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150 years of Jesuit presence in Guyana !!!



Regional Superior's Programme

JUNE 2007

01 st – 4 th June	London
4 th – 10 th June	Rome (staying at the Curia)
10 th – 12 th June	London and Penrith in the north of England
12 th – 16 th June	Burnley
16 th – 20 th June	London (staying at Mount St)
20 th – 21 st June	Barbados
21 st June	Return to Georgetown

News and Announcements

- From the Regional Superior: during my absence [Fr Malcolm Rodrigues](#) will be Acting Superior of the Region.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- * 150 year Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral,
MONDAY 3rd September @ 5 pm
- * REGIONAL DAY at Brickdam, Tuesday 4th September.



GET-TOGETHER @ 29 BRICKDAM

On Friday 22 JUNE, the Brickdam Community invites all the Jesuits of the Region to a “Get-together”. The evening begins with the night prayer at 6.30 pm, followed by drinks and supper.

FRONT PAGE PHOTOGRAPHS

- 1. Guyana Independence day Celebrations.**
- 2. Farewell to George and Sylvester**
- 3. Arial View of Umanayana, Guyana**
- 4. Medino in Juniorate, Brazil**

News from Curia, ROME

REGIONAL SUPERIORS' COLLOQUIUM

Dermot Preston is one of eight new Major Superiors who are participating in a Colloquium organized for them in Rome between June 4 and 10. The other participants are Frs Charles D'Souza (Kohima), Joy Karayampuram (Patna), John Mace (East Timor), Lawrence Manyiar (Nepal), Peter Mc Isaac (Jamaica), Peter Pappu (Darjeeling), and Paul Pollock (Thailand). Father General greeted the Superiors on his return from a six-day visit to Cuba.)

TOWARDS THE GENERAL CONGREGATION 35 – (12 & 13) JANUARY 2008:

As of May 17, 80 Provinces, Regions and 9 groups had sent 358 postulates, of which 258 were addressed to the General Congregation and 100 to Father General. Six Provinces did not send any postulate.

When the *Coetus Praevius* met in April of this year, the 350 postulates that had been received until then were divided into three groups: postulates to be sent to the General Congregation, to Father General or to be rejected. As a result 117 postulates were referred to Father General, 31 were rejected and the rest constituted the main object of the study and analysis on the part of the *Coetus*. The deadline to send postulates to the General Congregation is January 7, 2008 the very day the Congregation begins.

The *Coetus Praevius* classified the postulates into 11 themes or groups and prepared a *Relatio Praevia* – a preliminary report – for each group. The material sent to the

Electors comprises a summary of these themes, followed by a detailed presentation of each theme. The detailed presentation includes the reasons for and against, the postulates that fall within that theme, an analysis of the theme, an assessment of its importance and ,finally, recommendations on how the Congregation could deal with the topic.

The *Coetus Praevius* has proposed that these 11 themes could be divided under two heads: those on which the General Congregation may wish to produce a decree or document, and those that could be discussed by the General Congregation with a view to giving Father General and the ordinary government a mandate and some recommendations on how to follow them up.

Possible Decree Themes: *Mission, Identity, Governance, Obedience and Laity.*

Possible Ordinary Government Themes: *Community Life, Formation, Vocation Promotion, Youth and The Jesuit Refugee Service.*

There is an additional grouping of postulates that proposed renewal in various apostolates of the Society. These postulates have been listed together for convenience but no specific proposal is made by the *Coetus Praevius* about them.

The 69 pages report was sent to the Electors in May.

GHDC: Vikram

On June 4th, 2007, 34 second year students graduated in Computer and Sewing Courses-the first of its kind. Perhaps, this graduation was the first time of graduation for most of the students. Raj gave an inspiring key note address. The youth club, students and staff, are grateful to Raj and his sponsors from Georgetown and Port Mourant for their generosity towards the recent Bar-B-Que. The youth are greatly indebted to the following sponsors, Ramsay Ali, Pat Pierre, De Santos Family, Alwyn, Joseph, Moses and others from the Port Mourant Parish. Very soon we kick start a few courses, namely Basic Building Course, Auto Cad and Driving.

Amar writes form Aishalton

Moving around the villages and meeting different people, I am getting more ides about the situation , and it is helping me to plan for future activities. I visited some of the villages with my team to help out the PLAs and there was a good response from the people.

The rainy season has begun in earnest, and this is good. The first good heavy rain caught me and Fr. Brit in Dadanaua while coming back from Lethem. We were there for four days. Also there was theft in my room while I was out in the villages. A travelling bag was broken into and some money and a few personal things were taken. A youth was caught and was punished by the village council.

Medino from Brazil

This is me in the Juniorate in Brazil, where I am spending three months studying, learning Portuguese and doing pastoral work. This year there are 18 juniors who are all from different regions of Brazil, and with me from Guyana we are 19 in all. Our time table consists of classes from Monday to Friday and doing pastoral work on weekends. The pastoral works are: working with youths, assisting lay people at Mass, visiting some of the poor communities in the neighbourhood, prisoners and vocation promotion. My pastoral duty is to work with prisoners. I choose this because I have already had some experience in other pastoral areas before, and here Brazil offers me this different experience which I am enjoying.

Birthdays to Come: JUNE

¡Feliz Cumpleaños! Bon anniversaire ! Joyeux anniversaire !

13 Anthony Vikram
17 Raphael Gonsalves
20 Aloysius Church
25 Paul Martin

THE DAY MY GOD DIED: Feature Film

According to the United Nations, thousands of women and children throughout the world disappear each day to be sold into sexual slavery. Many of these are Nepalese girls who are abducted, often by someone they trust, and sold into sexual servitude in Kamthipura, a nightmarish red-light district in Bombay, India. Known as "the cages," Kamthipura holds more than 200,000 young women and children in captivity, and for the majority of those who are brought here, it is also a death sentence.

In Bombay alone, 90 new cases of HIV infection are reported every hour, and the victims are getting younger: two decades ago, most women in India's brothels were in their twenties or thirties. Today, the average age is 14. Narrated by Academy Award-winning actor Tim Robbins, THE DAY MY GOD DIED puts a human face on these abstract numbers as it recounts the stories of several Nepalese girls who were forced into the international child sex trade.

THE DAY MY GOD DIED lifts the veil of secrecy on child sex trafficking using footage from the brothels captured with spy camera technology. The film tells the stories of Gina, sold into sexual slavery at age seven, raped by 14 men and beaten with sticks and aluminum rods; Anita, lured by a friend, then drugged and sold to a brothel at age 12, where she was beaten and threatened with being buried alive; Maili, trafficked at age 19 along with her infant daughter who was seized and used as "insurance" to keep Maili from fleeing; and Jyoti, sold at age 12, raped, choked and forced to drink alcohol to break down her resistance.



"The first night they forced me to have sex. When I refused, they held me down, beat me and raped me. I was seven years old."

—Gina, trafficking survivor and AIDS victim

The child sex trade is a highly organized syndicate that rivals the drug trade in profitability. The industry has formed a pipeline, which starts in the villages of Nepal and feeds a continuous supply of girls to the urban brothels. Recruiters capture them, smugglers transport them, brothel owners enslave them, corrupt police betray them and men rape and infect them. Every person in the chain profits except for the girls, who pay the price with their lives: 80 percent become infected with HIV. But as THE DAY MY GOD DIED also shows, there is a growing movement from both within and outside of the brothels to put an end to this insidious crime. The film introduces some of the heroes of the movement to abolish child sex slavery, including Gary Haugen of the International Justice Mission, Harleen Walia of Sanlaap and Anuradha Koirala, the founder of Maiti Nepal. Each of these crusaders has risked his or her life to save girls and dismantle the web that enslaves them. The film documents one alliance with local officials, showing footage of a raid that exposed a system of secret passageways used to hide the girls. Seven girls were liberated in this raid, and the two brothel owners that are now in jail awaiting trial may be among the first abusers in Bombay to be sentenced for this crime.

Some of the rescued girls are lucky enough to find shelter at Maiti Nepal, a healing center where they learn skills and participate in arts programs that rebuild their spirits. A hospice has been established where AIDS-infected girls can die with dignity. These non-profit centers are underfunded and dwarfed by the size of the child sex trafficking trade. But this small group of heroes continues to fight for one life at a time. Some of the most courageous advocates are former sex slaves who risk their lives to save other girls. These victims have emerged to form their own underground railway to move sex slaves to freedom.

This heart-wrenching documentary provides a glimpse into the corruption and evil behind the curtain of the global sex industry, a world seldom seen by outsiders. But it is also a reminder that of the over one million women and girls who are sold, transported and forced into sexual slavery each year, 50,000 are in the United States. THE DAY MY GOD DIED exposes crimes that not only occur far away, but also far closer to home than we may have imagined.

Prayer for the Sick

Prayers are asked for the following who are sick: Fr. Aloysius Church, who had exploratory surgery for a prostate problem. Also for Fr. Harold Wong, who is on leave in the UK at JM, but who continues to suffer much pain in his feet as a result of his diabetic condition. Also for Fr. Church's brother, Dr. Harry Church, who is dying of cancer.

And for the following who have died: Patricia Nedd, a former employee of the Cathedral Presbytery and whose mother, Venus Welcome, worked for many years with the Jesuits here at Brickdam.

NOTE: Fr. Robert Barrow will be Acting Superior until Fr. Dermot Presrton returns on 21 June. This is to facilitate the attendance of Fr. Malcolm Rdrigues to the CPAL meeting in Uruguay from 11 – 17 June. Malcolm returns to Jesuit Presbytery on 21 June.