distress, suffering, failure, and sickness we have to bear in our lives. Therefore, none of us wants to have any cross. We would like to run away from all these things but in fact we can't avoid them in our daily lives. We call them our crosses to bear. Thus, is the Cross the source of hope or hopelessness, or is it a sign of death for our life? Looking for an answer to these questions, we try to figure out some meanings of the Cross.

First of all in the religious world, the cross symbolizes something belongs to Jesus Christ and this is very clear to most people. For example, when we notice a cross on the top of a building or on the front wall, we know it is a church. When we see the cross on a wall in someone's house, we think Christians live there. When we see a cross on a tomb, we understand that someone in this tomb was Christ follower. When we see someone who is making the sign of the cross before a meal or work, we believe that he/she is a Christian, even though the faith is not loudly professed by words.

Now let us look for something else than traditional way of seeing the cross. It will be interesting to look at the question posed to Jesus by St. Peter about the award that is given for those who have left everything to follow Him. Jesus said in reply, "*No one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the Gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields – along with persecutions – and in*

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My name is Adriano Wierzycki Toczec, I am a diocesan priest from Brazil. I want to learn English because it is important for my university studies and my life since English is the language of the world. So far, I think the English classes are stimulating and I am developing my language ability; however, I still have difficulty because I did not have contact with English before this course.

My favorite part of studying at SH are the planned events of the course because I believe that those moments are important to formation. The thing I miss most about my country is my family (I have one brother who lives with my parents), my friends, and the work that I performed in the parish. I also miss the celebrations—the festivities and food. The part of being a priest that I enjoy the most is developing the mission of the Church to go where God calls us.

My name is Albertus Suryadi. I'm from Indonesia. I'm Indonesian. I was born on June 17th, 1980, in Palembang, Indonesia. I was ordained to the priesthood of the Roman Catholic Church by His Ecc. Mgr. Aloysius Sudarso SCJ, on February 3rd, 2009, in Palembang, Indonesia. I'm a SCJ priest. Now I'm a student living at Sacred Heart. I will study English at here until December 2013. I am here to prepare for the Chinese Project promoted by SCJ General Administration. The Chinese Project will begin in January 2014.



Frs. Albert, Abraham and Marlon stay cool at Bastille Days.

In my free time I spend my time relaxing, reading a book and watching TV. My favorite season of the year is summer because the temperature is around 30 - 40 degrees celcius—warm but not too hot for my body.

On my first day of class, I felt confused because I didn't yet know all of my classmates and I didn't understand the subject that my teachers explained. I hope I can improve my English.



Frs. Reinaldo and Adriano at the SC Johnson Center.

My name is Reinaldo Braga Junior, I am Brazilian. I am 40 years old, and I have been a diocesan priest for 16 years. I am from the Midwest region of Brazil, in the Diocese of Diamantino in the state of Mato Grosso.

I live in Rome where I am working on my Masters in Dogmatic Theology at the Pontifical Gregorian University. To be able to read English bibliographies in my course, I needed to study the English language. So my bishop, who is an SCJ, pointed me to Sacred Heart School of Theology, where I could study in the summer holidays.

My name is Marlon Velazquez Flores. I am a diocesan priest. I was born in Nicaragua in the year 1975. I love to be a priest because I can help many people. Now I am studying English at Sacred Heart. I want to learn this language because I need to read many books and open a rehabilitation center.

After my class I have free time. In this time, I enjoy listening to music and watching TV; also, every day I run one hour.

I have a wonderful family. My parents are very religious, and so are my brothers and my sisters, too. I think that my vocation is the fruit of their prayers. I enjoy remembering my family and the old times when we celebrated Christmas.

My name is Antonio Ailson Aurelio. I am a priest from Brazil. I want to learn English because I enjoy it and I need it for my research in Rome. So far, I think English classes are exciting. My favorite part of studying at SH is grammar and reading and the house as a whole.

The thing I miss most about Brazil is my family and my students of history. In my free time I enjoy going to see movies and running. My family is big. I have 4 brothers and 1 sister. The part of being a priest that I enjoy the most is confessions, praying Masses and visiting people.

My name is Suyoung Ruy. Please call me Abraham. I'm from Korea. I arrived six months ago. I came to stay at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Milwaukee. It's a Korean community. I'm a parish priest and member of the Missionary of the Sacred Heart (MSC). We have spread the Gospel to 54 countries.

My name is Carlos Caamaño. I'm from Caracas, Venezuela. I'm here because I need to learn English. I am the Regional Superior of the S.C.J. in Venezuela, and I will go to participate in some international meetings where English is the official language.

In my free time, I like to go to the cinema, play basketball, visit families, study, sing and play the guitar.



On the road with Frs Antonio and Carlos

My name is Crésio Rodrigues. I'm from Brazil. Currently I'm a student of Canon Law in Rome, in the Pontificia University Lateran.

After the License in Spain I was sent to Rome for a doctorate. The "Lateran" demands that the doctorate student learn at least two languages in addition to Italian. That's why I'm here in Hales Corners with this goal. Another reason for being here is to live with other cultures and cultivate the spiritual life with other colleagues. My principal work is academic, but I advise my diocese in canonical issues.

In my free time I like to walk, to read, to see movies and to fish. My favorite season is the spring because it is very beautiful and to me means a new start. Normally the spring is

neither cold nor hot. Some movies I like are *The Mission*, *Gone with the Wind*, *Apocalypto*, and *War Horse*). These movies combine emotion with real life and deal with culture. I also like TV programs like the news, documentaries, soccer (of course!), and cartoons.

My first day in this class was a test with teacher Dominic. It was a good experience to reopen the studies of this language.

My name is Humberto Hidalgo. I'm from Ecuador. I lived in Quito and now I'm living in Hales Corners, Milwaukee. I'm a student because now I'm studying English for one month. In my free time, I like to go to the cinema because I love the movies, also I like to go to store, I like to read and I like to go to swim.

My favorite season is the summer in my country, because in my country it is very cold. I prefer the weather cold. I like it. My favorite movies are *I'm Sam*, *Titanic*, *The Orphan*, *Narnia* and *Harry Potter*. I like these movies because they are very interesting.

My first day in class was very good. I started class with intermediate grammar with Kiki, after I was in class of Intermediate writing with Kelly, after beginning reading with Kiki and the last hour, after lunch, with Dominic I had advanced pronunciation. The classes were very good.

Frs. Hung and Cresio keep their cards close at Whitnall Park.



I am Father Michael Nguyen The Bao. I come from Vietnam. I was ordained in July 01, 2004. I am a diocesan priest and belong to Vinh Long diocese that located in the south of Vietnam. I have been working and serving in some parishes for five years. Then my bishop sent me to Philippine to study in 2009 and I have been in Unite States since 2011 to continue my study of English and Theology. I have begun attending some classes of MA program last semester in Sacred Heart School of Theology. I hope that I will accomplish my duty and come back to Vietnam in order to serve more effectively the Church in my diocese. I believe firmly that the grace of God always is enough for me and help me overcome any challenging in my life.



Frs. Michael Bao, Louis-Marie and Peter Tung dine by the lake.

My name is Joseph Do Dinh Tu. My family is not very big. There are five people. My father's name is Antonio. He was a good person. Everyday he went to the company because he is an engineer. One day he was on his way back home and he had an accident. He died at the age of a fifty. My mother's name is Maria. She is a housewife. She loves her children more than anything. My brother is married. He has one boy. My sister is a doctor. I'm a priest. I love my life. I love my family very much. May God bless my family!

My name is Louis-Marie Butari. I am from Democratic Republic of Congo. I was born in Kinshasa the capital on June 6, 1957. In 1980, I moved to Ndoundgué in Cameroun where our SCJ Novitiate is. After two years of religious formation I made my vows in 1982 and I moved to Kisangani to study Philosophy for three years. In 1985, I moved to Yaoundé to study Theology for four years. After my ordination at Kinshasa in 1990, I became pastor in Mambasa, 530 miles from Kisangani, for four years. Then, I went to Tshpo

in Kisangani. In 1998, I went to Basoko where I organized the centennial Evangelization in 2002. I was there for four years and then I went to Kinshasa. In 2005, I went to St Gabriel at Kisangani until 2010 when I registered at University of Kisangani to obtain my master in Clinical Psychology. Since 2010, I have been the principal of our Institute Maele where we have more than one thousand students every year.

Now, I am at Sacred Heart School of Theology in ESL since June 30, 2013 to learn English because English is the second language for our Congregation. Many members of the International Organization speak English when they come to my office. English is difficult for me but I'll get to like it. Thanks to my teachers and schoolmates who help me. I am very happy here to meet somebody who really wants to do like me.

My name is Manoel da Paixao Gomes do Prado. I am a priest from Brazil. I want to learn English because it is a requirement of my course in Rome and also because it is very important to learn a new language. So far, I think the English classes are exciting and have fun moments. My favorite part of studying English at SH is studying English. The things I miss most about my country are my family and my friends. In my free time I enjoy talking to my family and reading news. My family is big. I have five brothers and three sisters. The part of being a priest that I enjoy the most is praying the holy Mass.



Frs. Joseph and Manoel at Whitnall Park

My name is Edgar Gaal Sánchez. I am a priest from México. I want to learn English because I will be a teacher of biblical theology in my diocese and there is much literature in this language.

So far, I think the English classes are interesting and fun. My favorite part is studying grammar and literature. The thing I miss most about México is the people. In my free time I enjoy playing sport in the gym and watching movies. My family is small. I have two brothers and one sister. The parts of being a priest that I enjoy the most are three things: confession, celebrating Mass and teaching.

My name is Eli Ferreira Gomes. I am from Brazil. I live in Rome. I am a diocesan priest of the Diocese of Annapolis in the west central Brazil. I believe that the English language will help me in my theological studies in Rome, and especially in Brazil as a teacher of theology at the Seminary. Being in the Sacred Heart School is an opportunity for my human and spiritual growth.

Well... in my free time I like reading literature (classical literature), watching movies, writing e-mails, looking at nature and talking with friends.

My favorite season is winter because it helps me to meditate and I like the cold. I also like to stay home, especially in my library. My three favorite movies are: *The Cast Away*, *The Shadows' Land* and *The Way Back*. In my opinion, these movies raise many reflections on human and spiritual value.

Finally, my first day in this class was a mixture of feelings: joy, gratitude, fear... but also of responsibility. I sincerely give thanks.

My name is Egide Safari Kolekwa, I am priest in the congregation Priests Sacred Heart from the city of Kinshasa in the D.R.Congo. I want to learn English because it's the second language from congregation. I will study in the country where we speak English. I am teacher in my college saint Clement where we teacher in English.

So far, I think the English classes are exciting. Every day I have my learning in my room or out the house. My favorite part of studying at SH is to have new friends from other countries: Kyle (America), Brother Umberto (Ecuador), and Father Marlon (Nicaragua). The things I miss most about Congo are my family and friends. My family is big. I have five brothers and four sisters, one of whom is a religious.



Frs. Eli and Cresio rejoice at the beach: No Classes!



My name is Nghiep Van Pham. I am also called Vincent. I come from Viet Nam, a small, beautiful country with an S- shape. I was born in Nam Dinh Province. After I graduated from high school, I entered the Congregation of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Hue city which is in the middle of Vietnam. I made my final vows on August 8, 2012. I am following the academic program for the priesthood at Hue Major Seminary in Viet Nam.

At our seminary, we are required to do a year of pastoral service after we finish three years of philosophy. For me, I was allowed to come to the United States to study American English instead. Therefore, I have been studying

Fr. Tung and Br. Vincent take in the shore



English at the Sacred Heart School of

Theology since the beginning of last September. In my free time, I often get online to read news from all over the world. Recently, I have been trying to practice some songs in English. I could sing them when everyone was gone on vacation. I love them so much. I am very happy to study English with teachers, Dominic, Kiki, Kelly and Karen. I also learn a lot about different culture from my classmates who come from different countries of the world. I am striving to become an excellent student.

My name is Maxim Bocharnikov. I come from Belarus. I was born in the small town of Kirzach, 60 miles from Moscow, Russia. I live in Lublin now, a city in the eastern part of Poland. Two weeks ago I came to America to Hales Corners to study and improve my English. I need to speak English because of my English exam I have to pass before I finish my doctorate dissertation. I worked in a parish in Belarus as an assistant pastor for 6 years before I moved to Poland. I began my catechistic studies at Catholic University in Lublin in September last year. I am interested in history. I like reading historical books in my free time. Also I enjoy riding a bicycle. I am really happy to be in the ESL course, to have an a chance to speak English better and get to know the people from other countries.

My name is Janusz. I am from Poland. I was

born in Myślenice, a small city in the south, near the highest mountains of my country. I live in Warsaw, the capital city, which is about 250 miles from my hometown. When I was nineteen, after my secondary school I enrolled in the Congregation of Priest of the Sacred Heart. After formation and study, I was ordained in 2005. At this same time I moved to my first parish in a large industrial city in the south of Poland. I

worked there from 2005 to 2010. My second parish was bigger (20 thousand people) and was nearer to my family's house. I spent two years there. I have studied sociology since 2012 at

Warsaw University. Frs. Louis-Marie and Cyriaque stroll at the zoo.

In my free time I develop my car driving ability, because I have the possibility to improve it with my friend, who is the best rally driver in Poland. In my studies I have done research about the quality of marriage between orphans. I need to improve my English because more literature on this subject is in English.



My name is Pablo Jose and I'm from Spain. I was born in San Sebastian in the north of Spain in 1970. I live in Venta de Baños (Palencia) and I'm a teacher at a school with children and teenagers. I'm a religion teacher and tutor and I work in the pastoral setting and organizing retreats.

I'm in Hales Corners because I want learn English and I think that the best way is to go to the country of origin. In my free time I like walking, going to the mountains with friends, watching football games, visiting friends and spending time with them and with my family.

Frs. Humberto and Joseph at St John's Cathedral



My name is Cyriaque Sinzoyiheba. I am from Burundi, a small country in East Africa. I did my primary studies in a school named Bwatemba and my high school at a minor seminary of Buta. After high school, I decided to continue in a major seminary in order to become a priest. Then, I began the cycle of philosophy in the major seminary of Bujumbura.



Fr. Lam and Fr. Pablo ride the bus.

Three years later, I went on a training course to our cathedral. After the training, I began the cycle

of theology in a major seminary of Gitega. Four years later, I was ordained a priest. During the three first years, I was the vicar in a parish named Kigwena in the southern part of my diocese. The other three years I was a parish priest of a parish named Mugamba in the northern of my diocese. This year, my bishop decided to send me to the Sacred Heart School of Theology. I wish that God will help me and everything will be good.



Frs. Max and Janusz picnic with Br. Humberto

the age to come eternal life" (Mark 10:28-30). So then, what are those persecutions? Are they sufferings, trials, and imprisonment for those who follow Jesus? Are they the stream of abuses, sacrifices, hardships, and arrest, which Jesus experienced in his life? Perhaps, there are more ways that the persecution may occur. Nevertheless, above all the price that must be paid, Jesus promises a big reward, which is the eternal life for those who will remain faithful until the end of their life will obtain Heaven.

Subsequently, as Mary on Golgotha, was standing at the foot of the cross of Jesus, had to witness the death of her Son. It was a disgraceful, naked, and painful death with the sarcastic words of the crowd as He was crucified on the cross like a criminal. At that very moment, Mary died in her heart as a Mother (her heart was pierced by a sword); however, she still remained there by the cross. It is because she always believed in the Word of God and completely trusted in Him. To those who viewed the scene from the outside, the cross was without any doubt a failure. In contrast, to those who believed, it was the wonderful victory of a true love. Soon they understood that the new life was begun from the cross, when on the day of resurrection Jesus Christ was alive. They experienced a new life, which is offered to them now and it is not a provisional life but it is the eternal life.

Lastly, *as Christians*, the cross should be a way which leads us into eternal life. It should be seen as a Passover from death to life. The whole event of Jesus' life didn't stop on suffering, but overcame it by the victory of His love for all of us. Yes, Jesus *who* suffered, died, and was buried, but on the third day He rose from the dead, so that we may have access to His eternal life. As a result, we must pick up our cross and follow Jesus. This cross means all our life and everything that goes with it. At times, our life is like a heavy cross. However, with the light of faith we will be able to carry it.

Hence, for non Christians, the cross seems to be failure and despair. Conversely, the cross seen with faith will teach us wisdom and hope, and will remind us about the Son's victory of love towards life, in which we will be united with the Father and the Holy Spirit.



At the zoo with Albert, Thuy, Joseph, Michel and Norbert

My name is Michel Simo Temgo, I am camerounian from West region of Cameroun. I am religious and Priest of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (Scj). Cameroun is the Africa in miniature because we can have every thing that we find in others countries of Africa. Cameroun has two parts: French and English . I belong to the region which borders the English part. My birth place is Bayangam, a small city

of the Bafoussam region. My current residence is Belgium. I already spent three years in this country as a student and the current year, I am working as a Curate in the Parish name, Sainte Croix d'Ixelles. It is a great Parish in the big city of Brussels in Belgium.

I intend to make the third cycle of theology and I would like to write it in English. This is why I came to USA to attend the summer courses. I will stay for one month and after this I will go back to Brussels.

Concerning the field of my study, i am making a research on the social teaching of the bishop of Cameroun in relationship with the social doctrine of the Catholic Church. The 'option for the poor' is my particular and preferential area of research inside the letters, the reports and the plenary assemblies.

My hobby is religious music, I also play guitar for almost fifteen years. I like also running; I like basket, baby foot, monopoly game and scrabble.

I am very glad to be a student of this session of ESL of summer in the SHST. I am also very proud as a priest of Sacred Heart for the reputation of this formation inside our religious family. It means what the SCJ call 'We the Congregation', the solidarity inside our religious family. I am also impressed by the team which is in charge of the management of the session: teachers and the members of the administration. I admire the brotherhood and sense of collaboration of the student from many continents. This is the expression of the Good News of Christ. 'They will recognize that you're my disciples by your love each other' says the Lord.



Frs. Manoel and Norbert at the SC Johnson Center in Racine.

Say "Yes!" and Go

By Sr. Lien Thi Dang

According to Genesis 12, 1-4, Abraham was asked by God to leave his homeland, Kharan, and go to a new land when he was seventy five years old, and without children. We do not know what Abraham thought and felt, but we just know that he went to new land in his trust in God (see Hiprew 11, 8). I was invited to go to the United States to study English as first plan for studying theology later by my superior when I was thirty seven years old. Saying "Yes! I will go" was very difficult for me, but I went to there with my trust in God, and now I have already been at Sacred Heart School of Theology in U.S.A for two years. What happened to me after I accepted? I can say that I have more deeply lived my vow, slowly adapted new environment, and received a lot of help.



Sr. Lien and Fr. Edgar on the bus

I have professed my vows as chastity, obedience, and charity for seven years when my superior gave me study mission in the USA, and I have always felt that keeping the obedience vow is easy for me. I went where my superior wanted and did what she gave as my missions because I liked these places and work. However, when I heard my superior said that I would go to study in the U.S.A, I refused. Saying yes was very difficult for me. After my temporary vow years for seven years, I was asked to take my final vows, and one month before I did that, my superior told me, "We had a meeting to choose you to go to study English, after which you will study theology in the U.S.A." I answered, I was sorry! I did not want to go because I have never had the dream to study in a strange country. And also I never prepared my psychology and English for going. Moreover, I was not young to study a second language as language in which I'd then study theology. No! No! No! I would not go. Although I felt that it was very difficult to say, "Yes! I will go", I spent much time praying such as I have stated to Jesus many times like "O Jesus! You say that you are my Lord, my teacher, and my friend. I do not think that you do not know what the best that you will do for me!" and obeyed, agreeing to go study there. As a result, I have been at the Sacred Heart School of theology since October 2011

I have slowly adapted to a new living environment among almost all men, a new language, and new food. I felt very like stranger living in the Sacred Heart School, and as a shy sister, I felt even more foreign living among men. Around fifteen years I have always lived and studied in my congregation and three years I studied at Inter- Congregational Dominican Institute of Saint Thomas in Vietnam – both these places where all people are female, to expect priest teachers, and priests offer masses. I have gradually adapted this by simple way such as smiles and savoir vivre. In addition, I need to use English in my daily life although my English was zero level when I came here. At first, I did not understand what my

teachers said, and also if I could ask some things my teacher could not understand what I said. Sometimes I tried to explain my thoughts or feeling with my teachers or my friends but they could not understand in my mispronounced English words. For example, I said to my friend, Taj, a seminarian that "I ate a lot of food", but I said, "I ate a lot of foo." He surprised and confused which I ate "food or foot". Finally, because I always ate rice with salty food. Here food tastes less salty and different spice. Thus I could not eat much although I felt hungry. However, after two years, through my trying and patience, I feel more comfortable in living, eating, and study.

I would not continue my English study and also would not have improving English if I did not have supports of teachers, friends, and volunteers. I must confess to you that many time I wanted to give up my study English. Of course, I begged my superior to let me go back Vietnam, and when she didn't accept my going back, then I hoped my school would sent me back Vietnam after my first year to study English. However, when my teachers, friends, and volunteers knew my problems, they supported, and taught me a lot. For example, the volunteer helped me how to pronounce, how to read English reading, and teachers carefully corrected my writings and showed me how to write English writing better. Their help is the precious gift which I received to help me remain doing my studies, and as a result, I am very happy that I am allowed to study theology in fall in 2013. I know clearly that such is a rare opportunity for me, but also it will be a new and big challenge.

I have more experience living my obedience vow, of adapting new living environment, and of receiving help.



Frs. Eli and Milton at Circus World

Indeed, these experiences are priceless spiritual properties for me that I am not to live solitarily, but I have God, teachers, family, sisters of my congregation, and friends to go together in my vocation journey, and I will hopefully go to the end of my road in trust in God and in other people. Also they will be good experiences to help me live and work with other sisters in my congregation and other people understandingly when they have problems like mine. From in my deepest heart, I would like to say I thank you so much to all my teachers, fathers, volunteers, and friends for your gracious help.