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Society of St. Pius X

# Dear Friends & Benefactors

**A**s you will see in this issue of the APOSTLE magazine, we are speaking about the importance and necessity of vocations to the Religious Life. Why Religious life? You may wonder... Are we running out of topics of discussion? No, on the contrary. It is the one thing necessary. In fact, it is a duty of the priest not only to evangelize but also help souls (whom God is calling to a consecrated life) to respond to their vocation. It is a subject that we can never speak too much about. *One that has gained even more urgency in the current situation.* As the world arounds us continues the downward spiral into abject lunacy - *in a complete rejection of God*, the decision for young men and young women to enter the consecrated state becomes more and more a pressing issue. To better serve God, to better work out their salvation, to better work out the salvation of the souls of others....this is the purpose for which God has given mankind this state of consecrated life. We are faced with a shortage of priests, brothers and nuns all across the world. This shortage is especially visible here in the vast missionary fields of Asia where the overwhelming majority of persons are ignorant of the life-saving truths of our holy faith. One obvious reason for more Religious Vocations is the current world situation we are witnessing. On all sides we can observe a great fear, panic, anxiety and trouble due to reports of persons dying from a virus. To the Catholic soul, this is not a real reason for anxiety or sorrow. The **real** fear should be rather, "Many of these persons who are dying are not ready to stand before the God because they are without the grace of Baptism or are not living their baptismal promises." This question will lead us into another equally important question, one which is too often ignored, namely, "What am I doing to stop this massive loss of souls?" Dear readers, ponder well these truths: "If God is expecting me (and He is) to do something, am I faithful to His expectations? Can I not bring much needed sanctity and sanity by consecrating my life to God? The world is in desperate need of saints **not** just persons who forward the lives of saints on social media!

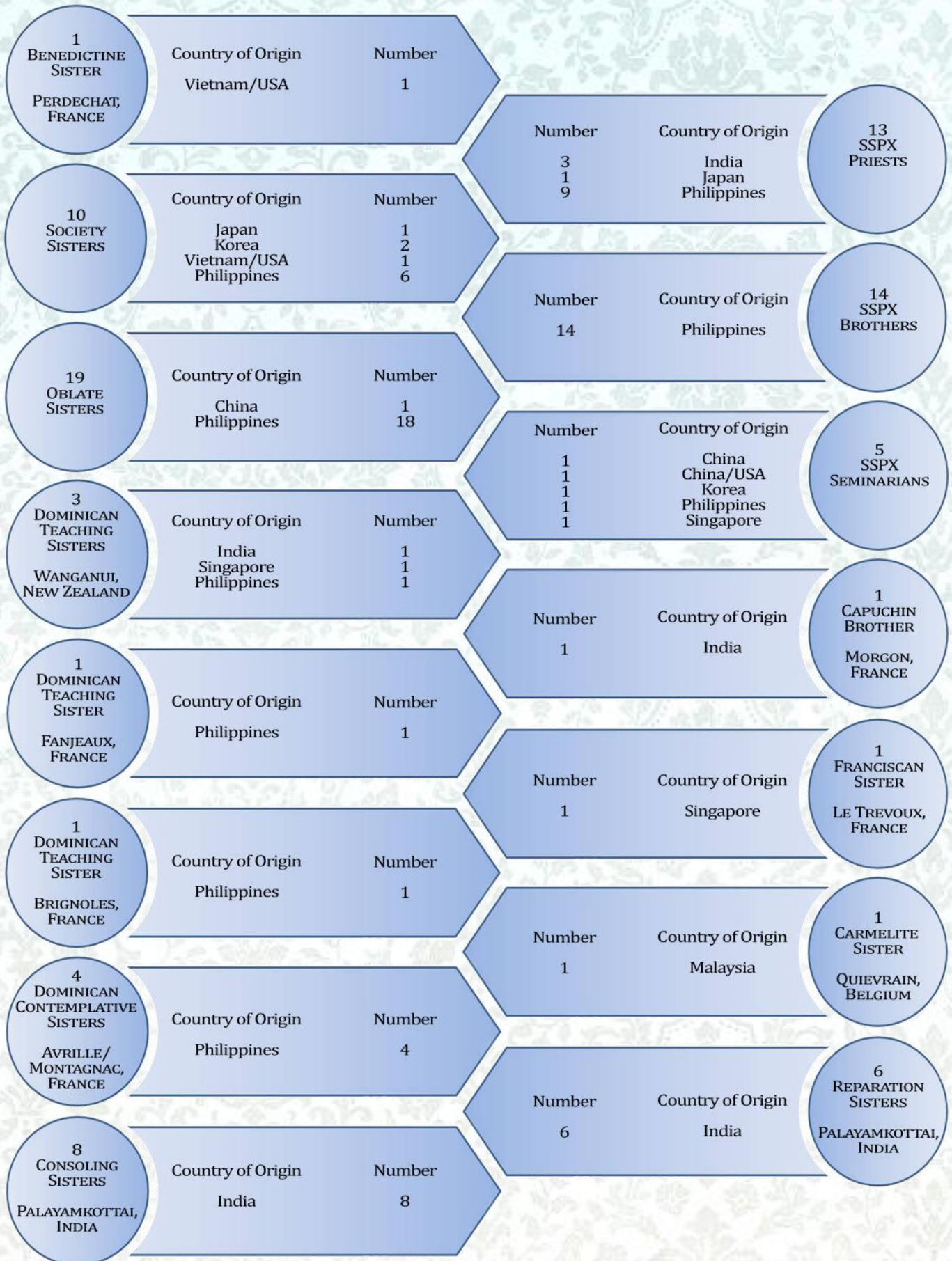
For those already married, it is clear that they can foster religious vocations by having good Catholic families and forming their children in virtue. For those married persons who were never blessed with children, they can give their time and skills in helping their priests to catechize others and to organize the spiritual and corporal works of mercy (very often many souls find the Catholic faith through these external apostolates).

For those who are not yet married, they should go on a retreat to consider the question of their possible vocation. They should be open and generous, ready to follow the Will of God wherever it might take them...to the religious life or to the sacrament of matrimony. Therefore, we can see that everyone has an important part to play in this drive for more vocations. One cannot remain indifferent to the shortage of young men and young woman entering the religious life...it will necessarily affect all persons if the shortage continues.

There is one thing all of us can do: pray! It is the one thing Our Lord himself has suggested we do. As Fr William Doyle wrote so well: "Long ago, while yet the Savior trod this earth, we read that once He sat by the well-side, weary from His journeying. As He paused to rest, His gaze fell upon the waving cornfields stretching far out of sight, the ears bending under their load of countless, tiny seeds, each bearing its germ of life. To the eyes of His soul, devoured with a burning zeal, it was an image of the vast multitude of human beings He had come to save, of the souls of those with whom He lived and the myriads who would follow Him. Silently He looked at the solitary husbandman, sickle in hand, slowly gathering the sheaves of golden corn, then sadly turning to the disciples, He said, with a hidden meaning in His words: "The harvest indeed is great, but the laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that He send laborers into His harvest." AMEN

Rev. Fr. Patrick Summers, SSPX  
District Superior, Asia

# VOCATIONS FROM ASIA



# SOCIETY PRIESTS



For years now, the priests of the vast district of Asia would meet once a year for a priests' meeting. The last one took place in Manila in February 2020. Some confreres, who were to travel through Hong Kong, had their trip rerouted. But we were far from suspecting that it was

the last time we would all meet together. After much delay, the new priory of Tokyo was opened (January 2021) and the Confreres have been able to propagate the faith in this mostly pagan country.



Online Priests' Meeting

Confreres stranded in France and in the US were able to reach their new assignment (Singapore and Sri Lanka). But some are still waiting as the borders in Asia have hardly reopened.

The district retreat which was to take place in October 2020 had to be cancelled and each priory organized its own retreat, often listening to the recording of a retreat preached elsewhere in the world. And although internet is not always working very well in some areas of the district, one of the priests of the district is now assigned every fortnight to give an online spiritual conference. A time of spiritual refreshment and of fraternal gathering.



Lastly, as much as joy filled our hearts with the ordination of two Filipinos to the priesthood, last December, with great sadness we unexpectedly lost one of them, Fr. Daniel Yagan, after a mere 6 months of priesthood in the district. RIP.



Singapore Priory



Japan Priory



Sri Lanka Priory

# SOCIETY SEMINARIANS

## Words of Gratitude from our Seminarians

♣ Gregory Sumantri Yusuke



It is always most impressive and moving for us seminarians to see the generosity of the faithful around the world to the society: for its continued survival and growth, for its countless projects and efforts, for its priests and religious and even for its seminarians. As such I wish to thank all of you not only for your most generous (and most appreciated) financial contributions

but also and especially for the many prayers you have offered up for me and my fellow seminarians. Please continue to keep us in your prayers that we may persevere in our vocation should it be God's will for us! And while at the moment Asia may be a long ways away, it is not far in thoughts and prayers. Once again thank you for your kind generosity.

May God bless the District of Asia!



♣ Mr. Longinus Kim, S. Korea & Mr. Rafael Vincent Faustino, Philippines

We would like to express our gratitude to all of you for the donations you've given last Good Shepherd Sunday for the Asian. These donations helped us to cover expenses in our studies in the Seminary.

We would like to thank you also for your continual support and prayers for us who are studying and preparing for the Priesthood.

Please be assured of our prayers for all of you.

Once again, Thank you very much and May God Bless you all!



Dillwyn Feb 2020, with Eric Wat, Canadian HK born



Gregory Sumantri Yusuke serving Fr. Demornex

# SOCIETY SISTERS



The Congregation of the Sisters of the Society of St. Pius X is what is called a Congregation of "mixed life", that is, a blend of the active and contemplative lives. While the Sisters are not a totally active Order like teaching Orders, neither are they totally cloistered like the Carmelites. Our Lord Himself lived a mixed life, preaching and working miracles, then retiring to places of solitude where He could spend many hours in prayer.

After their profession, the Sisters are sent to various houses of the Society, where they will help and complete the priestly apostolate by various works: catechism, visits to the sick, sacristy, primary schools, etc. The knowledge acquired during the Noviciate might enable them to do more: making of Altar breads, making and repairing of priestly vestments, playing the organ, singing, gardening, as well as daily duties such as cooking, cleaning, washing, etc. Every day, the Sisters have an hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, in order to pray for diverse intentions: for the Pope, for Bishops, priests, consecrated souls, and in particular, to make reparation for the outrages committed against Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It is in fact the contemplation and imitation of Christ on the Cross that makes the true Christian and gives all its value and grandeur to the religious life.



Start YOUNG!



Sr. Marie Espérance, Japanese novice



Novitian Style flower making



Browerville, Quasimodo 2021

# SOCIETY BROTHERS

## A little news from the St. Bernard Novitiate.

The Novitiate continues despite the lock-downs or the lock-ups. The pinch, however, we do feel is that there are some candidates who would love to come but cannot. Well we certainly confide them all to the care of Our Lord and His Holy Mother. A big thank you again to all our generous benefactors!

In the meantime, among many other things, we run the St. Ignatius exercises once a month, alternately for men and ladies. To do this in such a way that the religious life of the Brothers is not disturbed, we have built a



Brothers in arms for Paschal candle making



Crypt Chapel side altar



Flexing our big consolation-the church

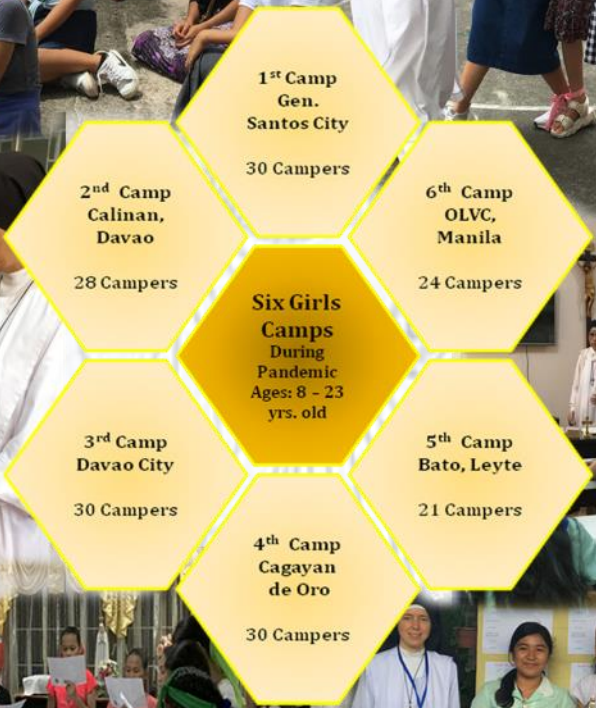
“Sta. Familya Village”. Seven complete bamboo houses, clustered together, with all the comforts of life. This is at the far end of the property so that neither the retreatants nor the Brothers are disturbed. Yes, only seven retreatants at a time. St. Ignatius preached it to one at a time!

In the not so spiritual line, we have also increased our solar power. The cost of electricity here has sharply increased. So, to invest in more solar power eventually pays off. To give you a little idea: 10 years ago we set up a solar system that pumps our water. We save around 5000 pesos per month! No exaggeration! Well, that means  $5000 \times 12 \times 10 = 600\,000.00$  pesos (12000 US\$). The setting up only cost us 70 000 pesos ... that’s a saving of 530 thousand! Now with solar panels producing 8.5KW we are able to run the Church and the house. Ah, but what about at night? No sun, no power .... So, then we are obliged to pay the city power.

How about the Church? Well ... still not finished! We are now, slowly, doing the ceiling of the side nave. It too, like the main nave will be round. But every section will have, as it were, a cupola. When it is finished we will publish a photo. After that, we need to do the sacristy. No ceiling yet and only bamboo (temporal) cupboards. Well, Rome wasn’t built in one day. Below in the crypt, where we have another five altars, things are progressing slowly too. Here is picture of crypt altar.

The Farm? Pigs are doing badly, ducks are producing well, ... chickens too. Fruits of all kinds producing well, rice forever sufficient for our yearly needs. Alas the farm also suffers some losses ... especially from some poor people who serve themselves of our produce ... especially at night. In the morning there are always less chickens than the day before! I wish they would ask and so preserve themselves of sin. Hasta mañana .... God bless.

# OBLATE SISTERS



In 1974, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre founded the “Oblate Sisters of the Society of St Pius X” as the fourth branch of the SSPX family. The Society of St Pius X is a society of common life without vows in the strict canonical sense of the word, and all its members strive to practice the three evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience.

On September 15, 2018, “Our Lady of Sorrows Novitiate” was erected by the Superior General of the Society of St. Pius X, Rev. Father Davide Pagliarani, in Davao City, Philippines. The creation of this new novitiate has proved to be beneficial especially to the local and Asian vocations. Prior to this foundation, the applicants for the Oblates were

formed at the “Noviciat Sainte-Thérèse” in Switzerland.

Today more than ever, we need to help the SSPX priests so that they may have more time to their ministry and so save more souls. This year has been for the novitiate the first of its kind: six girls’ camps in two months and in different places. We organized these camps because these are a way of inviting young ladies to come to know more about God, of giving them a chance to enter into themselves and perhaps they will discover that they might have the vocation to the consecrated life. The camps also impart good training to the girls towards acquiring virtues and access to the Sacraments, thus helping them to become good future Catholic women or mothers. An interesting activity characterized the camps: besides the usual Catechism and games, the teams had to compete in cooking their meals on the ground using firewood that they collected just from anywhere. The camps ended with a ceremony of the renewal of the Militia Immaculatae. And all were placed under the patronage of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.



# IN THE PHILIPPINES

## EXTERIOR APOSTOLATE BY THE OBLATES FROM THE NOVITIATE

Having a Prior such as Fr Timothy Pfeiffer who has a deep missionary spirit is contagious. His untiring missionary zeal for the salvation of souls pushes the Oblate Sisters to follow his steps though in a slower speed: cor unum et anima una! Time had passed by, and the four novices became Oblates, which means an extra help can now be directed to the apostolate; and so, while the current novices are forbidden to go out for the exterior apostolate, the Oblates and the postulants, according to their talents and capacity, fulfil the different works of mercy in different places as requested by the priests on the weekends. In fact, for two years, while the first novices were under formation, the Catechism centres were left abandoned because the Oblate Sisters had to focus their attention on the novitiate. Only this year have the Oblates resumed the exterior apostolate on Saturdays. The Sisters, as in the gospel, go out in twos: a pair goes to a place called Calinan where for years some children have kept their faith and they look forward to the coming of the Sister Catechists every Saturday afternoon; another pair goes to a poor area called Panacan to enkindle the faith of the children who for long time had not been to Church and have been under the influence of a Protestant sect; and a third pair goes to the priory where they teach Catechism to the elite of the Parish that will serve as a model of Catechism centres in the future.

## FRIENDS OF THE SOCIETY



**The Reparation sisters in India , left.**  
**The only Capuchin Monk from India, upper right .**  
**Mother Maria Imelda from Phil. of Fanjeaux Sisters, France; right.**  
**Mother Marie Victoire from Phil. of Brignoles Sisters,France; right.**

# CONSOLING SISTERS



Dear friends in Christ,

**B**enedicite Domino in omni tempore!, Bless the Lord at all times, whether there is lock down or no lock down! In some countries the lock down may be a thing of the past, but for us in India, we are still alternating between lock downs and no lock downs.

It's kind of the same for us whether there is a lock down or not as the schools are not open. Some of the big girls have online classes, for all the rest we are doing home

schooling for now. The big girls also pitch in and help us to teach the younger ones. They are really becoming very good teachers!

With minimum of outside influence, the girls are also behaving well and actually enjoying being at home and studying. It is giving them more time to develop other skills also. The little ones are enjoying their art work and the big ones are getting more time to become experts in playing musical instruments. Pauline, who came to us in 2009 when she was five years old, now plays in the Church. Manjula, who was a rag picker when she came to us four years ago and has never been to school, tries hard to imitate Pauline akka (akka means elder sister). Gemma also who came to us when she was five years old, and who is in College now, spent hours together during the lockdown and made a beautiful Alb for Fr. Therasian with a netted lace which she made.

They get time to work in the garden also a little bit every morning. Under their care the Coconut garden is coming up well. They get a chance to play under those trees when it is hot outside.

Our old ladies are keeping fine. We got one new old lady, some 80+ years old, I think. She was thrown out of her house by her relatives (she has no kids of her own) and some government officials requested us to take her. She is a cute little old lady. She says she was baptized in some protestant church and now is very eager to have Catechism classes, so that she can be baptized as a Catholic and receive our Lord soon. Keep her and all of us in your prayers. Yes, Bless the Lord at all times that His work may continue...

Yours in Christ,  
Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart



# IN INDIA

With Father Therasian and Orphans



Another soul responded the call of God



A beautiful labor of love



An apple a day keeps the doctor away!



Blue mantled little Army for Our Lady

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