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## BRIEF NEWS

### Trinitarian Sisters of Valencia (Madagascar): Perpetual Profession

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On January 6, 2021, Sister Victoria Aimée HANTASOARIVO made her perpetual vows in the parish of the Most Holy Trinity in Ambohipeno Antsirabe (Madagascar). This was a special day for all the Trinitarian Sisters of Valencia, because on this date they celebrate, each year, the formation of the first community



of the 5 Founding Sisters. The Trinitarian Sisters of Valencia, all the students and professors of Our Lady of Good Remedy College, some Christians of the parish, the families of Sister Victoria and the Trinitarian family united hearts and souls during the Eucharistic celebration, presided by Fr. RABETSIFERANA, Minister Provincial of Our Lady of Good Remedy Province (Madagascar), and concelebrated by eight priests, (Trinitarian and diocesan).

Blessed be the Holy Trinity!

### Blessing and Laying of the Foundation Stone of the New Church, in Mampikony (Madagascar)

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On January 28, 2021, feast of St Agnes, was the date set for the blessing of the first stones of the new Church at the new Trinitarian Centre in Mampikony (Madagascar). The function was attended by the Bishop of Port Bergé, Monsignor Georges Varkey, with 18 Trinitarian friars from the Malagasy Province, Sister Victoria of the Trinitarian Sisters



of Valencia, 3 priests from the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and some Christians. On Sunday 31st January 2021, a Solemn Mass was celebrated by H.E. Monsignor Georges Varkey, concelebrated by 15 Trinitarian priests, 2 priests from the Congregation of the Holy Spirit, and a Trinitarian deacon. A number of religious men and women from the city were present at



this celebration and many of the faithful joyfully participated. According to the spirit of the Trinitarian Rule, the Church in Mampikony will be dedicated to the Holy Trinity. The School will bear the Holy Name of the Triune God. For this reason, trusting in divine protection, the date chosen for the inauguration of all the new structures will be 31 May 2021, the day on which the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, Titular Feast of the Order, will be celebrated. We are all invited to pray that all these works would be completed in time. If today we have a School, a Convent and soon a Church in Mampikony, it is the hard work and the help of the Trinitarian Brothers of Algorta-Spain as well as that of some benefactors and the Bishop himself.

### **Celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Presence of the Trinitarian Religious of Valence in Cameroon**

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The 25th anniversary of the presence of the Trinitarian Sisters of Valence in Cameroon was celebrated. This jubilee took place on 31 January 2021 in the community of Dizangué, where the first missionary sisters had arrived in 1996. Their mission has brought fruit to this day. Today there are three communities in Cameroon in three different dioceses: Yaoundé, KRIBI and DIZANGUE. The Eucharist was presided over by the bishop of the diocese, His Excellency Monsignor Jean BOSCO, concelebrated by several



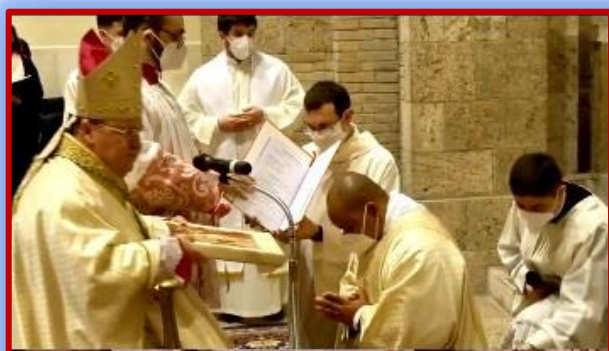


priests. The bishop praised the zeal of the sisters in his diocese. This silver jubilee was marked by the inauguration of the St Joseph's clinic in the community of Dizangué to provide care for the villagers. We give thanks to God the Trinity for his wonders in the Congregation of our Sisters and especially for the mission of the first missionary sisters that continues to bear fruit to this day for the Glory of the Trinity.



### 31 January 2021: Diaconate Ordination, Cathedral Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta in Teramo (Italy)

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After a long time of waiting, due to the health emergency, the diaconate ordination of Br Riva Toky ANDRIAMALALA O.S.S. T, of the Missionary Province of Our Lady of Good Remedy of Madagascar, was held in the Cathedral Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta in Teramo (Italy). The Holy Mass was presided over, with the imposition of hands and the

consecration prayer, by His Excellency Lorenzo Leuzzi, Bishop of Teramo-Atri. The ceremony took place with the concelebration of the Minister General, the priests of the diocese and the Malagasy Trinitarian religious priests and deacons. The presence of the diocesan family of Teramo, women religious from various congregations and some lay faithful also were there. Participation was held in conformity with the regulations issued by the government for the health emergency. Our best wishes for his new service in the Church, with the intercession of our Holy Founding Fathers John and Felix and above all the help of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Good Remedy, may accompany and sustain him.



## Hermanas Trinitarias: Anniversary of the Institute

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2 February 1885 - 2 February 2021, 136 years have passed since the birth of the HERMANAS TRINITARIAS Institute. An anniversary celebrated in the context of the new foundation of Kenya. Celebrating 136 years with this new foundation is a real reason for hope and a sign for all the sisters, because it is a new awakening that regenerates



the whole Congregation, which is expanding, enlarging and renewing itself. A new foundation shows that the Trinitarian charism continues to make new instruments of salvation, to continue to make known God's unconditional love and his limitless forgiveness, to make visible today new awakenings of his mercy, redemption and liberation. The sisters hope that the new presence of the Congregation in this land, which conveys much encouragement, will bear much fruit. The seed has been sown. It is therefore necessary to take care of it in order to reap its fruits.

## Rome-Italy: Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple and day of Consecrated Life

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On 2 February each year, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple, which is associated with the Day of Consecrated Life. This year, we also celebrate the 25th World Day of Consecrated Life. Consecrated Life is the gift of God our Father to his Church which does not come through the sacraments but is the fruit of special assistance from the Holy Spirit (V.C. 1). Met with these important realities in the Church, the parish community of the Basilica of St Chrysogonus Martyr in Rome celebrated in a solemn way on the day of 2 February, with Eucharistic celebration with the evocative rite of the blessing of the candles and the procession that followed. The religious were present in the parish and the parishioners participated actively. This celebration of thanksgiving was presided over by Fr. Luigi Buccarello, Minister General.



The General Councillors, Bishop Emeritus of Ambatondrazaka, Mgr Antonio Scopelliti, the Fathers of the local community and a deacons celebrated this special event. In light of the proposed readings, the Minister General offered everyone a profound reflection in his homily.



He emphasized the remembrance of our "call". All the faithful are called by God to live a particular form of following Christ in which the principal vocation of every baptized person and the fundamental norm of Consecrated Life in particular is expressed. On this Day of Consecrated Life, the Minister General invited those present to pray for consecrated persons, for the vocations to the Trinitarian Order. The Church needs people capable of offering their lives to proclaim the Gospel, to be witnesses of the encounter with Christ and to tell the world that Christ is the fullness of our lives.

### **Trinitarian Religious of Valence: Enlarged General Council.**

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From 3rd to 5th February 2021, the Trinitarian Religious of Valence celebrated the Enlarged General Council online. It was made up of the 5 sisters of the "General Curia" (Lyon), and those responsible for each Region. The following took part in the enlarged General Council: Sr Myriam (Superior General); Sr Sylvie Valérie; Sr Bénédicte Marie; Sr Régina; Sr Germaine; Sr Jeanne

Véronique; Sr Rosa (Asia); Sr Pascale (Africa); Sr Marie Monique (Madagascar), Sr Rosa Maria (America).





The Enlarged General Council is an annual meeting where the sisters come together to give information, resolve issues, find solutions to problems, rejoice in new projects and make collegial decisions.

### Enlarged General Council for Finance

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The Treasurers were able to hold the Enlarged General Council for Finance on Tuesday 9 February 2021 at a distance, without too many problems. A meeting made possible through Microsoft Teams application and each treasurer of the Province responded to the invitation, thanks the benefits of technology. They had three hours of intense work in a fraternal spirit, at the end a great satisfaction of all, for the results achieved.



### Spain: Feast of the Reformer in Almodóvar del Campo

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On 14 February the Trinitarian family remembers Saint John Baptist of the Conception, Reformer of the Order. He was born in Almodóvar del Campo, Spain, on 10th July 1561. He grew up with a marked inclination for prayer and mortification. He died in Córdoba on 14th February 1613, aged just 52. He was beatified in 1819 by Pius VII and canonized by Paul VI in 1975.

As well as being our Reformer, Saint John the Baptist of the Conception is also the patron saint of the city of Almodóvar del Campo, where this year the feast was celebrated soberly, without processions and candle festivals, but with all the affection that the Manchego people have for the Trinitarian reformer, of whom they are very proud. [...]





## Special: Inauguration of the "St John De Matha Chair" on Religious Freedom.

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18 February 2021 undoubtedly marked the history of our Order forever. At 2.30 p.m., at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome, the "St. John de Matha Chair" on Religious Freedom was inaugurated. At the inaugural ceremony, Minister General with his Council, the Rector, the Dean of the Faculty of Theology, and the professors of the Angelicum, Monsignor Antonio Scopelliti, the Mother General of the Trinitarian Sisters of Rome, the President of the Trinitarian Laity in Italy, the students, and Trinitarian religious men and women and lay people were present. Many people in Italy and other countries followed the online course.



First of all, the Rector, Rev. Michal Paluch OP, who expressed the joy of starting this project on Religious Freedom on behalf of the entire academic community and it is theme of current importance. There are two reasons, according to the Rector to ascertain the importance of this topic: it will favor a better absorption of the declaration "*Dignitatis Humanae*", approved in 1965 and considered as a prophetic document of the Second Vatican Council. Then the other reason is the consideration of the issue of persecuted Christians that concerns this new chair and which the Pontifical Universities cannot fail to address today.



After the usual greetings, the Minister General then recalled religious freedom as a fundamental human right. He stressed that a reflection on it "will be a great help not only for us Trinitarians and for our mission, but for the whole of society, for all religions". He emphasized the indispensability of addressing this issue, in order to build and preserve the gift of peace. At the end he thanked those who had believed and worked for the realization of this initiative.



Then came the most eagerly awaited moment, with the opening lecture on "Religious Freedom and Persecution in the 20th and 21st Centuries", by Prof. Andrea Riccardi, an expert on the subject and well-known founder of the Community of Sant'Egidio, former Minister of the Italian Republic, as well as the author of numerous scientific essays. As a preface, Prof. Riccardi congratulated us on two things, he did not hide his happiness, on how much this chair means, both in terms of content, and as a possibility to promote among students, in research, sensitivity to religious freedom, which according to his words, "is the basis of living together, in a complex society", no longer homogeneous as those of the past. Then, he pointed out the link between the charismatic drive, represented by the Trinitarians and the historical experience,



the academic institution and theology. He basically reaffirmed the words of the Minister General in his inaugural address, words to which, according to the speaker, our Order and the Angelicum are honored. Prof. Riccardi spoke about religious freedom and martyrdom, dividing his lecture into three parts: a short introductory part on the theme of religious freedom; a second part devoted to martyrdom and a third part of a conclusive nature that is linked to the meaning of this chair. An excellent communicator, Prof. Riccardi, after holding the audience in suspense for more than an hour, thanks to a fluid, substantial, sustained speech that was in keeping with the event and the context, concluded his presentation



by inviting them to affirm the value of religious freedom in many ways, through the memory of the martyrs and religious dialogue. To encourage religious dialogue, a noble reference was made to the Trinitarians who taught, even negotiated for the freedom of slaves. Dialogue, friendliness, he emphasized, are "fundamental because they make

religious freedom grow". In his final remarks, Prof. Riccardi congratulated on the opening of this chair on religious freedom, recommending it because, as he pointed out, "everything passes through religious freedom... We are not free if we do not fight for the freedom of others, and if we are not aware of the value of freedom.... ...







Our Christianity with all its historical contradictions ... is essentially a seed of freedom, and the love of freedom unites men of good will and all believers of every religion. These words concluded the inaugural lecture of the new 'St John de Matha Chair' on religious freedom.

### SIT: Islam is the religion that most persecutes Christians

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The director of the NGO "Portes Ouvertes", Cristian Nani, has identified what he calls

"nine matrices"(Contexts) of anti-Christian persecution: among the most important, Islam occupies first place, followed closely by religious nationalism, especially Hinduism. Then there is the communist ideology, which some in the West have buried too quickly. If we look at persecution country by country, for the twentieth consecutive year, North Korea



is back in first place in acts of anti-Christian violence, since, in this country, "being discovered as a Christian is tantamount to a death sentence", the NGO study points out. After North Korea, other countries vie for the podium for oppression: Afghanistan, Somalia, Libya, Pakistan,

Eritrea, Yemen, Iran, Nigeria, India, Iraq and Syria. According to Portes Ouvertes, violence in Nigeria has reached the "level of genocide" as Christians' lives are threatened by Fulani activists, the militant group Boko Haram and the West African branch of the Islamic State Organization (ISWAP). Therefore, SIT has long been calling for more aid for this African country, because it is one of the places most affected by persecution. These figures reveal the need to continue working to achieve religious freedom, one of the principles for which Trinitarian International Solidarity works.



## Philippines: Vocation Promotion

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In the field of vocation promotion, the formation house in the Philippines opens its doors, welcoming young students from the Archdiocese of Cebu (Philippines) for a community experience. For a specific period, Carl Gamboa, Christian Cuizon, Mark Kevin Recibas,

Christopher Alegarbes, Junel Sanchez and Melvin De La Cruz, have chosen to experience the way of the Gospel, following in the footsteps of St John de Matha and St Felix of Valois. Let us ask for the grace to find a meaningful vocational proposal for them.



## IN MEMORIAM

### Sister Marie Adrienne Oziol

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Sr. Marie entered the joy of God the Trinity on 27 January 2021 in Annonay. She was born on 1st December 1925 in Rocles en Lozère. She made her profession on 25th August 1946 in Valencia. May her soul rest in peace and may the Holy Trinity receive her in its womb of infinite love. R.I.P.

### Fr. Settimio D'Ascenzo

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Fr. Settimio D'Ascenzo, of the Province of St John de Matha (Italy), passed away on 22 February 2021, due to COVID-19. Fr Settimio D'Ascenzo was born in Cappadocia (AQ) on 24 March 1939. On 28 September 1955 he entered the novitiate in Cori, on 28 October 1956 he made his simple profession in Cori, his solemn profession in Rome on 25 September 1960 and received the Order of Presbyterate on 05 April 1964 in Rome. May the Most Holy Trinity receive him into its womb of infinite love. We ask you to apply the suffrages established in our Legislation. R.I.P.



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2	Fr. José Miguel Marengo Ramonda (Vic. S. Simon de Rojas) Fr. Adelson Moreira (Prov. Cuore Immacolato di Maria)
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4	Fr. Francisco Pildain Murgoitio (Prov. Spirito Santo) Fr. José Antonio Santiago Santos (Vic. Beato Domenico Iturrate)
5	Fr. Shinu Mathew Maleckunnel (Vice Prov. S. Michele dei Santi) Fr. John Uzoma Odemenam (Vic. S. Agnese)
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7	Fr. Bénito Marcellin Raharison Andrianjafimbelonirina (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
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9	Fr. Albert Brierley (Prov. Sacro Cuore di Gesù) Fr. Alphonse Mariya de Grace Kandambiyil (Vice Prov. S. Michele dei Santi) Fr. Elysé Daniel Jose Nirina Rajevoharison (Prov. Nostra Signora del Buon Rimedio)
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