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ARCHBISHOP MARCELLO ZAGO DIES IN ROME

Early on March 1, 2001 Archbishop Marcello Zago, OMI Secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples, passed away in his home in Rome. The Archbishop had been seriously ill for several months.

Those of us who came to know the Archbishop through the Mission Congress feel deep sorrow at this loss to the missionary community. We were encouraged by his presence and full participation throughout the Congress as well as in the thoughts he shared in his address to the assembly.

According to the March 9th report carried by the International Fides Service, Archbishop Zago could say of himself, "All my life I have asked for nothing except to be a missionary and I have refused nothing." Cardinal Tomko recalled Archbishop Zago in the homily of the funeral mass: "Mission as a way of living love for Christ and his Church: these words sum up the whole of his life. Archbishop Zago was a missionary from the very beginning when his vocation first blossomed in the seminary, during the whole of his active life and in the last three years as Secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples." [*International Fides Service*, March 9, 2001, No. 4238-NE, pp.137-138. Photo by Dorothy Perry.]

CATHOLIC MISSION FORUM

Emerges as Follow-up to Mission Congress

Purpose

The purpose of the Catholic Mission Forum is to engage in dialogue and promote collaboration among the various agencies for mission in the Church in the US. These founding agencies include the Bishops' Committees on World Mission and Home Mission, the US Catholic Mission Association, Catholic Network of Volunteer Service, Conference of Major Superiors of Men, Leadership Conference of Women Religious, and the Pontifical Mission Societies. The Forum facilitates reflection on the elements of mission as articulated in Church documents and the contemporary experience of missionaries around the world and in the United States. Forum members conceive of their appropriate place in the overall missionary thrust of the Church in accordance with the *Instruction on Missionary Cooperation*.

Background

The Catholic Mission Forum emerged out of the Steering Committee of the Jubilee Mission Congress that took place in Chicago, Illinois in the Jubilee Year 2000. The Steering Committee began its work in 1997 and convened around its table key missionary dimensions of the Church in the United States. Its purpose was to bring about more communion, collaboration, and reconciliation among the groups in the Church in the United States who deal with missionary issues. As part of its agenda, the Committee provided a forum in the Mission Congress for representatives of various constituencies in the mission community to reflect on the key elements of Catholic mission as articulated in the Church's documents. These elements are: liturgical life, prayer and contemplation, social transformation, proclamation and catechesis, interreligious dialogue, and presence and witness. The Congress called forth a broad agenda for continuing attentiveness to key mission issues and invested the Committee with responsibility for implementation of its recommendations. In accepting this responsibility, and to further the work and the goals of the Jubilee Year with regard to mission issues, the Steering Committee has reconvened as the Catholic Mission Forum. The Forum engages the services of USCMA for coordination, support, and financial management.

Actions

1. The Catholic Mission Forum will expand its membership to include interested mission agencies.
2. The Forum will invite dialogue with other entities and missionaries to promote mutual understanding.
3. The Forum will initiate or will support programs to implement recommendations from the Mission Congress.
4. The Forum will address ways in which the Church might best respond to emerging mission realities.

NOTE: *Mission Update* will carry regular progress notes on the work of the Catholic Mission Forum (CMForum) of the Mission Congress.

FROM THE DIRECTOR Rosanne Rustemeyer, SSND

In this Easter Season as we celebrate the joy of Resurrection and New Hope, we count as blessing the life and witness of Archbishop Marcello Zago, OMI who was with us at the Mission Congress in Chicago. Just as our personal and communal Lenten preparations for Easter began, we received word of the death of Archbishop Zago (story on p. 1). We remember with deep gratitude his encouragement for greater efforts in mission. In his gentle, soft-spoken manner, Archbishop Zago challenged the Church in the United States to make a more visible "missionary impact" around the world.

It had been Archbishop Zago's hope to return to the U.S. to address the Bishops at their meeting in June of this year. Cardinal Tomko has accepted the invitation to address the Bishops on mission in Atlanta in June.

In the last week of April, the diocesan mission office directors and mission education coordinators gathered in Los Angeles for the annual Holy Childhood and Propagation of the Faith meeting. USCMA staff honored an invitation to join these mission leaders.

Following the meeting in Los Angeles, the World Mission Institute sponsored by the Chicago Center for Global Ministries began on Thursday evening, April 26. USCMA is happy to have been one of many co-sponsors to this event in 2001 entitled ***Interreligious Pilgrimages: Where Are They Taking Us?***

To date there are nearly 60 registrants for the ecumenical mission consultation: ***Common Witness When Borders Divide***. This is the fourth consultation sponsored by the Continuing Committee on Common Witness which is comprised of USCMA members and representatives of Church World Service and Witness of the National Council of Churches.

I am saving the best news until last! You will be happy to know that the position of associate director has been filled by Kevin Francis Day. Kevin comes from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas where he served as Campus Minister (see p.2). Welcome, Kevin!

NEW ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR U.S. Catholic Mission Association

Kevin Francis Day began his work with USCMA on March 8, 2001. Kevin came to Washington from St. Mary's University in San Antonio, TX where he served in Campus Ministry for Catechesis and Retreat Programming. Kevin holds an advanced degree in education and has done graduate studies in theology. He also has many years of experience in human resource management.

From 1995-1998 Kevin served with Franciscan Mission Service as a lay missionary in Mexico and Guatemala. His ministry in social work consisted mainly in outreach to families and children. Added to this international experience are three immersion/study tours to the Middle East, Russia, and Honduras.

We welcome Kevin to U.S. Catholic Mission Association and hope that the beautiful Washington springtime serves to help him feel "at home" back on the east coast not so far from his original home.

TEXAS MISSION CONFERENCE

The annual Texas Mission Conference was held at Christian Renewal Center in Dickinson, TX from February 12-14, 2001. The conference brought together 80 participants under the title, *Brought Together in Unity* with a focus on the document *Ecclesia in America*. On the opening evening Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga of Tegucigalpa, Honduras gave the keynote presentation on "Our Call to Communion." The 2001 conference addressed issues of solidarity in the light of the Honduras Initiative Program, a relationship with the dioceses of Honduras and the U. S. dioceses in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. This partnering program was initiated through Catholic Relief Services' Church Outreach-Global Solidarity Partnership Program and developed as an outgrowth of response at the time of Hurricane Mitch.

USCMA participates along with diocesan mission directors, representatives of mission organizations serving in Texas, and individuals and groups interested in mission have developed the Texas Mission Council which works through the Texas Catholic Conference. Texas is one of the few states that has such a structure in place to facilitate the missionary work of the local church.

SR. BARBARA FORD - KILLED IN GUATEMALA

Sr. Barbara Ford, SC of the New York province was killed in Guatemala City on May 5th of this year. Early reports note that two young, well-dressed men stole her pickup and shot her. The pickup was found abandoned several blocks from the scene of the crime. A call for further investigation has been made.

Sr. Barbara was a missionary in Guatemala for more than 25 years. She worked in various communities with victims of violence as well as in health care. Please, join USCMA in prayers for her, her family, her congregation, and the people of Guatemala to whom she gave witness so faithfully. She will be remembered and missed by many. Descanso en paz.

UNITED STATES CATHOLIC MISSION ASSOCIATION Long Range Plan 2001-2004

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The United States Catholic Mission Association unites and supports people committed to the cross-cultural and global mission of Jesus Christ in service to Church and world.

Globalization challenges the Church to be more missionary than ever before in its history. At this time of dramatic changes, U.S. Catholics face special responsibilities and opportunities for Christian leadership. As Catholics, we are called to live in solidarity and justice with the people of the world, particularly the poor and marginalized. Missioners serve in a unique way to move humanity toward global community.

USCMA is an association of lay and religious members who are involved in missionary service. As missioners formed in faith by our experiences of God in the world, we welcome others to journey with us as they respond to their call to mission at home or abroad.

Renewed and energized by Mission Congress 2000, USCMA continues to participate in the universal (catholic) Christian call to mission. USCMA fosters and supports existing and new forms of cross-generational, cross-cultural, and inter-religious partnerships. In this way, USCMA assists the local and universal church in building the reign of God.

Focus Areas

Over the next three years, USCMA will concentrate its efforts on the integration of the five elements of mission: proclamation, witness, dialogue, spirituality and prayer, and social transformation.

- The call of the Gospel focuses our passion to share with others seeking God through proclamation, dialogue, and prayer. Responding to this call, USCMA will continue to focus on the missionary nature of the Church in light of the ethnic and cultural diversity that characterizes our time.
- Aware of the challenges and opportunities presented by inculturation, USCMA seeks to strengthen its involvement in cross-cultural and inter-religious collaboration.
- USCMA works for social transformation through an integral vision of mission and justice. We strive for reconciliation and healing among all God's people and with all creation.

Areas of Activity

The Board and Membership of USCMA are committed to supporting and participating with the staff as they:

- Maintain publications, research, conferences, and mission statistics.
- Continue efforts at collaboration and networking.
- Implement directions emerging from the Mission Congress.
- Explore and utilize appropriate technology for communication, mission animation, and education.

Responding to one of the recommendations emerging from Mission Congress 2000, a Mission Education Web site, *www.mission-education.org*, has been proposed as a collaboration of the Columbans, Glenmary Missioners, Holy Childhood Association, Maryknoll, the Catholic Mission Forum (formerly the Mission Congress Standing Committee), Society for the Propagation of the Faith, and U.S. Catholic Mission Association. The web site provides an opportunity to continue the collaboration initiated in the planning and implementation of Mission Congress 2000 among leaders in Catholic mission education. Mission, both home and abroad, will be incorporated into the web site's development from the start. The core group looks forward to working with other interested groups that also provide mission education and animation materials and curricula.

Why Use the Internet?

We can draw on the *General Directory for Catechesis (GDC)* to support the case for using the Internet in mission education today.

"The first areopagus of the modern age is the world of communication which is unifying humanity... The means of social communication have become so important as to be for many the chief means of information and education, of guidance and inspiration in their behavior as individuals, families and within society at large." For this reason, in addition to the numerous traditional means in use, the media has become essential for evangelization and catechesis. In fact, "the Church would feel herself guilty before God if she did not avail of those powerful instruments which human skill is constantly developing and perfecting... In them she finds in a new and more effective forum a platform or pulpit from which she can address the multitudes" (*GDC*, 1977, No. 160).

Why Mission Education Today?

- a. Globalization is the current reality that challenges the Church to be more missionary than ever in its history. "At a time of dramatic changes and challenges, Catholics in the United States face both special responsibilities and opportunities. We are members of a universal church which transcends national boundaries and calls us to live in solidarity and justice with the peoples of the world.... As Catholics and Americans we are uniquely called to global solidarity.... We urge all Catholic educators to share the church's teaching on the global dimensions of our social mission more intentionally, more explicitly and more creatively" (*Called to Global Solidarity: International Challenges for U.S. Parishes*, statement of US Bishops, 1998).
- b. Pope John Paul II has been clear: "In the future, too, the Church must continue to be missionary; indeed missionary outreach is part of her very nature. Furthermore, as the encyclical, *Redemptoris Missio*, affirms, the modern world reflects the situation of the Areopagus of Athens, where Saint Paul spoke. Today there are many 'areopagi', and very different ones; these are the vast sectors of contemporary civilization and culture, of politics and economics. The more the West is becoming estranged from its Christian roots, the more it is becoming mission territory, taking the form of many different 'areopagi'" (*Tertio Millennio Adveniente*, No. 57).
- c. 1998 Synod for America: "The Church in America is called not only to promote greater integration between nations, thus helping to create an authentic globalized culture of solidarity, but also to cooperate with every legitimate means in reducing the negative effects of globalization,..." (No. 55) "Using the media correctly and competently can lead to a genuine inculturation of the Gospel (No. 72)" (*Ecclesia in America*).
- d. 1999 Mission Congress of America (Conclusions of COMLA 6-CAM), "To take advantage of the possibilities offered by globalization, (MCS, Internet, etc.) To open the local churches to the global reality, favoring the creation of new means of communication."

The project intends to maintain the momentum begun with Mission Congress 2000 by promoting collaboration, the stewardship of resources, an appreciation of the mission response/charism of missionary groups, and an increased awareness of the Church's call to mission. Providing interactive resources the *www.mission-education.org* site will be organized as a portal site that draws information and resources from other sites and groups it for a targeted audience. Currently, six targeted audiences are envisioned: children, teens, college and university students, adults, parishioners, and seminarians/those in formation. In addition to grouping information and resources for targeted audiences, the site will "Spotlight" successes and examine mission activities and education, such as, twinning and short-term immersion experiences.

[The mission education Web site proposal was initiated by Tom Henehan, MM.]

DELEGATION TO HOLY LAND CALLS FOR JUSTICE, PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND SUPPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN THE HOLY LAND

A high level delegation of U.S. church leaders traveled to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Gaza in December of last year. The delegates met with a number of religious leaders and participated in an ecumenical summit of the representatives of the 13 historic churches in Jerusalem. Because of the current violence, few people are visiting Israel and fewer are going to the Palestinian areas.

The ecumenical delegation was necessary to provide hope for the Christians of the Middle East who often feel they have little support. The Latin Patriarch stressed the need to promote dialogue in the United States among members of the different faith communities with ties to the Holy Land to bring about greater understanding of the causes of the conflict in the Holy Land and to encourage dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians on levels other than between government officials.

The effect of long term violence has resulted in the Christian population in the Holy Land decreasing at an alarming rate. In 1950, 52 % of the region was Christian. Today, only 2-3 % of the population is Christian. The numbers continue to decrease as violence and oppression increase, homes are destroyed, and basic human rights are violated. The Christian religious leaders see the small Christian community as a living witness to the Gospel in the Holy Land which must be preserved, but the preservation comes at a great cost. The Israeli officials with whom the delegation met said that Christians would have greater freedoms if Israelis had sovereignty in the region, but Christians seem to be a specific target of Israeli violence. One Israeli official even went so far to say that they are "doing a favor" when they target Christian areas since Christians value martyrdom.

Franciscan Father Peter Vasko, a native of New York, the English Definitor for the Custody of the Holy Land, has established the Holy Land Foundation which provides job training, academic scholarships, and housing for the diminishing Christian community. He, too, is very concerned about the Christian exodus and has asked that the membership of Conference of Major Superiors of Men (CMSM) be alerted about this crisis. Information about the Foundation, including a report on the exodus of Christians is available by writing the Foundation at 1400 Quincy Street, NE, Washington, DC 20017. Excerpts from this report are available on the CMSM website at www.cmsm.org.

The delegates also stressed the need for prayer at this time. A Candlelight prayer vigil was held in Manger Square on December 10, Human Rights Day. The delegates joined over 2000 people including Christians, Muslims, and Jews, who processed through the streets of Bethlehem to pray for peace and justice in the Holy Land. This was one of the few public events to be held in Bethlehem during the Christmas season. This vigil was part of a call for U.S. churches and individuals to join an on-going prayer vigil for peace in the Holy Land. The ecumenical "Prayer Vigil for Middle East Peace" is an invitation to individuals and congregations to pray for all the Palestinian Christian communities and all who are suffering in the Holy Land - Palestinians and Israelis. The vigil is held on the same day of the month. Individuals and groups can sign up to join the vigil or get more information by going to www.cmep.org and clicking on "Prayer Vigil for Middle East Peace," or writing Mideast Prayer Vigil, Lutheran Office for Government Affairs, 122 C Street NW, Suite 125, Washington, DC 20001. CMSM is an official participant in the vigil and members are invited to join the vigil on the day assigned for the state in which they live. More information and photos from the delegation's visit can be seen at www.loga.org. [Thanks to Stan De Boe, OSST, Editor, *J/P/Alert*, CMSM for letting USCMA revise this *J/P/Alert* to fit space available.]

FILIIPINO FIESTA OF FAITH James H. Kroeger, M.M.

Philippine Local Church. The Catholic Church in the Philippines is the world's third largest local church (after Brazil and Mexico). Christianity came to the Islands with Legaspi in 1565. The quatercentennial of systematic evangelization was celebrated in 1965 in Cebu, the cradle of Christianity in the Islands; the Mission Society of the Philippines (MSP) was founded as an appropriate mission response.

The faith has taken deep roots in this island nation; 83% of Filipinos are members of the Catholic Church. History recounts several mission landmarks: the year 1959 was declared "mission year" by the hierarchy; the successful International Mission Congress was held in Manila in 1979; the Second Plenary Council of the Philippines in 1991 put the local church "in the state of mission."

"Today, we are gathered to celebrate the first ever National Mission Congress, as a fitting culminating activity to end the three years of intense preparation for the Great Jubilee of the year 2000. This signal event is our first step as a Local Church into the Third Millennium."

The congress was a thoroughly Filipino event. The majority of the members of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) participated in the liturgies, working sessions, lectures, and public activities. Representatives of every diocese, prelature, vicariate, and church-circumscription, as well as religious women, men, laity, and youth, were present in Cebu.

"Cebu 2000" is a milestone in the "missionary awakening" of the local church. The congress highlighted the "Philippine vocation-to-mission." It also emphasized that "the hour of the challenge is now. Now is the *kairos*, the hour of the Lord's call. And 'the grace of the hour' is now" (CBCP Mission Pastoral). Again and again, the congress theme echoed in the hearts and minds of the participants: "Tell the World of His Love."

Unfolding in the mode of a Filipino Festival. A pervasive mood of joy characterized the entire five-day event. Pope Paul VI always emphasized the need for "joyful evangelizers." The congress included many opportunities to sing and celebrate. However, its core rested on deep faith. Pope John Paul II has written that "Mission is an issue of faith" (RM 11). "Cebu 2000" was no exception—faith permeated the event from beginning to end.

The Congress—even in its inception—was envisioned to be an expression of faith. The Philippine Bishops wrote to the Catholic faithful to prepare for the Cebu mission congress. In their pastoral letter on the Church's Mission in the New Millennium (July 5, 2000) the bishops noted: "It is clear that the challenge of proclaiming Christ in Asia is a summons addressed *first of all* to us [Filipinos], to share the gift of faith that we ourselves received." In his homily Cardinal Sin urged the congress delegates to take up the *ad gentes* mission challenge "to the nearly four billions of Asians" who "have not yet come to know your Son, who have not yet had the inexpressible joy of loving him, and knowing they are loved by him."

For many delegates, the highpoint of the Congress was the mission-sending ceremony integrated into the closing Eucharist. With joyful admiration, fervent prayer, and with songs, flowers and applause, the new missionaries were sent forth by the assembled delegates.

Each missionary received the mission cross: "Receive this sign of Christ's love and of our faith. Preach Christ crucified, who is the power and wisdom of God." In faith the delegates prayed: "Lord, look kindly on your servants we send forth as messengers of salvation and peace, marked with the sign of the cross. Guide their steps.... Make their words the echo of Christ's voice.... Fill the hearts of your missionaries with the Holy Spirit...."

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JUBILEE 2000/USA UPDATE

Although the year 2000 has ended, the work of Jubilee 2000 goes on in many countries around the world. The J2000/USA campaign was reorganized and expanded in February 2001 and renamed the Jubilee USA Network. The new Jubilee Network Council includes representatives of many of the national organizations which made up the Jubilee 2000/USA Steering Committee (including USCMA) as well as representatives of local or regional coalitions working for Jubilee and debt cancellation.

The new Jubilee USA Network has decided to activate grassroots supporters across the US on specific, closely related issue campaigns:

- A campaign to "Drop the Debt" at the G8 Summit in Genoa in July, 2001 which aims to get full cancellation of debts owed to the IMF and the World Bank by at least the poorest and most heavily indebted countries. Emphasis will also be placed on the need to include more countries in this program and to end structural adjustment programs (SAP's).
- A campaign to link debt and the effort to combat AIDS, including a demand for acquisition of AIDS medicines at best world prices.
- An education and action campaign to bring attention to illegitimate debt.
- A campaign to eliminate user fees for essential services, especially requirements for forced privatization of water supplies and other aspects of structural adjustment programs.
- Efforts to complete legislative action needed this year to get full Congressional appropriations for existing debt relief programs (\$240 million for multilateral debt cancellation plus \$135 million for US bilateral cancellation).
- Efforts to link debt and trade, i.e. to facilitate integration of the debt cancellation agenda into the fair trade movement and to support educational efforts exposing problems of the export-led growth model.

Jubilee USA Network also resolved to consult regularly with the Jubilee South campaigns (the debt reduction campaigns in countries of the South) and to support Jubilee South as the voice of people suffering from and struggling against the debt.

RELIGIOUS WORKING GROUP ON THE WORLD BANK AND IMF

The Religious Working Group on the World Bank and IMF (RWG) at the end of the year 2000 produced a statement, *Global Economic Policy and the Restoration of Right Relationships* which looks beyond the cancellation of debt to emphasize the restoration of right relationships among people (individuals, communities, nations), between human beings and the rest of creation, and between human beings and God. The full Statement is available on the RWG Web site, www.religiouswg.org. Many organizations have signed on to this Statement.

On Good Friday, April 13th, the RWG, conducted the Economic Way of the Cross from the west steps of the Capitol via various Government departments and the White House to the World Bank and IMF. The theme of this year's event was "Their Debt—Our Sin; Drop the Debt". Participants included an ecumenical cross section of religious groups from the Washington area (including USCMA) as well as members of Witness for Peace.

HOW DOES THE UNITED STATES RANK AMONG OTHER NATIONS IN TERMS OF FOREIGN AID?

Despite being the world's wealthiest economy, the United States ranks last among donors in foreign aid measured as a percentage of gross national product (GNP), at just one-tenth of one-percent (0.1%) for the past two years. By comparison, the 1995 Copenhagen Social Development Summit accord (to which the US is a party) called for development assistance of at least seven-tenths of one percent (0.7%) of GNP. This discrepancy points to the need for continued advocacy for broad based foreign aid program that addresses global poverty resulting from debt repayments and natural and human-made disasters.

In addition to fully funding international debt relief agreements, the U. S. Catholic Conference, Department of Social Development and World Peace is calling for a foreign aid assistance package that addresses the particular needs of sub-Saharan Africa, a region that

suffers from the most severe poverty in the world. On March 28, 2001, the USCC and Catholic Relief Services presented oral testimony and filed detailed written testimony on foreign aid with the Subcommittee on foreign Operations of the House Committee on Appropriations. The testimony called for \$1 billion in increased development and educational assistance for sub-Saharan Africa, \$1 billion in increased funding to battle global health risks, including HIV/AIDS, in sub-Saharan Africa. Support for these issues are broad based and are demonstrated in the activities of Catholic Relief Service, Bread for the World and InterAction.

LANDMINE ELIMINATION AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2001

Bills establishing the Act were introduced in both houses of the 107th Congress on March 8th of this year. The Senate bill (S.487) was introduced by Mr. Patrick Leahy(D-VT) with the House version (H.R. 948) being presented by Mr. Jim McGovern (D-MA), Mr. Jack Quinn (R-NY), and Mr. Lane Evans (D-IL).

The bill's main points:

- Urges President George W. Bush to join the Mine Ban Treaty as soon as possible.
- Directs the Department of Defense to field Mine Ban Treaty alternatives to antipersonnel mines.
- Directs the President to create an inter-agency committee on landmine victim assistance.
- Directs the extension of the current US prohibition on the export of antipersonnel landmines and anti-tank landmines.

To see complete copies of these bills and if your members of Congress have sponsored them, visit www.banminesusa.org .

Calendar and Positions

Shining Like The Sun - Thomas Merton's Transforming Vision, The 7th General Meeting of the International Thomas Merton Society, June 7-10, 2001, Bellarmine University, Louisville, Ky. *For more information contact:* Jonathan Montaldo by calling 502-452-8187 or via e-mail at jmontaldo@bellarmine.edu

The American Society of Missiology & The Association of Professors of Mission Annual Meeting - June 14-17, 2001, Techny, Illinois.

APM: "Weaving Experience into the Mission Classroom"

ASM: "Missionaries for the 21st Century: Their Recruitment and Training, Ministry and Roles, Care and Attrition"

For more information contact: Judy Bos, ASM Meeting Registrar, Western Theological Seminary, 101 E. 13th St., Holland, MI 49423-3622, Phone: 616-392-8555, e-mail judy@westernsem.org

Acculturation Workshop for newly arrived foreign-born religious and priests residing in the U.S.. The general goal is to assist religious and priests in adjusting to their new environment and missionary life in the U.S. June 4th - June 8th at the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Seminary Building, Maryknoll, NY. In addition, individual workshops on site and in response to particular needs of dioceses, religious congregations, or groups can also be designed. *For more information contact:* Cross-Cultural Services, Maryknoll, NY 10545, 914-941-7590, e-mail ccs@maryknoll.org.

Called by Faith.....United in Action

National Gathering on Africa June 23-26, 2001 Georgetown University, Washington, DC. This national gathering is co-sponsored by Bread for the World, Catholic Relief Services and Lutheran World Relief. The gathering will provide participants with the opportunity to learn, worship, celebrate, and act with others from across the country who share a passion for justice in Africa. Noted African speakers include Catholic Bishop Charles Palmer-Buckle from Ghana and Lutheran Bishop Ambrose Moyo from Zimbabwe. *For more information contact:* Kathy Brown, Advocacy Manager, CRS at 1-800-625-2220, ext. 3620. To make reservations, call Judith Layng, National Gathering Coordinator at 1-800-82-BREAD, ext. 260. Or, visit www.bread.org

GATE: Global Awareness Through Experience, offers a diversity of alternative travel experiences in Latin America and Eastern Europe. Trips for the remainder of this year include, Mexico/Chiapas, Guatemala, El Salvador and the Eastern European countries of the Czech Republic and Poland. *For more information contact:* GATE, 912 Market Street, La Crosse, WI 54601-8800, call 608-791-5283, or visit www.GATE-Travel.org.

Summer at Maryknoll 2001 July 8-20, PEOPLE TO PEOPLE PEACEMAKING

Featured Topics: * *The Journey of Violence to Wholeness* * *Peacemaking and the Arts* * *Peacemaking at the Grassroots*

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Cross-Cultural Service Co-Coordinator Maryknoll's Cross-Cultural Services is expanding and seeking another individual with experience in overseas mission with skills in adult education, networking, administration and counseling or spiritual direction. Masters Degree in related areas preferred with proven experience in above areas. Position requires creativity, flexibility, frequent travel and skills in group processing. Position also requires designing and implementing programs and workshops around cross-cultural issues. Starting no later than October 1, 2001. *Mail/fax/e-mail resume w/ salary requirements to:* Janira Quinones, personnel Dept. Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302 Fax: (914) 944-4113 e-mail: Jquinines@maryknoll.org

Director Glenmary Commission on Justice

The Glenmary Home Missioners are seeking a Director with a background in Community Organizing/Development to assist grassroots community groups in the rural South. The Director will facilitate the empowerment and development of local groups, and coordinate regional and national gatherings of communities and church workers. Skills needed include good communication and writing skills, fluency in Spanish, and the ability to travel long distances alone. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience. Contact: Rev. Bob Dalton, 615-256-1900; e-mail: BDalton@glenmary.org.

USCMA 20TH ANNIVERSARY

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USCMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING

Holiday Inn Select - Memphis Airport
Memphis, TN

October 26 - 28, 2001

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS: YESTERDAY, TODAY. . . ALWAYS

10/26 Registration 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM -- 10/26 Conference begins: 3:00 PM -- 10/28 Conference closes: Noon Sunday

PRE-CONFERENCE SEMINAR: DEVELOPING A RATIONALE FOR TWINNING

1:00 PM Thursday (10/25) - Noon Friday (10/26)

COSTS	By 9/24/01	After 9/24/01
*Conference for USCMA Members	\$175.00	\$200.00
*Conference + USCMA Membership	\$215.00	\$240.00
Non-members	\$225.00	\$250.00
**Pre-Conference Seminar (members & non-members)	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00

Hotel: \$67.00 + tax per night for up to 4 persons/room
[Consider coming early or staying late to enjoy local Memphis attractions.]

* Conference fees include all meals and materials

** Pre-Conference fees include materials and meals from the break on Thursday through Friday breakfast (Fri. lunch is on your own)

- BROCHURES AND REGISTRATION MATERIALS WILL BE MAILED LATER THIS SUMMER -