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## Spiritan Enlarged General Council Meets in Rome

**ROME, ITALY (June 22, 2016)** Thirty-three representatives from across the Congregation met in Rome from June 19 to July 2, 2016, as part of the Enlarged General Council (EGC), serving as a mid-point review four years after the 20th General Chapter in Bagamoyo, Tanzania, in 2012.

EGC has a three-fold purpose according to the Spiritan Rule of Life, #205.3: to evaluate and to assess the implementation of the decisions of the General Chapter; to study new means of strengthening and bringing about the Congregation's objectives; and to reinforce collaboration throughout the Congregation at the level of the circumscriptions, the Unions of Circumscriptions and the General Council.

In his opening address to the EGC, the Superior General, Fr. John Fogarty, C.S.Sp., noted the two fundamental convictions effectively underpinning all the deliberations and orientations at the 2012 General Chapter in Bagamoyo: "the need for greater authenticity in our Spiritan life and mission, in fidelity to the charism of our Founders; and for a more inclusive Spiritan family marked by a true sense of belonging and collective ownership of our missionary commitments and our common future. What is needed is a plan of animation to help bridge the gap between the vision expressed in our documents and our lived reality."

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He also addressed the fundamental question of how leadership can effect change in an institution like the Congregation.

"If leadership knows where it wants to arrive and consistently guides the institution in that direction through the various means at its disposal, significant change will be evident in the longer term," said Fr. Fogarty. "The election of Pope Francis, the single most important event in the Church since Bagamoyo, and the leadership he has adopted and challenged us to imitate, encourage us to believe in the possibility of radical change inspired by the Gospel."



*Fr. John Fogarty C.S.Sp. (right) addresses delegates at the EGC.*

### ***Integrating Bagamoyo into the Congregation***

The goal of this Enlarged General Council was to evaluate how the decisions of the General Chapter held in Bagamoyo, Tanzania in 2012, are being implemented. Through plenary sessions and commission meetings, attendees shared, reflected and made suggestions on how to further activities in areas such as the animation of the Congregation, mission appointments, finance, the safeguarding of minors, education, confreres in irregular situations, Justice and Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC), Lay Spiritan Associates, the organization of the Congregation and Unions of Circumscriptions.

For example, one of the sessions focused on the animation plan of the Congregation, following the request from Bagamoyo for authentic Spiritan living. Confreres provided positive feedback regarding the animation plan especially the videos and the Novenas which they said were appreciated by the faithful.

### ***Being Led into the Future***

Another presentation focused on the "New Face of Mission in Europe," which is ongoing in circumscription Europe. The Union of Circumscriptions of Europe has six projects in Germany and five in Belgium, along with a recent call for another missionary project in Belgium.

A presentation on the Spiritan mission in South Sudan included a brief history of the beginning of the mission, and the witness which the confreres are giving there despite the difficulty of the civil war. It is an area of real Spiritan mission as the local church has difficulty in finding workers and supplies for infrastructure and basic needs.

For the "New Vision for Spiritan Presence in North America" session given by U.S. Provincial Fr. Jeff Duaine C.S.Sp., the four provinces in North America have begun a reflection on Spiritan mission without borders in North America. Fr. Duaine mentioned that there will be a meeting in Granby, Quebec, in August of this year to reflect on the practicalities of this initiative.

A presentation on JPIC cited all of the various aspects of this work and the need for the Congregation to adopt a more unified approach to this ministry, calling for more collaboration between Spiritans themselves as well as with other Congregations and NGOs participating in this area.

## *Time for Rest and Renewal*

Included during the EGC in Rome was an outing for the delegates and functionaries to Castel Gandolfo -- the summer residence and retreat facilities for the pope -- and to the Generalate to celebrate the 50th anniversary of its presence at Clivo di Cinna. Many delegates and functionaries also attended a Papal Mass in St. Peter's on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul on June 29.

Though Bagamoyo 2012 was the reference point for the EGC, a presentation entitled, Looking towards General Chapter 2020 reviewed what the Spiritan Rule of Life has to say about General Chapter meetings, and planning for the next one in 2020.



*Spiritans attend Mass at St. Peter's in the Vatican.*

## *Called to be Heralds of Hope*

In the closing Mass for the Enlarged General Council, Fr. Bede Ukwuije, C.S.Sp., 1st Assistant Superior General, said that, "In order to be heralds of hope, we have to be ready to embrace God's newness. Hope is God's gift. The initiative belongs to Him."

"The Enlarged General Council has helped us to evaluate where we are at in the implementation of the decisions of the General Chapter of Bagamoyo 2012. One great fruit as was expressed in the final message to confreres is our renewed hope in the future of Spiritan mission. This renewed hope is what we need to offer to the contemporary world. In the midst of chaos, we are called to be heralds of hope," said Fr. Ukwuije.

"As we go back to our respective communities, we need to ask ourselves these questions: Are we open to welcome the new things God does in our lives? Are we ready to allow God to renew the world in Jesus Christ, our future? Are we ready to make ourselves available so that God may use us to transmit his surprises to our society?" he continued. "Our response to these questions will determine the possibility of our being heralds of hope in the deserts of the human family held hostage by violence and despair. Our response to these questions will determine our capacity to welcome the God of life who comes in the daily events of our life."



*Fr. Bede Ukwuije C.S.Sp. gives the homily at the closing Mass.*

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## Spiritans Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Generalate in Rome

**ROME, ITALY (June 26, 2016)** At the beginning of the second week of its Enlarged General Council (EGC) meeting in Rome, the Spiritans celebrated the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Spiritan Generalate in Clivo di Cinna, Rome, with an outdoor, multi-cultural Mass -- concelebrated by the delegates -- and an international buffet reception in the Generalate garden attended by the EGC delegates and many guests.

Superior General John Fogarty C.S.Sp., presided at the open-air Mass in the front garden at Clivo di Cinna. Also present were two former superiors general, Frs. Pierre Haas C.S.Sp. and Franz Timmermanns C.S.Sp., as well as members of the current General Council.

The Spiritan Generalate was moved from Paris to Rome in 1966, to be of better service to all Spiritans and its international missionary charism, especially being located in Rome, at the center of the Church. A vote was taken at the Spiritan General Chapter of 1962 to transfer the Generalate, 24 years after it was first suggested at the General Chapter of 1938.



A search was initiated in 1962 to find an appropriate location in Rome. On February 13, 1964, a sales agreement was signed to acquire a house situated on Monte Mario in Rome, with the provision that it would take two years for the Congregation to prepare the site and move the Generalate.

Originally a property belonging to the Italian Province of the Institute of the Sisters of Marie-Auxiliatrice, the current Generalate building was constructed between 1927 to 1930, in a neo-classical style of architecture.

During the past 50 years, the Generalate has undergone many upgrades and modernizations, including a complete refurbishment between 2008 to 2010. Certain vantage points at the Generalate provide a panoramic view of the City of Rome.



In his homily at the anniversary Mass, Fr. Fogarty said that, “the arrival of the Generalate Community at Clivo di Cinna in 1966 was simply the beginning of a new phase of our collective missionary journey as a Spiritan family. In the intervening years, both the Congregation itself and our understanding of our mission in the contemporary world have evolved beyond what could ever have been imagined when the first residents moved into the house in Monte Mario.” Fr. Fogarty has been the superior general for the Spiritans at the Generalate in Rome since 2012.



Reflecting back on the full 50 years of presence in Rome, Fr. Fogarty added that, “We have become a much more diverse and international Spiritan family with members today from virtually all continents; along with an ever increasing number of lay people seeking to be associated with our life and mission.”

Fr. Fogarty acknowledged and thanked all of those associated with the original transfer of the Generalate offices 50 years ago from Paris to Rome, likening them to today’s progress being made throughout the Spiritan missions as being the result of “the collective talents and dedication of many people, both Spiritan and lay people” over the years.

“New missionary commitments have been undertaken in 24 different countries; the internal organization of the Congregation has radically changed,” said Fr. Fogarty, with an eye towards the future. “New technologies have revolutionized our means of communication, and we have come to understand more clearly that our community witness – the way we live together as an international and intercultural family – is integral to our mission if we are to make credible the dream of Jesus for a new humanity.”

# Spiritan Year of Service Pilot Program Takes Off

**PITTSBURGH, PA (July 21, 2016)** Liz Keller and Lydia Presper entered Duquesne University for similar reasons, and after they graduated from the university in May, they still share a common bond in the form of a profound opportunity.

Keller, from Boiling Springs, Pa., and a graduate in biology; and Presper, from Akron, Ohio and a graduate of the nursing school; are the first two participants in the Spiritan Year of Service Pilot Program (SYSP) that began in June.

Planning for SYSP was finalized in January, with the goal of engaging young college graduates in a life of faith in action, while growing spiritually in a structured “gap year” of service prior to their choice of careers or furthering their education.

During their year of service, SYSP participants have the opportunity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of Spiritan spirituality -- which is rich in the tradition of prayer, community and service to those on the margins of society -- while working to be agents of positive change in the local community and beyond.

“Everything fell into place this past year for SYSP” said Luci-Jo DiMaggio, director of mission animation in Duquesne’s Division of Mission and Identity. “In collaboration with others at the university and the Lay Spiritan Associates, the plan for SYSP was approved at the end of April.” The pilot program was approved for implementation by Fr. Jeffrey Duaine C.S.Sp., provincial for the Spiritan U.S. Province, and the Provincial Council.

“I certainly give thanks and credit to the work of the Holy Spirit for seeing the program through so quickly,” noted DiMaggio, herself a Duquesne graduate with bachelor’s and master’s degrees, and currently in formation as a Lay Spiritan Associate. “We were also blessed by identifying two fantastic candidates for the program in Liz and Lydia.”

“Before I came to Duquesne, I never really was exposed to social service activities,” said Keller, who plans to apply to medical school during her SYSP year. “After reading Duquesne’s Mission Statement and spending four years there, I realized the importance of a concrete expression of the Gospel; applying faith in action.”



*Lydia Presper (left) and Liz Keller at FOCUS-Pittsburgh*

Though Keller was a casual acquaintance of Presper's while at Duquesne, both were drawn to the university because of its urban setting in Pittsburgh and its Spiritan identity. They now agree that being a Duquesne grad and participant in SYSP will aid their careers in healthcare in many ways.

"I believe my years at Duquesne and now my year in the SYSP, will influence my career as a nurse," said Presper, who recently passed her nursing boards. "I always wanted to be a nurse since I was little, and these new experiences will help me to advocate for my patients and to help those in need."

DiMaggio explained that the concept behind SYSP had been thought of for years by Dr. Anne Marie Hansen, a Lay Spiritan Associate and scholar-in-residence at the Center for Spiritan Studies, based upon a model utilized by other religious communities, "So why not the Spiritans?" asked DiMaggio.

Participants have two options during the year: traditional service during which they commit to 30 hours a week of volunteer work with a local social service organization, or a year with a paying job in their field, provided that their work connects in a direct way with those on the margins, plus an additional 10 hours of volunteer service. Both options include spiritual formation and commitment.



*Luci-Jo DiMaggio heads the Spiritan Year of Service Program.*

Each participant makes a commitment to live a simple existence on \$300 per month in spending money. Those working in a paid position make donations each month toward a Spiritan community either domestically or abroad while still committing to live only on \$300 a month. Participants who are volunteering full time, will raise funds to support their monthly spending of \$300 month. All participants live at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park giving them the opportunity to interact for regular prayer and liturgical celebrations, social activities and mentoring with the retired Spiritans at Libermann Hall, as well as with the staff.

For the inaugural pilot program, Keller and Presper are working with FOCUS Pittsburgh, a community outreach ministry of the Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh's underserved Hill District. FOCUS Pittsburgh is run by Orthodox Deacon Paul and Kristina Abernathy.

"Each day at FOCUS is different," explained Keller, who's volunteering full-time for the program. "I really like that aspect, since I've always had a lot of energy, and volunteering there keeps me going since you're never really sure what the visitors there need. You're continually helping them with everyday life experiences and issues that confront them."

Presper agreed, adding she enjoys working with the self-help ministry of FOCUS, since it deals with those on the margins, "by overcoming life-skills issues through long-term problem-solving techniques rather than providing them with only temporary assistance."

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Presper, who plans to work in her career as a nurse during the SYSP year, said it is gratifying seeing clients regularly coming back to FOCUS, since the aim is to help them resolve life issues completely; she and Keller enjoy being at the Spiritan Center, spending time working in the garden, walking on the local trails and joining the community for liturgy and other activities there.

DiMaggio met Keller and Presper through other activities at Duquesne. Keller was already volunteering at FOCUS one day a week when approached by DiMaggio to consider SYSP, and Presper was involved with the university's Pure Thirst program, and will spend three weeks this summer in Tanzania helping with a water project at a Spiritan mission there.

"Liz and Lydia were natural choices for the program, and the Holy Spirit really put them in front of us for consideration," said DiMaggio. "They both eagerly jumped at the opportunity when I asked them.

"My prayer for them both is that they will have a 'metanoia' experience through participating in SYSP for the next year.

The hope is that with that type of experience they will always be more willing to recognize and reach out to those on the margins in society as they go through life," explained DiMaggio. While the pilot program will be conducted in Pittsburgh, SYSP could be replicated in any number of U.S. cities or Spiritan missions in the future.



*Liz Keller and Fr. Huy Dinh C.S.Sp. at the Spiritan Center*



## Fr. Joseph L. Nguyen C.S.Sp. Returns to Native Land to Serve

By Ray Sylvester

**HOUSTON TX (July 21, 2016)** Nearly 250 family and friends joined together recently for Mass and a reception to congratulate Fr. Joseph Lam Nguyen C.S.Sp. as he heads to Asia. Fr. Nguyen was born in Vietnam, but this will be the first time, after 42 years, that he will actually be living there, becoming director of philosophy at the Spiritan formation house in Ho Chi Minh City, and working alongside Frs. Pat Palmer C.S.Sp., and Trinh Le. C.S.Sp. Fr. Nguyen (center) was the main celebrant at the Mass, which also acknowledged his 10th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, along with co-celebrants Frs. Michael Begley C.S.Sp.(far left) and Quoc Le C.S.Sp. (far right).

Best wishes for a Very Happy Birthday to these Spiritans who celebrate birthdays during the months of August, September and October.  
Happy Birthday!

**August**  
 4 Fr. Jocelyn Gregoire  
 6 Fr. Edward J. Vilkauskas  
 10 Fr. Quoc P. Le  
 17 Fr. Joseph B. Gaglione  
 18 Fr. Elochukwu Uzukwu  
 20 Fr. Francis Tandoh  
 23 Fr. Philip Agber  
 26 Fr. Sean M. Hogan  
 26 Fr. Daniel L. Walsh

**September**  
 5 Fr. Girard J. Kohler  
 11 Fr. Louis G. Perreault  
 28 Bro. Joseph F. Cannon



**October**  
 1 Fr. Peter Osuji  
 4 Fr. Christopher P. Promis  
 12 Fr. Chris H. McDermott  
 21 Fr. Duc G. Luong  
 27 Fr. William H. Christy  
 27 Fr. Norbert T. Rosso

May Our Lord's blessings, His Joys and His Graces be a rich reward for your selfless dedication in His service and fill your hearts with peace.  
Congratulations on these many years of faithful service!

	<b>Ordination Date</b>		<b>Profession Date</b>	
Fr. Arlindo Amaro	September 16, 1956	60 Years	September 8, 1951	65 Years
Fr. Brian Cronin			September 8, 1961	55 Years
Fr. James H. Burnie			August 1, 1981	35 Years
Fr. Donald J. McEachin			August 26, 1976	40 Years
Fr. Matthew Amoako-Attah			August 15, 1981	35 Years
Fr. Jeffrey T. Duaimé			August 1, 1981	35 Years
Fr. John A. Sawicki			August 1, 1981	35 Years
Fr. Daniel S. Sormani	September 19, 1986	30 Years		
Fr. Raymond French	September 20, 1991	25 Years		
Fr. Daniel L. Walsh	August 3, 1991	25 Years	August 2, 1986	30 Years

**Prayer Requests - for the recently deceased:**

William McNeil, brother-in-law of Fr. Joseph Seiter, who passed away on June 26, 2016, in Little Rock, AR.



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## Gormley Takes Reins At Duquesne

**PITTSBURGH, PA (July 1, 2016)** Kenneth G. Gormley became Duquesne University's 13th president on July 1, 2016, the third lay president in the university's 138-year history.

A native Pittsburgher, nationally recognized Constitutional scholar, best-selling author and former dean of the school of law, Gormley brings a deep commitment to the Spiritan mission and tradition of community engagement.

“Ken Gormley is deeply committed to our Spiritan mission. For the past two decades, he has exemplified the mission through his interactions with students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university,” says the Rev. Jeffrey T. Duaine, C.S.Sp., provincial of the Congregation of the Holy Spirit Province of the United States, and chair of the Duquesne University Corporation.

Gormley will be officially installed as president at the inauguration on Thursday, September 22, 2016, replacing Charles Dougherty, who retired June 30.

“It is the greatest honor imaginable to be selected to lead this special academic institution—Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit—to the next level of success and excellence,” says Gormley. “My wife, Laura, joins me in expressing our deep gratitude to the board for the faith and confidence it has placed in me in making this important appointment.

“For someone who grew up in Pittsburgh and continues to be in awe of the talented faculty, students, staff and alumni of this incredible university that has been an anchor of the region for over 130 years, it doesn't get any better than this.”

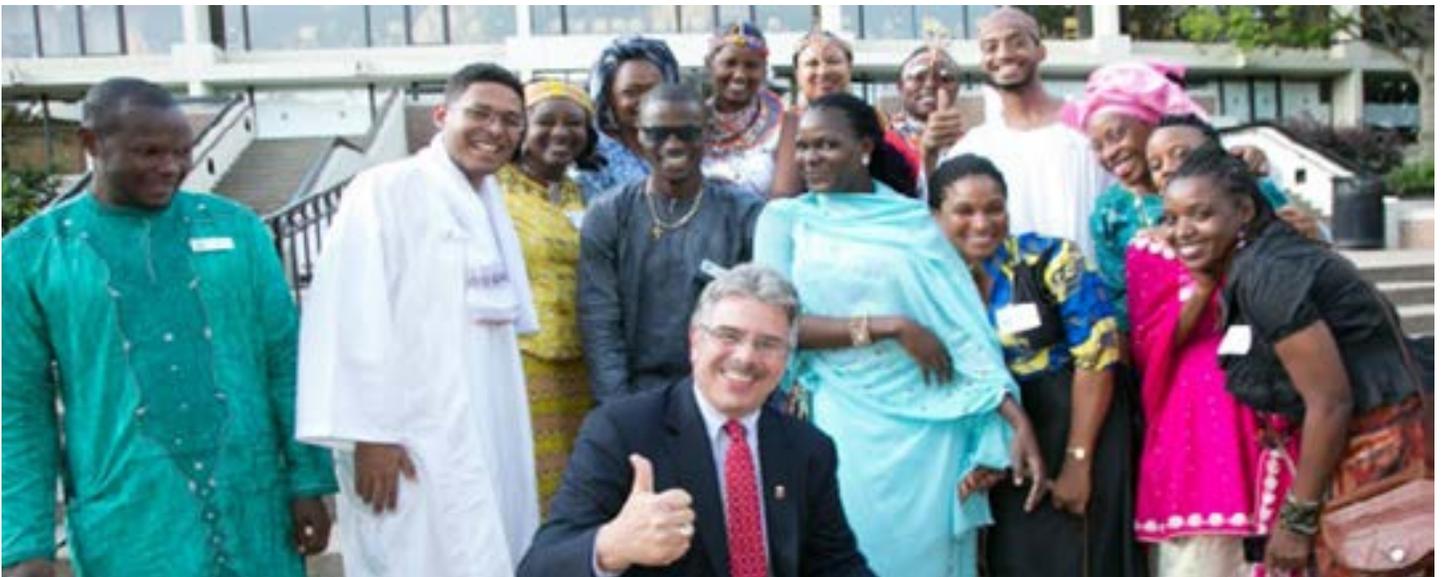
Gormley is a former dean and professor at Duquesne University School of Law. He earned his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977, summa cum laude; and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Gormley received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1980.

Gormley taught at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and later practiced law, before serving as a special clerk to Justice Ralph J. Cappy of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court (1990-91), and as executive director of the Pennsylvania Reapportionment Commission (1991-92). Gormley also served as president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the first academic to hold that position in the organization since its inception in 1870.

In 1994, Gormley joined the faculty at Duquesne University School of Law as associate professor, and was promoted to full professor in 1997. He taught courses in Constitutional Law, Civil Rights Litigation, State Constitutional Law, Advanced Constitutional Law, First Amendment and a new inter-disciplinary course for undergraduate students titled American Presidents and the Constitution. He was appointed interim president of Duquesne Law School in 2008 and was named the 11th president of the law school in 2010.

As president of the law school, Gormley completed the largest fundraising campaign in the history of the school as part of its Centennial Campaign; hosted alumni events across the country; moved the law school up dramatically in U.S. News & World Report and other rankings; appointed more females to key administrative positions than any president in the history of the law school; worked with the university to obtain government grants and private funding to establish a free-standing law clinic— The Tribone Center for Clinical Legal Education—in the Uptown section of Pittsburgh to assist poor and underserved clients in the region; worked collaboratively with the faculty to support its research and dramatically increase its scholarly output; and overhauled the law school’s curriculum, international programs and student organizations to better serve its students.

Gormley understands that his top priorities as president of the 138-year-old university will be to grow the endowment, complete a strategic plan for the institution’s future and make connections with local foundation, corporate and community leaders. “My plan is to sit down with elected officials and the foundation and corporate community starting right away. It’s important to have these sorts of relationships,” Mr. Gormley said.



Gormley said he also is excited about raising the prominence of Duquesne’s programs to national and international levels and to shine a light on the research and other work of faculty and students that rivals that of those at top tier universities.

He and his wife, Laura Kozler Gormley, have four children: Carolyn; Luke (a 2015 graduate of Duquesne’s Mylan School of Pharmacy); Rebecca (a 2016 graduate of Duquesne’s McAnulty College); and Madeleine. As for his tenure, Gormley intends for Duquesne to continue, “to reflect the energy and creativity of the Spiritan tradition that founded this university back in 1878 marked by a commitment to serving God by serving our students so that they, in turn, can serve others.”



*Pope Francis addresses pilgrims to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, on July 30, 2016, at Pope St. John Paul II Shrine.*

## Pope Francis Encourages Pilgrims at WYD 2016

By Ann Schneible  
Catholic News Agency

**Krakow, Poland** (July 31, 2016) Our true identity cannot be lived out in glum negativity, but only in the knowledge that, in God’s eyes, our value cannot be measured; no one is insignificant. Pope Francis made these remarks on Sunday to at least 1.5 million young people gathered in Krakow for the final Mass of World Youth Day (WYD).

“God loves us the way we are, and no sin, fault or mistake of ours makes him change his mind,” the Pope said in his homily to the crowds of young people who filled the Polish city’s “Campus Misericordiae” – or “Field of Mercy.” “No one is insignificant,” the pontiff said. “He loves all of us with a special love; for him all of us are important: you are important!”

Francis encouraged the youth in their awareness of being God’s beloved sons and daughters, and recommended that they pray every morning: “Lord, I thank you for loving me; help me to be in love with my own life!” In contrast, to not “accept ourselves, to live glumly, to be negative, means not to recognize our deepest identity,” he said. “It is like walking away when God wants to look at me, trying to spoil his dream for me,” Pope Francis challenged young people to not let their “soul become numb,” but to say without fear “yes” to Jesus, aiming for “the goal of a beautiful love which also demands sacrifice.”

Sunday’s Mass was the final major event of WYD in Krakow, and marks the end of the Pope’s July 27-31 visit to Poland. Pope Francis also announced that the next World Youth Day will be in Panama in 2019.