



# Dehonians USA

PRIESTS OF THE SACRED HEART

January 17, 2023

Dear Brothers,

January 21 marks the sixth month that our brother, Fr. Anthony Kluckman, has been missing. I ask you, as a community and as individuals, to continue to offer Mass and prayers for him. A sample prayer service is attached.

Last week I met with Anthony's sisters and their spouses for a heart-to-heart conversation about his disappearance. One sister and her husband drove in from Kansas City, Missouri, for the meeting. The other sister and her husband live in Janesville, Wisconsin. I had to answer many "why" questions, and we discussed steps to honor Anthony and support the family. One of the steps discussed was the involvement of a private investigator.

The original plan in October 2022 was to let the Franklin Police Department complete its search and investigation before proceeding with the greater involvement of the private investigator. The time to proceed with a more active private investigation is now. To the family, there seems to be nothing else that the Franklin Police Department can do.

Early on, some of us asked for a public prayer service for Anthony. I felt it wasn't time to have it yet out of respect for the family so that they could have the needed time and space to grieve and process. The family has endured much pain and suffering. They asked for more time. I will continue to work with the family to determine when to have the public prayer service with their participation.

We entered the meeting with heavy hearts but left feeling consoled. I ask for your continued prayer for Anthony, the Kluckman family, and our province.

Fraternally,



**A Prayer for Fr. Anthony Kluckman, SCJ**

### **Opening Prayer**

Today, Lord, we are united in prayer on behalf of our brother, Anthony, who is missing. It is heart-wrenching not knowing where he is. We feel so overwhelmed and helpless. But you said have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known (Phil 4:6). So, we continue to trust and hope in the mighty working power of the Holy Spirit that Anthony will be found. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

### **Scripture Reading (2 Cor 1:3-5)**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God.

## **SCJ Constitutions (Cst. #9)**

Within the Church we have been initiated in the Good News of Jesus Christ: So we have known and believe the love that God has for us (1 John 4:16). We have received the gift of faith, which grounds our hope; a faith which orders our life and inspires us to leave all to follow Christ; in the midst of the challenges of the world we have to strengthen this faith through living it in charity. With all our fellow Christians, through the Spirit, we then confess Christ as Lord, in whom the Father made His love known to us, and who remains present in our world to save it.

## **Reflection**

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

[In your own words, please pray for the following individuals and groups: Anthony, SCJs, Anthony's family, law enforcement, etc.]

### **The Lord's Prayer**



### **Closing Prayer**

Loving God, you call all things into being  
and bring order out of chaos.

Help us who are searching for Anthony  
to recognize your will in these difficult times.

Be with Anthony whom you called to service  
and open the hearts of our brothers and sisters  
to help us find him.

Grant us also willing hearts to be strong in hope,  
that our prayers and thoughts  
may guide Anthony home.

We bring Anthony to you, Lord,  
entrusting him to the mercy of the Heart of Jesus.  
Amen.