

# SCJ NEWS

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## New beginnings

*Fr. Ed Kilianski elected as 15th provincial superior of U.S. Province*

**F**rom August 24-27 members of the U.S. Province gathered at the Provincial Conference Center in Hales Corners, Wis., for an “extraordinary” Election Assembly.

What made it extraordinary? Due to the election of Fr. Stephen Huffstetter, SCJ, to the General Council, the province had to choose a new administration about a year earlier than originally planned.

Fr. Ed Kilianski, SCJ, opened the assembly as interim provincial superior (he had been vice provincial under Fr. Steve). He closed it as the newly elected provincial superior.

### Always wanted to be a priest

A Buffalo native, Fr. Ed, 60, has felt called to the priesthood for as long as he can remember. There is an often-told story of him as a child about when he let his parents know that not only did he want to be a priest, but perhaps he was pope material as well.

“When I was seven years old Pope John XXIII died and on the radio they said that he wanted to be a priest when he was 11 years old,” said Fr. Ed. “I said to my mom and dad that, ‘I’m only seven and I want to be a priest, does that mean that someday I’ll be the pope?’

“They laughed as everyone does when I tell the story but somehow I knew that one day I would be a

priest.”

He went to the SCJs’ Immaculate Heart of Mary High School Seminary in Lenox, Mass., and then entered the SCJs’ formation program in Chicago. He studied at Northeastern Illinois University, and earned a degree in Psychology with a minor in Philosophy.

Midway through his undergraduate studies he entered the novitiate in Victorville, Calif. Fr. Ed professed his first vows in 1975.



LEFT: Fr. Ed Kilianski during small group discussions at the Election Assembly. TOP: Councilors during the installation ceremony. BOTTOM: The new provincial administration: Fr. Christianus Hendrik, Fr. Quang Nguyen, Fr. Ed Kilianski, Fr. Jack Kurps, Br. Frank Presto and Fr. Duy Nguyen.





Fr. Wayne led Adoration on Thursday; the assembly had Adoration each day.



Frater Joseph and Br. Frank set up a PowerPoint for the opening presentation.



Fr. Ed congratulates Fr. Quang on his election to the Provincial Council.

After completing his bachelor's degree he went back to where he started — Immaculate Heart of Mary — to teach, coach basketball and soccer, and serve as assistant dean of students. In 1979 he began his theology studies at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. In 1982 he earned his Master of Divinity.

On January 29, 1983, he was ordained to the priesthood at Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (now, St. Martin of Tours) in Franklin, Wis.

His first assignment as a priest was

at Sacred Hearts, but after six months he was asked to do vocation ministry.

"I drove the entire United States meeting and interviewing young men who were interested in the priesthood or religious life," he said. "I did this for seven-and-a-half years, becoming the director in 1985." Although many of the men he met did not pursue a vocation with the Priests of the Sacred Heart, Fr. Ed said that he always felt as though he was doing an important service for the Church. "As an SCJ, I helped oth-

ers discern their own vocation — wherever it might be — and helped them find the path the God was leading them on."

After vocations Fr. Ed had a number of ministry assignments. In 1996 he moved to northern California, where he edited a newsletter and served as parochial vicar at St. Philip of Jesus in Occidental and St. Teresa of Avila in Bodega. It was in Bodega that he first felt called to Hispanic ministry. He began yearly visits to Oaxaca, Mexico, to study Spanish.



Assembly participants pose for a photo in the Good Shepherd Chapel at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake.



Fr. Joseph, one of the tellars, reads the votes during the canonical election for council.

In 2004 he moved to Houston and ministered at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish. After a six-month study sabbatical in Mexico, he was named pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston in 2008.

"Leaving Our Lady of Guadalupe is going to be very hard," said Fr. Kilianski, whose last weekend at OLG was September 12-13. "I have loved my years here."

"But I see provincial administration as a ministry of service," he continued. "In Spanish, there's an expression that is used everywhere in Mexico which says, 'Para servirles.' in order to serve you. I was called to serve here, at Our Lady of Guadalupe, and now my call is with our province."

### Provincial Council a mix of new and familiar faces

Following Fr. Ed's election as provincial superior, the assembly elected the five-member council: Fr.



Fr. Johnny Klingler was one of four former provincials who witnessed Fr. Ed's installation.

Quang Nguyen, SCJ, Fr. Duy Nguyen, SCJ, Fr. Christianus Hendrik, SCJ, Fr. Jack Kurps, SCJ, and Br. Frank Presto, SCJ.

Fr. Quang, 50, is currently province vocation director. Originally from Vietnam, he professed vows in 1995 and was ordained in 2000. His first assignment was at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Houston. He then pursued graduate studies in economics, earning a Ph.D. in 2014 from Claremont Graduate University. His dissertation, which he successfully defended in 2013, was "Doi Moi (Economic Renovation) Revisited: The positive economic outcome(s) and a negative externality, especially in the service sector of Vietnam."

Fr. Duy, 37, a Chicago native, was professed in 2006 and ordained in 2010. His first assignment was in parish ministry at Sacred Heart Southern Missions in Mississippi. He is now associate pastor at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston. Fr. Duy



Fr. Ed thanks Fr. John for his service as moderator to the assembly.

was also a delegate representing the U.S. Province at the recent General Chapter in Rome.

Fr. Hendrik, 45, is originally from Indonesia but has served on the Lower Brule Pastoral Team in South Dakota for several years. Professed in 1990 and ordained in 1998, he first came to the United States in 2009 to study English in preparation for ministry in the Philippines. However, instead of serving the missions in Asia, he stayed to serve missions on the Indian Reservations of South Dakota. This is his second term on council; he also served during Fr. Stephen Huffstetter's administration.

Fr. Jack, 64, is a familiar face to administration. He has served on the council several times, and has been on numerous committees and commissions. Originally from Chicago, he professed his first vows in 1972 and was ordained in 1977. Fr. Jack is cur-



Fr. Charlie holds his proxy ballot.



Fr. Duy counts the votes as they are read.

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rently executive director of Sacred Heart Southern Missions; he also served as province vocation director for eight years. Fr. Jack was a delegate to the 1997 General Chapter and served on the liturgy committee of the XXIII General Chapter earlier this year.

Br. Frank Presto, 60, is another familiar face — he was provincial secretary during Fr. Steve's administration and during Fr. Tom Cassidy's as well. Originally from

Pittsburgh, he professed his first vows in 1976. Br. Frank was a member of the Cheyenne River Reservation Pastoral Team in South Dakota for six years, serving as director of the Sacred Heart Center in Eagle Butte for much of that time. The social service center includes a women's shelter (family violence outreach services), child services and other community outreach. He was recently reappointed as provincial secretary.

## "I stand before you as your servant"

"I stand before you as your servant," said Fr. Ed Kilianski to members of the U.S. Province in accepting his election as provincial superior. "I heard your expectations — not just here at the assembly but also at our Provincial Chapter, and at the North American gathering before that.

"You want someone willing to be challenged. You can challenge me.

"You want someone who can take an honest look at our ministries, someone who can animate our members, someone who will give attention to youth and seniors.

"You want someone who can make hard decisions, but also realize that no provincial superior nor council can do everything. I guaranty that I will seek your input, your guidance and compassion. I will be collaborative and I will always seek what is best for our province.

"We often talk about what is wrong, what we could be doing better. But we need to remember that there is a lot of good here in us, and in the Church. We are sons of Dehon, we need to BE sons of Dehon and show the love and mercy of the heart of Christ to each other and our ministries, whatever they may be."

"I hope that each of you will challenge me and the council but also one another; I hope that you challenge yourselves individually. Challenge yourself to be who you are called to be. Focus on what is good within us.

"As long as we are alive and listening the Spirit, the love of Christ will always be within us and guide us.



Fr. Ed Kilianski

## A little Q&A with Fr. Steve

As noted earlier, the recently completed election assembly was an "extraordinary" assembly brought about by Fr. Stephen Huffstetter's election to the General Council in Rome.

While members of the U.S. Province were gathered in assembly Fr. Steve was in Bologna, Italy, taking Italian lessons. He only had a few weeks at home in July to pack and say "good-bye" before jumping feet-first into his new job.

In between packing boxes he sat down for a few minutes of Q&A about his new role and ministry.



Fr. Stephen Huffstetter

### Was it hard accepting service on the General Council?

"In religious life we talk a lot about having a spirit of oblation, of availability," said Fr. Steve. "It is the nature of our vocation to always try to say 'yes' to the congregation and to the 'church.'"

After the votes were counted Fr. Heiner Wilmer, SCJ, the newly elected superior general, asked Fr. Steve if he would accept service on the General Council. In front of the chapter delegates and without hesitation Fr. Steve said "I accept with peace and joy."

"And I really did feel a sense of peace and joy when I accepted the position," he added. "I knew it would be difficult, I knew that I would face a lot of challenges, but I had no hesitation."

"That said, there are still moments when I feel a bit of panic," he continued, laughing. "I have moments of inspiration, moments of great joy in

this service, but every once in awhile the practicalities set in."

## What did it feel like to go through the election process?

"The process was beautiful," said Fr. Steve. "I felt the support of the others in the room. [General Chapter delegates] Standing together after the election, singing the Magnificat, it was a joyful experience. A good feeling of discernment done together."

And then it was time for work! Fr. Heiner and his council were having their first meetings before the chapter ended. Much of their initial work was with the outgoing council; getting updates and background information on the many entities and sectors.

When the new administration gathers together again in September they will take several days for reflection and team-building.

"It will be a great way for us to get to know each other better," said Fr. Steve. "We'll learn about each other's families, vocations, our interests and concerns."

The council also plans to go ESIC, the SCJs' business and marketing school in Spain. As did the previous administration, they will spend a week taking workshops on leadership, planning and teamwork.

This preparatory work will give them the background and tools to aid them in developing a six-year plan for the congregation and to better define their individual tasks as councilors in addressing that plan.

## Challenges for the new General Council, for the worldwide congregation?

"Certainly there continues to be a need to find the best ways to guide newly developing entities with training and resources, helping them to create the structures needed so that



Fr. Steve and fellow General Councilor, Fr. Carlos Enrique Caamaño, used bikes to get to their Italian lessons in Bologna this summer.

they can thrive and grow," said Fr. Steve. "But at the same time we need to care for and continue to energize our aging provinces."

Much is changing in the Church and the congregation. "But out of change can come many creative ideas," he said. "The sharing that has taken place between places like Brazil and Germany has been wonderful. It is a way to help the congregation thrive but also grow in diversity and new ways of thinking."

Being a greater witness to the diversity of an international congregation is one of the joys that Fr. Steve anticipates in his new role.

"We are spread out in over 40 countries," he said. "In the international meetings that I have already been a part of it has been wonderful to get know people from other cultures, to hear their stories and see things from a new perspective. I love the diversity of our congregation, I

love experiencing cultures other than my own. This, I expect, will be one of the great joys for me of being on General Council."

## What will he miss?

"Obviously, the people," said Fr. Steve. "I'll miss my family, I'll miss the community here in the United States. And while I love all of the little neighborhood shops in Rome, every now and then I know that I'll yearn for a 'big box' store, someplace where I can take care of a lot of things at once.

"And, I'll miss baseball, and talking to people who love baseball. If I want to watch a game I'll probably have to get up at 2 a.m. Maybe I'll start to follow soccer!"

Fr. Steve said that he will also miss serving the U.S. Province as provincial superior. "I enjoyed the opportunity to sit down with people, to have good heart-to-heart conversations with members of the province. I was humbled by the depth of sharing that I experienced. People didn't just talk about their difficulties, their problems. They shared their faith, their hopes. I was privileged to walk with people in the midst of challenges and in joy. I came to appreciate the wonderful work that is done in the province by our SCJs and those with whom we collaborate."



Fr. Steve speaking at the General Chapter.



Fr. José Ornelas Carvalho

## Former superior general named bishop in Portugal

**O**n August 24, the Vatican announced that Fr. José Ornelas Carvalho, SCJ, former superior general of the Priests of the Sacred Heart, has been named bishop of Setúbal, Portugal (approximately 25 miles south of Lisbon).

Fr. Ornelas was born on January 5, 1954, in Porto da Cruz, Madeira. He made his first profession in 1972 and was ordained a priest in Porto da Cruz on August 9, 1981.

From 1979 to 1983 he studied for a Licentiate at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome. From 1993 to 1996 he prepared for his Doctorate at the Jesuit University in Frankfurt, Germany, and in 1997 he received a Doctorate in Biblical Studies from the Catholic University of Lisbon. Before entering full-time into the world of academics, he served for two years as a missionary in Mozambique.

When Fr. Ornelas was named provincial superior of the Portuguese Province in 2000, he was just settling into what he thought would be his life's path: teaching and formation. "I had been teaching for about 11 years and thought that I had some capacity for it," he said. "I saw myself doing research, being a biblical scholar, giving conferences."

He admits that it was not easy at

first to embrace the call to leadership, to leave the university and serve as provincial superior.

But soon he began to realize that as provincial superior, he was continuing the path that he was already on, not walking away from it.

Instead of living in the world of academics, "as provincial superior I could take the many theories that I had studied and transform them into action. I could make the theories real."

In 2003 he was elected superior general; he was elected to a second six-year term in 2009. He completed that term in June when Fr. Heinrich Wilmer was elected to the role.

The episcopal ordination of Fr. Ornelas will take place Sunday, October 25, in Setúbal. Among those attending the ceremony will be Fr. Ed Kilianski, SCJ, newly elected U.S. provincial superior, as well as Fr. Ornelas' former vicar general, Fr. John van den Hengel, SCJ.

## Celebrating religious life!

**T**he U.S. Province celebrated the religious jubilees of 11 SCJs this summer. They included Fr.

Steve Wiese, who at 81 is not only the senior jubilarian, but also the longest in vows: 60 years. Originally from New Jersey, he did his theology studies at Sacred Heart Monastery and was ordained in 1963. His ministries included seminary education, parochial work (including six years as pastor of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary parish — now St. Martin of Tours), senior ministry, and two years as a missionary in Lesotho.

He is now a member of the Sacred Heart Community at SHML, with residence at the Congregational Home in suburban Milwaukee.

Br. Francis Snider, 69, celebrates his 50th anniversary of vows this

year. Originally from Zanesville, Ohio, much of Br. Frank's life has been devoted to education. He taught at Divine Heart Seminary (while also serving as academic dean, business manager and treasurer) and at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary before taking a teaching position at Aquinas High School in San Bernardino, Calif. It was the start of a 30-plus year commitment to Catholic high school education. Since 1988 he has been a teacher at Incarnate Word High School in San Antonio.

Three SCJs celebrate their 40th anniversary of vows. They include Fr. Ed Kilianski, 60, recently elected provincial superior. More about Fr. Ed appears elsewhere in this issue of *SCJ News*.

Fr. Gary Lantz, 79, is originally from Decatur, IL. He was professed in 1975 and ordained in 1980. His assignments have included parish ministry in St. Louis and Milwaukee; however, it was in South Dakota where he truly found his call.

He served in parochial ministry with the Lower Brule – Crow Creek Pastoral Team, as well as at parishes throughout South Dakota. He also ministered at St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain, and for many years as a chaplain at the South Dakota Women's Prison in Pierre. In 2005 he was honored by the South Dakota Department of Corrections for his work.



Fr. Steve Wiese, 60-year jubilarian



The jubilarians: Br. Frank Snider, Fr. Quang Nguyen, Fr. Bob Tucker (behind him is Dn. David Nagel who was deacon at the Jubilee Mass), Fr. Ed Kilianski, Fr. Christianus Hendrik, Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec, Fr. Gary Lantz, Fr. Ed Zemlik, Fr. Joseph Dinh, Fr. Steve Wiese and Br. Andy Gancarczyk.

Retired, he now lives in Chamberlain.

Fr. Robert Tucker, 63, is the third 40-year jubilarian. A Detroit native, he was ordained in 1982. A member of the pastoral team that serves much of northern Mississippi through Sacred Heart Southern Missions, Fr. Bob continues in the ministry to which he has devoted his life: parochial ministry.

His first assignment was at St. Cecilia parish in San Antonio in 1982. From there he went to his hometown of Detroit, serving at his childhood parish of St. Rose of Lima. He also ministered in Milwaukee, and in Houston at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Matthew parishes.

Fr. Zbigniew ("Ziggy") Morawiec, celebrated his 25th anniversary of priesthood in his home province of Poland before being honored for his 30th jubilee of vows in his adopted U.S. Province. Ordained in 1990, Fr. Ziggy, 50, taught dogmatic theology in Poland at SCJ schools in Stadniki, Cracow and Sandomierz before going to India to serve in formation. Fluent in Spanish, for the past four years Fr. Ziggy has been associate pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston.

Fr. Christianus Hendrik, a 25-year jubilarian, is originally from the Indonesian Province. Ordained in 1998, he served in parish ministry and

as director of a retreat house in Indonesia before taking a missionary assignment in West Papua. Malaria cut that assignment short.

In 2009 he came to the United States to learn English in preparation for ministry in the Philippines but soon into his studies he was asked to consider a different missionary assignment: South Dakota. He has been a member of the Lower Brule Pastoral Team for the past five years and since 2013, a member of the Provincial Council of the US Province (he was re-elected to the council in August). He is 45.

Four SCJs celebrate their 20th anniversary of vows this year: Fr. Joseph Thien Dinh, Br. Andy Gancarczyk, Fr. Quang Nguyen and Fr. Ed Zemlik.

Fr. Joseph, 45, is a Vietnamese immigrant who currently serves as associate pastor at St. Martin of Tours parish in Franklin (and as chaplain to the Vietnamese community there). He has previously ministered at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Houston, and on the Provincial Council. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2002.

In 2013 he successfully defended his thesis: "Bridging the Gap for Future Generations: Developing a Plan for Ministry to Vietnamese-American Families Living in Bi-Cultural Com-

munities" to earn a Doctorate in Ministry from the Houston Graduate School of Theology.

Br. Andy, 40, is a native of Poland. In 2004 he earned a master's degree in education, specializing in social pedagogy. In doing so, he was following the example of an uncle who was a school administrator. "I saw him as a man who was doing his vocation," said Br. Andy. "He was a good model. A witness to living one's vocation."

However, it wasn't education that Br. Andy went into, but publishing. He became director of the printing department of the Polish Province's publishing house in Krakow. In 2008, his ministry turned in a new direction: the missions. He did a five-year assignment in Uruguay before coming to the US Province in 2013 for ESL. As is Fr. Ziggy, Br. Andy is now on the pastoral team of OLG, Houston.

Fr. Quang, 50, is vocation director for the U.S. Province. Originally from Vietnam, he was ordained in 2000 and served in parish ministry at St. Elizabeth Seton parish in Houston before enrolling at Fordham University in New York, where he earned a master's in economics. In 2013 he was awarded his Ph.D. in Economics/Political Science from Claremont Graduate University in California. The title of his dissertation was "Doi Moi (Economic Renovation) Revisited: The positive economic outcome(s) and a negative externality, especially in the service sector of Vietnam."

Fr. Ed Zemlik, 57, is the last of the four 20-year jubilarians. Ordained in 2001, he has served at St. Matthew parish in Houston and with parishes through Sacred Heart Southern Missions in northern Mississippi. When he was in Mississippi Fr. Ed also served three terms (six years) as diocesan dean on the Presbyteral Council of Jackson.

He is currently the residential director of the ESL program at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. Fr. Ed earned his bachelor's degree from Indiana University in Gary, and his M.Div. from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago.

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## New online exhibit available through SHSST

A first-of-its-kind exhibit of West African artifacts is now available online through the Leo Dehon Library at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology. The collection of early 20th century royal and ceremonial pieces is from Fr. John Emonts, a German SCJ who served in Cameroon (then "German Cameroon") from 1912 to 1916. In 1923 he came to the United States to help establish the SCJ presence here.

A ceremonial wood mask, a miniature wood throne, an ornate iron spear, and a brass bird-shaped bowl are among the 40 objects pictured and described in the online Cameroon Artifacts Collection. It can be accessed at the Dehon Library website: [www.leodehonlibrary.libguides.com/dehonian](http://www.leodehonlibrary.libguides.com/dehonian)

Frater Justin Krenke, SCJ, created the online exhibit during the summer in collaboration with Fr. Wayne Jenkins, SCJ, province archivist, Susanna Pathak, director of the Leo John Dehon Library, and Ann Owen, SHSST librarian.

The artifacts can be viewed in-person at the Fr. John Emonts Museum, which houses the collection in the library wing of SHSST. They include pipes, swords, textiles and figurines from the Kingdom of Bamum, the pre-colonial West African state that is now part of Cameroon.

Besides the Cameroon exhibit, the Dehon Library link noted also has links to resources about Fr. Leo John Dehon.

## Vow renewals

Congratulations to SCJ Fraters Justin Krenke, James Nguyen, Juan Carlos ("Juancho") Castañeda Rojas



Fraters Juancho, Joseph, Justin and James

and Joseph Vu who renewed their religious vows in August. All are members of the Dehon Formation Community in Chicago.

"What drew me to the Priests of the Sacred Heart was the charism and spirituality found in Fr. Leo Dehon's writings," wrote Frater James after his first vow renewal. "Fr. Dehon always found comfort in the knowledge that God loves him tremendously, which is symbolized in the burning Heart of Christ. Fr. Dehon wants those of us who are dedicated to the love of God to be living examples of the love that Jesus had. I strive to live in that spirit of our founder daily through my religious vows"

"Have a heart for the world."

This was the phase that Frater Juancho said that he "couldn't stop thinking about when I prepared to renew my vows; it is a good reminder that all of what I am doing is because of that, to have a heart for the world, as Fr. Dehon called us to be among all of those who need us.

"I am proud to say I am Dehonian and really happy to renew my vows with the Priests of the Sacred Heart and trusting in the grace of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and our Blessed Mother Mary I will continue in service, creating a Heart ready to serve the world."