



The Redemptorist Provincialate,
St. Mary's Monastery, Clapham,
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16th February 2022

Dear Confreres, Sisters, Lay Associates and friends,

I know that the entire Province will join with me in conveying our very sincere and warmest fraternal greetings to our newest priest, **Fr Adam Mukabva CSsR**, as he was ordained by Archbishop Robert Ndlovu last Saturday in Harare. The photographs tell those of us who were not there what a wonderful and joy filled experience the whole thing turned out to be. There are many pictures for everyone to see and they can be found on our own web site www.redemptorists.co.uk and on Facebook @RedemptoristsZimbabwe. I shall include some pictures along with this letter.

The Region has undergone great suffering in the last two months, and we must continue to pray for them and our departed confreres, but we thank God that we can joyfully rejoice and sing of the Lord's goodness.

The sadness was felt again in the Zimbabwe as well as here in the Province when we heard the shocking news that **Fr Gabriel Maguire CSsR RIP** had gone home to the Father's house. Masses were celebrated by the confreres in Hatcliff and a few other places at the request of the people who really mourn his loss. His Requiem mass will be celebrated on the 28th February at Erdington Abbey. As a Province we offer our condolences to our communities in Erdington and Bishop Eton, to both of them he belonged. We do offer our sympathy to his loving family and we hold them in prayer. Also to the Abbey parish for whom Fr Gabby had such great love, we hold them lovingly before the Lord, especially Claire Daly who was an incredibly loyal and faithful friend. *Requiescat in pace.*

We have just celebrated two of our Patrons of Europe, Ss Cyril & Methodius and like very many of us in the Province we are concerned for what is happening near Ukraine. This is a worrying time and we should never underestimate the power of our prayers. Four days ago I wrote to the **Provincial of Ukraine, Fr Andriy Rak CSsR**, expressing our prayers and close solidarity with them at this time. He replied to me "and all the confreres of the Province of London" in it he said, "The Lord protect us all. Amen. Thanks for the prayer! In Christ, Andriy." I attach the emails to this letter. Let us always pray for peace.

Soon we have a meeting of the **Extraordinary Provincial Council**, 22nd February, so I ask your prayers for this gathering and the wisdom needed therein. Fr Andrew Burns CSsR, the Vicar of the Province will be unable to attend that meeting as he has an operation scheduled for that day. I told Fr Andrew that the prayers of all the province would be asked for on the 22nd.

Shortly after the EPC meeting there will meetings of the Redemptorist Lay Associates group - to which we are all fully encouraged to take part. One of the meetings will be a Renewal of Commitment ceremony. Let us pray for them and hold them before our most Holy Redeemer.

We received the good news that **10 of our confreres are to Beatified as Martyrs** on the 22nd of October in the Cathedral in Madrid. To pick up information and pictures of our holy men, go to **www.cssr.news/2021/04/12-new-blessed-redemptorists-vicente-renuncio-toribio-and-11-companions/**

“The twelve martyrs, six priests and six coadjutor brothers, members of the two Redemptorist communities of Perpetual Help and Saint Michael the Archangel in Madrid, were all assassinated between July 20 and November 7, 1936, at the beginning of the bloody religious persecution that took place in Spain until 1939.”

The names and ages of our holy confreres are,

Br. Nicesio Pérez del Palomar Quincoces CSsR., 77yrs

Fr. Antonio Girón González CSsR., 65yrs

Fr. Donato Jiménez Viviano CSsR., 63yrs

Fr. Vicente Renuncio Toribio CSsR., 60yrs

Br. Aniceto Lizasoain Lizaso CSsR., 59yrs

Fr. Crescencio Severo Ortiz Blanco CSsR., 55yrs

Br. Gregorio Zugasti Fernández de Esquide CSsR., 52yrs

Br. Bernardo (Gabriel) Sáiz Gutiérrez CSsR., 40yrs

Br. José Joaquín (Pascual) Erviti Insausti CSsR., 34yrs

Br. Rafael (Máximo) Perea Pinedo CSsR. 33yrs

Fr. Ángel Martínez Miquélez CSsR., 29yrs

Fr. José María Urruchi Ortiz CSsR., 27 yrs

Holy Martyrs of Madrid - Pray for us.

Lent is not so very far away and will be upon us before we know where we are! As you course through this penitential season I would ask that you please remember **Phase 1** of the **26th General Chapter** that will take place 21st March until 1st April. This is an important time in the life of our holy Congregation. Fr Charles Randall and myself will do our very best to represent you and your thoughts as we take part in this stage of the Redemptorist world wide history.

This season of grace let us join our Holy Father, St & Dr Alphonsus as he prays:
*I renounce all my appetites, all my consolations, and all created things: you alone
are enough for me. Give me the grace to think of nothing but you, to desire
nothing but you, to seek nothing but you, my beloved and my only good!*

As we desire nothing but... let us also hold one another in daily prayer before our
loving Lord and God.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Reid CSsR". The script is fluid and cursive, with the letters "Richard" and "Reid" being more prominent than "CSsR".

Richard Reid CSsR
Provincial Superior

16.11.2022

Attached: Photographs from Fr Adam's Ordination, Fr Gabby CSsR RIP funeral arrangements, Fr Andriy Rak CSsR
email, Photographs of St Mary's Monastery Clapham. Photograph of Madrid Martyrs