



SVD NEWSLETTER



A WORD FROM THE PROVINCIAL

Dear Confreres,

One of the great things about our founder is that he has the gift of saying simple things in very beautiful ways. In a book- ‘God’s Holy Will Alone’ written in German by Br. Ewertz and translated into English by Br. Rudy Heckel, I came across this powerful saying of our founder; “gratitude is the foundation of our dedication to God to do all that he wills. Religious persons should be able to make their lives an offering to God; they should dedicate themselves to God, not by force, but by choice, for this is true love”

Choosing to offer ourselves out of choice and not by force gives credibility and a deep sense of meaning and purpose to our offering. Admittedly, all of us have offered and continue to offer ourselves for mission in our diverse apostolates and I am grateful to you individually and collectively.

There is a saying that “give praise to the tree that it might bear more fruit”. I want to give not only praise, but take this opportunity to express my profound gratitude and to ask God’s choicest blessings on all confreres both local and foreign who donated various sums of money towards the renovation of our Guest House. It stands tall and beautiful now as a “five star” residence according to my standards.

I am equally full of thanks to our confreres who offered themselves for the AJS spirituality workshop and the retreat that followed. I know you have put in place teams/groups with our sisters (SSPS) to animate our spirituality in the province. May I encourage you not to allow the ‘fire’ in you to die. Be assured of support from the Provincial Administration.

For those who had the opportunity to participate in the province annual retreat facilitated by our confrere Michael Somers of the AJSC in Steyl, I say a big thank you. I sincerely encourage confreres who for one reason or another could not participate in the retreats, to find time within the year to do their retreat. We all need renewal for growth.

I extend a big welcome to all our confreres who are home/Ghana for their leave and a refreshing time for those gone abroad for home leave.

May the triune God inspire us to continue to dedicate our lives to serving him out of love and not by force; and to show gratitude for all that we are and have.

Your confrere,

Joshua Gariba, SVD
Acting Provincial

PROVINCE NEWS

SVD Brothers Celebrates Brothers Day

SVD Brothers celebrated Brothers Day in St. Martin Secondary School (SMART) at Adoagyiri, Nsawam on 16th June 2010. This celebration was a response of the resolution of the SVD Assembly of Brothers held in the Philippines last year. There were two main sessions in the program. The first was the talk on SVD Brothers in Ghana and its connection to SMART; and the second was the celebration of the Holy Eucharist with special focus on religious and missionary vocation. The first session began at 9:00 am. Rev. Bro. Pius Agyemang was the main speaker of the session. Apart from 8 SVD Brothers and 6 SVD Priests in attendance there were more than 900 students participated in the symposium. In his talk, Bro. Pius shared that, the school – SMART was started because the SVD wanted that its Brother candidates should have an additional Secondary Education apart from their Form 4 Certificates which they were already having. The school was very small in the beginning. According to Br. Pius, among the last group of 21 Brothers he was the only one who survived in this special journey to Religious Brotherhood. He said that he did not regret to have continued to be an SVD Brother. And he is happy to remain an SVD Brother forever. Though few Brothers were coming to the school, nonetheless many students were enrolling. So with this small beginning it grew bigger and bigger until it arrived to this present profile: SMART having more than 1000 male and female students; SMART having more teachers and SMART having more facilities. He concluded by challenging the students to pray and discern for a religious vocation; to join the Society and to promote the Brothers' Vocation in the SVD because the SVD gave birth to St. Martin's Secondary School. After the talk questions like: who is an SVD Brother? do they marry? how can one join and so forth? were spontaneously asked and a vocation club was formed. The second part which was the celebration of the Holy Eucharist began at 4:00pm. The main celebrant Rev. Fr. John Acheampong, SVD who was also the Head Master of the school encouraged all, specially, the students to do their tasks very well. He commented that to study well, to pray well, and to do their "work and happiness" very well can be signs of a vocation to religious life. He supported this by sharing the story of his own vocation to the SVD that he was diligent in his work and studies; the witnesses of the SVD founding generation especially St. Arnold Janssen and St. Joseph Freinademetz were exemplary. He remarked, we did not play with our studies and works. He also added this encouraging and challenging thought by mentioning the lives of St. Francis of Asisi and St. John Bosco among others. Together with Fr. Andrew Quayye-Foli, SVD he concluded by singing a vocation song.

Arnoldus Family Makes an Annual Retreat



Members of the Arnoldus Family: SVD and SSpS in Ghana Province made their annual retreat in Divine Word Catholic Conference Center (DWCCC) at Adoagyiri Nsawam on 20th -26th June (First Batch); 27th June – 3rd July (Second Batch) and 4th – 11th July (Third batch).

As retreat guide, Fr. Michael Somers, SVD accompanied the retreatants into a deep spiritual journey to meet God in light of the Divine Word – Jesus Christ which sparkles in the witness of life of the SVD, SSpS and SSpSAP founding generation: St. Arnold Janssen; St. Joseph Freinademetz; Blessed Helena; Blessed Josefa; and 4 SVD Martyrs – Blessed Louis Mzyk, Blessed Gregory Frackowiak, Blessed Aloysius Liguda and Blessed Stanislaus

Kubista.

Certainly, he remarked, they can lead us to God because they were **men and women of prayer**: "*When we offer up most of our prayer for others and only think of ourselves last, not out of pride but out of love for God and neighbor, our good God will hear our prayers for ourselves just as well as if we had prayed twice or three times as much for our own wishes.*" - St. Arnold. "*Prayer is for the Catholic Mission what is rain for the fields*" – St. Joseph. "*I have prayed earnestly for the light of the Holy Spirit that God may lead me according*

to the plan he has had for me from all eternity - Blessed Josefa. **Men and women of God:** “God’s will is eminently precious; it is the fount of all happiness. Our good God means so well with us. If only we would always faithfully fulfill his holy will and pay attention to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.” - St. Arnold “Let us remain unafraid in all dangers, trusting calmly in the divine Providence that catches over us day and night,” - St. Joseph. “God alone can fill your heart. The human heart is far too great to be held captive by creatures.”- Blessed Maria Helena. “I desire nothing more than with the grace of God to be the least and to sacrifice myself for the work of evangelization.” – Blessed Josefa. **Men and women of mission:** “The Lord challenges our faith to do something new, precisely when so many things are collapsing in the Church.” – St. Arnold. “To be missionary is the finest task in the world”– St. Joseph. “I am prepared to dedicate myself to serving the apostolate with all my love and all my life..” – Blessed Helena. “I desire nothing more than, with the grace of God, to be the least and to offer myself as a sacrifice for the work of spreading the Faith.” – Blessed Josefa.

He synthesized that the Arnoldus Family spirituality, as reflected in the life of the founding generation, is a journey of life. This journey is a journey of a dynamic relationship within oneself, with others and all of creation and with God in one’s conversion, compassion and contemplation. In this call to life-giving relationships the mission is to participate in God’s mission of proclaiming the Kingdom of God. With a discerning spirit being abreast with the signs of the times, the members of Arnoldus Family proclaim the Kingdom of God with emphasis on its inclusiveness, which means that, no one and nobody is excluded. Therefore, they are mindful not of conformity but of their openness to diversity. And this would spontaneously flow in the spirit of their fourfold prophetic dialogues: 1) with faith seekers and with people who have no faith community (SVD) - relationship with the un-evangelized (SSpS); 2) with the poor and marginalized (SVD/SSpS); 3) with different people of cultures (SVD/SSpS) and 4) with different religious traditions and secular ideologies (SVD/SSpS). Marked by their fourfold characteristic dimensions (SVD/SSpS): 1) Biblical ministry (SVD) – Truth (SSpS); 2) mission animation (SVD) – community formation (SSpS); 3) Justice and peace and integrity of creation (SVD/SSpS) and 4) Communication (SVD) – with preferential option for women (SSpS).

In attendance, there were 15 SSpS and 11 SVDs in the first batch; 2 SSpS and 36 SVDs in the second batch, and 25 SSpS and 5 SVDs in the third batch.

May the Holy Triune God live in our hearts and in the hearts of all people.

DISTRICT NEWS

Accra District:

New Aplaku

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church of New Aplaku is 10 years Old.



A decade of existence with constant growth in numerical strength, physical structures and in the life in the Spirit of its members is more than wonderful.

The celebration of the 10th anniversary of Sts. Peter and Paul was a week-long affair. It started with a “Youth Day” on 27th June 2010. This was followed by the celebration of the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul itself on 29th June. And then there was spiritual retreat from 30th June – 2nd July led by Fr. James Owusu. After that, general “work and happiness”-cleaning up on the 3rd July. Then finally, the climax of the celebration was celebrated on 4th July. On the

climax day, the archbishop of the Metropolitan Archdiocese of Accra, most Rev. Charles Palmer Buckle graced the occasion with Episcopal Mass. Fr. John Straathof, SVD, the parochial administrator, and Fr. Robert Yinamyah, SVD, assistant priest, concelebrated with him. “A decade of God’s Grace, Mercies and Blessings” in following the life of Sts Peter and Paul the Apostles was the theme. Peter the Apostle to the Jews on whom the Lord builds his church; Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles, in whom the Lord gave the mandate of proclaiming the Good News to the whole world were indeed two great pillars of the Church worthy to be venerated. Before confirming 47 (15 boys and 32 girls) confirmandi, His Grace Bishop Charles proclaimed his final catechesis to them. He highlighted the importance of: 1) prayer, 2) fasting, 3) good works, 4) Word of God, and 5) Holy Eucharist. He said that as confirmed Christians we are missionaries of Christ. Following therefore the example of Christ, Christians are men and women who pray; find time for fasting; do corporal and spiritual works of mercy; have deep love of the Word of God; and receive often the Holy Eucharist. There was also a thanksgiving collection on that day. Sunday born turned out to be the winner. According to some members, it happened so because Fr. John Straathof was born of Sunday. The new school building (uncompleted) was dedicated after the Mass. The reception and socializing recapped the whole celebration.

FORMATION

Novitiate

Invitation to the first vows - Ghana

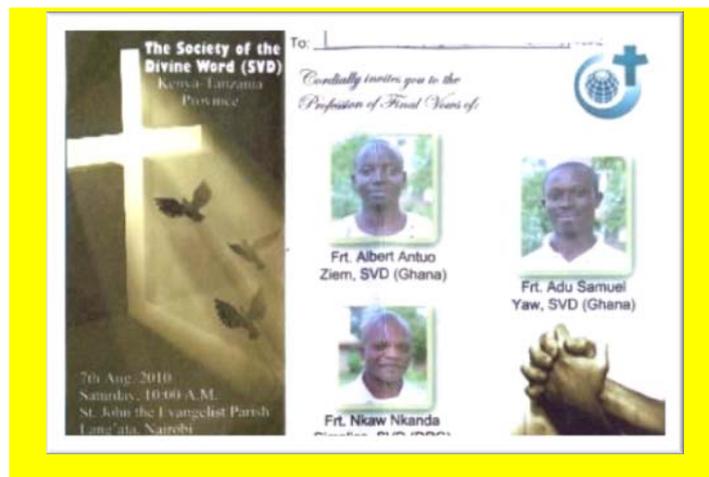


The SVD Novices: Adjetey Adjei Emmanuel, Agbeyome - Akpah Vincent, Amanor Augustine, Asante Bruce Eugene, Davordzie Gideon, Djiba Youta Joseph, Dzokpe Komla Emile, Fahin Degla Alphonse, Forgor Lampitey Peter, Kimathi Mburugu James, Koula BalondaThierry, Koutanji Wayename Janvier, M’gaiti Lawrence Muthee, Djiba Youta Joseph, Sekle Christophe, Tchekpi Jean-Bertrand, together with the SVD formation team are inviting you to their first vows. The date: 18th July 2010. The venue: St. Peter’s Chapel, Nkwatia – Kwahu. The time: 9:30 am.

CFC - Kenya

Invitation to Final Vows

SVD Common Formation team – Kenya are inviting us for the final vows of our three confreres: Frt. Albert Antuo Ziem, SVD – from Ghana, Frt. Adu Samuel Yaw, SVD – from Ghana, and Frt. Nkaw Nkanda – from Congo on 7th August 2010 at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Langata – Nairobi.



ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Arrivals:

Fr. Michael Somers and Sr. Anita, SSpS: 14th June 2010 from Steyl, Holland to facilitate AJST workshop and annual retreats for SVD and SSpS. *Fr. Mike and Sr. Anita have a joyful stay in Ghana. You are most welcome, Akwaaba!*

Fr. Nicholas Aazine: 8th June 2010 from Australia for his well deserved home –leave. *Fr. Niko Akwaaba. Enjoy your holidays. .*

Bro. Bruno Yirzie: 22nd June from Mozambique for his holiday. *Bro Bruno, you're welcome. Have a restful holiday.*

Fr. John Straathof: 30th June 2010 from Holland where he had his both eyes operated. *Fr. John, O trin kwa and welcome back!*

Fr. Stephen Dogodzi: 2nd July 2010 from Vicenza, Italy for his home leave. *Fr. Stephen welcome back. Wish you a memorable holiday.*

Bro. Samuel Dagadu: 3rd July 2010 from Rome for his home leave. *Bro. Sammy, Akwaaba. Enjoy your vacation!*

Fr. Marcel Kakrabah Quarshie; 6th July 2010 from Spain for home-leave. *Fr. Marcel. Bienbenido! Have a restful holiday.*

Fr. Thomas D' Mello: 12th July from home-leave and medical treatment. *Fr. Thomas, hope you are fine now. Welcome back to Ghana!*

Fr. Gerard Tanye: 15th July from Germany for his home – leave. *Fr. Gerard, Willkomen! Enjoy your vacation.*

Departures:

Fr. Joachim Mika: 26th May 2010 for home-leave. *Fr. Joachim, have a stress-free holidays.*

Fr. Kofi Ron Lange: 13th June 2010 to USA for home-leave. *Fr. Kofi, have an enjoyable holidays.*

Fr. Joy Panamthanam: 20th June 2010 to India for home-leave. *Fr. Joy, have a blessed holidays.*

Fr. Marek Dabrowski: 20th June 2010 to Poland for home-leave. *Fr. Marek, have a memorable holidays.*

Fr. Vincent Burke: 22nd July 2010 to USA for short vacation and medical review. *Fr. Vincent, we wish you a pleasant medical review.*

SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES

Spirituality: Arnold Janssen Spirituality Center (AJSC)
SVD SSpS Combined Tertiate Renewal Program 2011

A Journey of Renewal!

This is the IV SVD-SSpS International Combined Tertiate Program for three months. The first two Combine Program were in English (2000; 2003) and the latest was in Spanish (2006). Based on the enriching experiences and strong recommendations of the participants of the past combined programs both SVD and SSpS General Councils have agreed to offer once again to the members of both Congregations.

I. Thrust:

The primary thrust of the program is to foster personal renewal of one's IDENTITY as a religious missionary SVD or SSPS, called to be a witness and to be at the service of the mission of Jesus – the Reign of God in the present context of our world. It is not meant primarily to be an updating course neither on theology nor of pastoral in general. The stress is on RENEWAL of one's religious missionary consecrated life.

Hence the program is organized to facilitate personal renewal and communal process by means of biblical-theological input, reflection and prayer, liturgical celebrations in an international, intercultural and inter-gender living together as a community. A genuine renewal demands personal active participation and commitment to the overall process and the goals of the program.

The participants are of various nationalities and cultures, from different missionary pastoral backgrounds and experiences. This is in itself a source of enrichment for all, which requires an open mindedness and willingness to learn, to appreciate the differences, to share one's own experiences and to dialogue in order to foster the spirit of unity in diversity.

II. The 2011 Combined Tertiate Renewal Program

The Program is from 23 March to 16 June, 2011. It starts in Steyl, the Netherlands, then Brixen-Ojes and ends in Nemi, in Italy.

1. The Steyl-Ojes Part – A three week program of getting in touch with the historical and spiritual roots our religious missionary Spirituality in Steyl, the Netherlands. It is getting to know more about the beginnings of our religious missionary family of three Congregations founded by St. Arnold Janssen together with the Co-Foundresses Bl. Maria Helena Virgo, Bl. Josefa Hendrina and Mother Mary Michaela.

From Steyl a four day pilgrimage to the homeland of St. Joseph Freinademetz in Northern Italy, South Tirol. He was a Diocesan priest who embraced a missionary life to a far country in China and remained there until he died. In his canonization P. John Paul II declared him as "*a model of evangelical inculturation*" for the universal church.

2. The Nemi Part – The major section of the renewal program will be in Nemi, in the Province of Rome, Italy. Nemi is situated in the Albano Hills outside of the city of Rome. It is a quiet place, around 600 meters above sea level, surrounded by the beauty of nature and enveloped by clear pure air – just appropriate for personal rest, reflection and prayer. The main building is just interiorly renovated which offer suitable facilities for such a renewal program. Different invited resource persons come to give their input reflection be scriptural or theological or pastoral or psychological or spiritual to facilitate the inner process of renewal.

III. Contents of the Program

1. Some themes of reflection to foster an ongoing renewal:

- *Process of becoming a faith-life community*
- *Rediscovering the Founding Generation – foundational charism*
- *Roots and basic elements of our missionary Spirituality*
- *Spiritual awareness and spiritual direction*
- *Intercultural living and witnessing*
- *Vowed Identity*
- *Life Transitions*
- *Journey into inner Self*
- *Kingdom of God*
- *Old Testament*

- *Jesus and the gospels*
- *Inter-Gentes Mission in Post Modern Setting*
- *Gender Consciousness*
- *Prophetic Dialogue in Praxis*
- *Mission Today and Characteristic Dimensions*

2. Personal Renewal Project during the program.
3. Intercultural, interracial and inter-gender community living.
4. Spiritual direction.
5. Personal days for integration, prayer, reading and reflection.
6. Sharing of Mission experiences by the participants
7. Visits to Centers of Displaced People and Refugees in Rome
8. Pilgrimages to Goch, Ojes, Rome, Assisi, Catacombs,

IV. Personalized Guided Retreat in silence and in prayer.

The whole renewal is a time of personal spiritual journey, yet there is a privileged moment of being with oneself in the presence of the Triune God in prayer and in silence. Each one is accompanied daily by a Retreat Guide during the retreat.

Requisites for a meaningful participation SVD-SSpS international renewal program 2011

I. Basic conditions for a full participation in the program:

1. Physically and psychologically in good conditions.
2. Clear intention and desire to renew oneself for the missionary service.
3. Openness to an international, multicultural and inter-gender living as a community of disciples, consecrated women and men.
4. Readiness to participate in all the sessions and activities.
5. Openness to share one's life, faith and mission pastoral experiences.
6. Willingness to make the personalized guided retreat in silence and in prayer.
7. Desire to grow spiritually with the help of a spiritual direction during the program.
8. Openness to creative liturgy and prayers celebrating our faith and our life.

Participants are expected a full participation in all sessions and activities of the program. In general two sessions are held in the morning and another two in the afternoon. Sundays are free days.

II. For Application

Please submit the following items for your application. Deadline of submission of Application: 31 October 2010

1. Filled-up Personal Application Form – see attachment.
2. Letter of recommendation from your Provincial Superior or Leader.
3. Two recent passport photos.
4. A Xerox (Photo copy) copy of your passport – only the page where personal data is given.
5. A Medical Recommendation Form to be filled up and signed by your attending physician after your general check up.
6. A one page paper describing your spiritual religious missionary life journey as an SVD or as an SSpS.

(Applicants who are pressured to take this program are advised to wait until you are ready to enter into a renewal journey – freely and wholeheartedly.)

Take this opportunity given to you as a time for yourself, for personal renewal away from the day to day pastoral commitments and responsibilities. As our Constitutions 519 state: *“The tertiate is intended as a period for reflection, deepening one's religious life, strengthening one's missionary vocation and ongoing education... It strengthens the family spirit of our international community and is also a time for relaxation.”*

COMING EVENTS

18 July – First Vows
August – Retreat Confreres in Temporary Vows
7 August – SVD Ordinations
8 August – 18 Sept. - Bible Course at DWCCC
22 August – Renewal of Vows
September – Perpetual Vows
13 October – Local Superiors – Provincial Council Meeting

INFORMATION

1. SVD Guest House Renovation Update

Dear Confreres,

This is to inform you that the renovation work on the SVD Guest House is nearing completion. Most of the room are now available and we are ready to receive you when you come to Accra and need a place to stay.

We request you to let us know when you are expecting to need a room at the SVD Guest House so we can reserve a room for you. We find it painful and unpleasant when a confrere comes and we don't have a room for him. Now that the rooms are self-contained we anticipate more people will be staying here so the need to reserve a room is more necessary than ever. You can call, send a text message, or send an email to reserve your room.

There is no charge for SVDs to stay or take meals at the SVD Guest House, but all non-SVDs including volunteers working with SVDs, visitors of SVDs, etc. are expected to pay for their stay. The new rates are GHc 15.00 per night. Breakfast GHc 4.00, Lunch GHc 5.00, Supper GHc 5.00.

We look forward to seeing you here once again.

Fred Timp, SVD
Guest House Manager

2. The New face of the Divine Word Catholic Conference Center (DWCCC)

The collage features several panels:

- DWCCC CHAPEL:** A photograph of the interior of the chapel.
- Conference Hall:** A photograph of a large, well-lit conference hall.
- Our Logo:** The DWCCC logo, a stylized 'D' and 'W' inside a circle.
- Call for enquiries or Reservations:** Contact information for the center, including the address (P. O. Box 386, Adangyiri-Nsawam, Eastern Region, Ghana), phone numbers (03421 22211, 0243912032, 058124993), and email (dwccc@dwccc.org).
- Akwaaba to WELCOME:** A banner with the text "Akwaaba to WELCOME" and "DIVINE WORD CATHOLIC CONFERENCE CENTRE (DWCCC)".
- Facilities available:** A list of facilities: 42 Rooms, Two conference rooms, A chapel, A secretariat, and Internet browsing.
- DWCCC is a place of prayer and growing in Christian Spirituality:** A panel with a central image of a wooden sculpture and text describing the center's spiritual focus.
- Entry to encounter the Lord:** A panel with a photograph of a wooden door and text: "Entry to encounter the Lord. May the darkness of sin and the night of unbelief vanish before the light of the WORD and the Spirit of Grace. May the heart of Jesus live in the hearts of all people. Amen." Below this is the prayer of St. Arnold Janssen: "Prayer of our founder St. Arnold Janssen".
- DIVINE WORD CATHOLIC CONFERENCE CENTRE ADANGYIRI-NSAWAM (DWCCC):** A panel with a photograph of the center's building and text: "The centre offers a haven of peace and serenity. A place for retreats, seminars, workshops and conferences".
- Prayer of our founder St. Arnold Janssen:** A panel with a photograph of a meal and text: "Every meal prepared and served with the aim of providing a place of prayer and reflection for the members of the community."

WISE SAYINGS FROM THE FOUNDING GENERATION

“Human weaknesses in the Saints make them better understood and more accessible to people” - St. Arnold Janssen

“The greatest task of a missionary is the inner transformation of oneself” - St Joseph Freinademetz

“God brought us together to be one heart and one soul... Remain united and take care that the sisters in different activities have a good relationship.” – Blessed Josefa

JOKES ONLY

Stringy Spinach

A fussy old lady ordered her dinner with care. After taking several bites, she summoned the waiter, “I have never eaten such stringy spinach in my life,” she said.

“Madam,” the waiter said kindly, “why don’t you try removing your veil instead of eating it?”

Sick in School

John: “Mother, I cannot go to school today.”

Mother: “Why?”

John: “I don’t feel well”

Mother: “Where don’t you feel well, my son?”

John: “In school.”

Tit for Tat

A physician after placing some flowers on the grave of his friend noticed an old Chinese placing a plate of rice on a nearby grave.

“When do you expect your friend to come and eat the rice?” asked the doctor.

“The same time when your friend comes up to smell the flowers.” was the Chinaman’s reply.

WORTH REMEMBERING

July

1	Koula BalondaThierry	Feastday	13	Henry Noordermeer	Feastday
3	Ireneus Boli Lolan	Birthday	18	Frederick Timp	Feastday
3	Thomas D’Mello	Feastday	19	Peter Kabutey	Birthday
3	Koula BalondaThierry	Birthday	23	Matthias King	Birthday
4	Anthony Dugay	Birthday	25	Kimathi Mburugu James	Feastday
4	Stephen Dogodzi	Birthday	25	Maurice (James) Djadoo	Feastday
4	Julius Keeke	Birthday	25	James O. Amankwah	Birthday
6	Aurès Da Silva	Birthday	25	Sekle Christophe	Feastday
			26	Joachim Mika	Feastday
10	Hans Gerber Agbenafa	Birthday	27	Rudy Chamenyi	Feastday
10	Alfred Ayem	Birthday	28	Victor Leones	Feastday
11	Mark Mutero	Birthday	30	Joachim Mika	Birthday
13	Henry Kweku-Duah	Feastday	31	Sunil Rodrigues	Feastday
13	Henry Kweku-Duah	Birthday			

July	Our departed confreres	Year
1	James Doerfler	1992
3	Lawrence Aurbach	2001
6	Alonso Arockiadass	1990
11	Curtis Washington	1985
13	Yeremias Palur	2002
19	Clement Hotze	2001
23	Willibald Regnath	1989

August

1	Anthony B. Amissah	Birthday	17	Charles Ashun	Birthday
2	Alfons Amanor	Birthday	19	Augustine Amanor	Birthday
1	Alfons Amanor	Feastday	20	Bernard Adjei Appiah,	Feastday
1	Alphonse Dungdung	Feastday	20	Germain Mukinisa	Birthday
4	John Duah Prempeh	Feastday	20	Bernardus Tang	Feastday
8	Dogba, Paul	Birthday	20	Gideon Nana Apreku	Birthday
8	Dominic Asare	Feastday	20	Bernard Assenyoh	Feastday
8	Emmanuel Azure	Birthday	21	Francis (Pius)Agyeman	Feastday
8	Boniface Mbithi	Birthday	21	Patrick Kodom	Birthday
9	Edmund Afagbegee	Birthday	24	Apollonius Bria	Birthday
11	Antonius Hibur	Birthday	25	Apollonius Bria	Feastday
			28	Hans Gerber Agbenafa	Feastday
12	Peter Accorley	Birthday	28	Gideon Nana Apreku	Feastday
14	Alfred Ayem	Feastday	29	Dominic Asare	Birthday
15	Anthony L. Djimatey	Birthday	29	Josef Sprehe	Birthday
15	Tarcisius de Ruyter	Feastday	31	Jan Urban	Birthday
15	Joseph Sakite	Birthday	21	Victor Gbotso	Feastday

Aug.	Our departed confreres	Year
14	Charles Erb	2002
17	Franz Huber	1994

Liturgy Corner

Liturgy of the Word

Continuation of the meaning of the Liturgy of the word...

First Reading: Old Testament

From the earliest days, the church has believed in the continuity between the Old and New Testaments. Both focus on the Kingdom of God – Reign of God active in the world which will be realized in all its perfection at the end of time. This and other Old Testament themes, such as creation, salvation, prophecy, law, wisdom, etc., are all recapitulated in the person of Jesus, and help to form the presentation of Jesus, his person, life and ministry, by the New Testament writers. So close is the connection between the Old and New Testaments that Christians cannot fully understand the New Testament presentation of Jesus unless they reflect on the Old (Heb 1:1-3). For this reason it is an essential component of the liturgy of the word.

Responsorial Psalm or Gradual

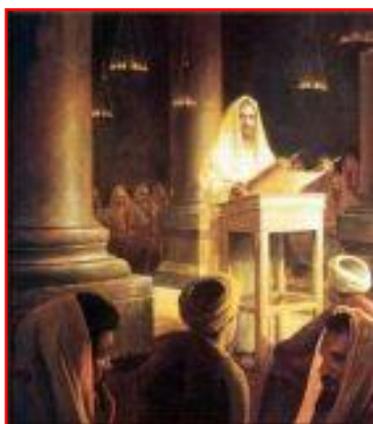
The responsorial psalm or gradual comes after the first reading and provides a peaceful and meditative response to God's word. In the synagogue at the time of Jesus, the Jews followed the readings of Scripture with the singing of psalms. Christians borrowed this practice and continue it to the present day in the form of the responsorial psalm.

Second Reading

This reading often called "the epistle" because it sometimes is part of a letter written to the early Christian communities or to individual persons to strengthen their faith, to instruct, to guide, to admonish, or correct errors. The second reading performs a similar function today. While addressed originally to a particular situation in the early church communities, the message of these writings transcends the centuries to motivate contemporary Christians and to deepen their appreciation of the mystery of Christ.

Pius Agyemang

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...



**...to proclaim Good News to the poor.:
(Lk. 4: 18)**