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***Dear Confreres,***

This is our next attempt of spreading information among us - the SCJ's; it is "in statu nascendi" hence read it, please and advice Mark or Adam "Junior" on how to make this leaflet better.

Mark&Adam "J"

THANKS to God and to all who participated in, prepared or helped to conduct the ordination of Br. Mabheka; particular thanks to Br. Bona, Frs. Adam "Senior", Matthias, Chris, Br. Paul and the singing Bethulians. May this little event of the 24<sup>th</sup> February help all of us to look into the future with more confidence and trust. We wish dk. Mabheka all God's favor! (From: Fr. Mark)

### GENERAL UPDATE

⇒ Fr. Anthony and Benno are not well at the moment: for some time they consulted specialists in Bloemfontein. By the 6<sup>th</sup> of March they will have to undergo some treatment in the hospital.

⇒ Fr. K-H. Ofenloch, a surgical veteran (22 operations!), prepares himself for med. treatments in Europe and stays cool. Praying for them let us remember to be periodically checked by a doctor: you never know.

⇒ Br. Bona is busy as usual pushing work at the "Guest house" before his holiday. He is also involved in St. Teresa's alterations (presbytery, convent and Leoninum-clinic). In the evenings he entertains the Monastery dogs.

⇒ Fr. Alfons goes periodically to the doctor and takes short walks. Summer is a tough period so he goes to bed before 08 PM. Fr. Alfons however concelebrates every day and does not complain about the appetite.

⇒ Fr. Jan Piet - still drives, celebrates Mass on Sundays and Wednesdays and keeps company with the Mount Carmel Holy Cross sisters.

⇒ Fr. Adam "Senior" - packed himself for the second time this year; till his holiday (see further) he is staying in Bethulie. From mid May he will replace Fr. Ziggy in Graaff-Reinet for a month.

⇒ Bp. Baay - will celebrate his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 24<sup>th</sup> of March - **Congratulations!** His new fax NR is: (041) 373 141; and old tel. NR - (041) 373 4734

## NOVICIATE

➔ Fr. Peter - spent some time of February “holidaying” (lovely ward, isn’t it?) charging batteries for the third year as the director of novices. Presently he takes care of two pre-novices - Lebohang and Joshua - and two novices - Ntsikelelo and Shawn. Sadly Shawn went for the funeral of his granny three weeks ago and there is no contact with him since.

## MERRIVALE

☺ Fr. Chris pushes hard his master’s thesis which is to be ready towards the end of the year

☺ Deacon Mabheka is doing his final year, which is very pastorally orientated; final exams in November!

☺ Br. Paul - does the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of theology and prepares for perpetual vows

☺ Br. Abram - is still being introduced to philosophy and enjoys the freshman’s confusion

☺ Br. Mutanyu - spends the first semester in Middelburg and helps Fr. John; he will finish the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of theology this year.



## PROVINCIALATE (extract!)

### ***Fr. Mark:***

- looks with confidence into the future; computer is not as scary as he always thought and he sleeps well in the Monastery
- took part in Senate Meetings of Aliwal and De Aar dioceses
- visited St. Teresa three times to clarify Br. Bernard’s stay there and in connection with the clinic project
- visited Fr. Ziggy in Graaff-Reinet, Bethulie (with Fr. Alfons), Holy Cross Sisters’ Convent as well as S. Heart Sisters’ Convent
- messed up his e-mail/internet services - for 4 days; Fr. Adam “S” rescued him
- got accustomed to the Monastery

## **PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MEETING - 26.02.2001**

1. Fr. Benno accepted office of the provincial treasurer for the next three years
2. Fr. Peter was appointed the provincial secretary
3. 2001 Calendar:
  - a) Assemblies: 10-11 May and 25-26 September
  - b) Council Meetings: 19 March, 17 April, 9 May, 21 June, 21 August, 24 September, and 27 November
4. Other events: Council "bosberaad" - 16/20 April (at the coast); Sacred Heart Feast - 22 June in Aliwal North; Annual retreats - 21/26 October in Palloti Farm
5. The Council:
  - updated upon the provincial membership issues
  - talked about the structure of the communities highlighting some confusions in the matter
  - shared about the present vocation work and its possible improvements concluding that at the moment there is no possibility for full time voc. Director; this task should be tackled and shared by Merrivale and Bethulie communities
  - prepared some tasks for the Provincial: we will be informed about their progress later and some of them will be discussed during the first Assembly

### **ALIWAL DIOCESE**

√ Bp. Lobinger will ordain to the presbyterate Matthias Nsamba on 21 April in Sterkspruit (10am)

√ TERESA MISSION: Now there is solar electricity, hot water in all rooms, and a shower for the parish priest. There is also new 5000l water tank (thanks, Br. Bona!). The Charity Sisters' Convent has also a hot water system installed and a proper electrical system will be installed soon. Consider applying for a post there!

### **DE AAR DIOCESE**

√ Bp. Potocnak will ordain to presbyterate deacon Albert on 02 June at St. Joseph's Mission in De Aar

√ Sr. Mary Kewuti, primo voto Veronica (formerly uMhlanga) is back; this time in De Aar. Fr. Paul, any comments?

√ From the beginning of January 2001 Fr. Ziggy stays with Br. Douglas, a Zambian candidate to the priesthood for the diocese. Br. Douglas has already completed the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of theology; he will proceed with studies at St. J. Vianney Seminary.

√ The diocese reintroduced the Priests' Council required by can.495; all priests are its members.

## IMPORTANT FROM ABROAD



THE FIRST SCJ'S SAINT WILL BE BEATIFIED ON 11 MARCH 2001!!!

Fr. JUAN GARCIA MENDEZ, martyr, was killed during 1936/39 Spanish civil war.  
More info on the SCJ web site!



Fr. Zolile is in India till 29 March; he underwent cultural shock when visiting SCJs in Kerala and Andra Pradesh states.



Fr. Andrew Malek came back to the USA in January after 3-month holiday in Poland. He stays in Hales Corners and works "part time" in a nearby parish. He will remain in South African Province at least till Feb. 2002. Address: see - Hales Corners, PO BOX 566, tel.(414) 4258 300 ask 6303.



Fr. Wojciech Wozniak is still learning French at Metz University; he works as a chaplain of scouts and serves to the Servants of the S. Heart - sisters that were good acquaintances of Fr. Dehon.



NB. New address of the new SCJ Paris house (for holidaymakers!):

19, rue St.Maur, 75011 Paris/France, (METRO: /Voltaire), tel. 33 144 932 000;  
fax. 33 144932338; e-mail: [efsecprov@infonie.fr](mailto:efsecprov@infonie.fr)

## V A R I A



Dn. John Mohlakola will be ordain priest on 21 April in Worcester by Bp. Adams; congratulations! Br. Bernard plans to visit John on the occasion.



Fr. Andries succeeded to print the **Sacred Heart Auto League** prayer card; it is part of **SHAL** Prayer Crusade. Quite many people answer positively to this initiative and ask for membership. Are you a Sacred Heart League member???



Fr. Adam "Junior" Maslowski's whereabouts: P.O. BOX 38, Petrusville 8770, 2 Church Str. (pink painted house), tel. (053) 6630099



Forthcoming overseas holidays' probable schedule:

Bona	-	3? 4? months from mid June
Adam "S"	-	4? months from mid June
Karl-Hainz	-	4? months from some time in May
Ziggy	-	3 months from mid May
Chris	-	2 months from mid May
Paul	-	2 months from mid June plus one month course in England
Adam "J"	-	2 months from mid April
Anthony	-	2? months from mid April (Germany)
Benno	-	might go for 1 month this year (August)

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