

# Mission Letter

A QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER FROM THE MISSIONARIES OF AFRICA (WHITE FATHERS)

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Dear friends of the Missions,

Every six years the Society of the Missionaries of Africa holds a general chapter. A Chapter is the meeting of elected delegates, representing missionaries working in many different countries. Their task is to understand and evaluate the present situation, the different challenges, and to plan for the next six years. It is also the occasion to choose the leadership team which will guide us in our missionary commitments.

Six years ago, the delegates chose our first African Superior General. He was assisted by four confreres, originally from Belgium, Great Britain, Congo and Mexico. Father Richard Baawobr cannot be re-elected because he has been ordained the bishop of Wa, his home diocese in Ghana.



**Our Superior General (2010-2016): Fr. Richard Baawobr (in the middle) (Ghanaian) and the four Assistants General: (from left to right) Emmanuel Ngona (Congolese) ; Jos Van Boxel 1st Assistant (Belgian) ; Sergio Villaseñor (Mexican) and Peter Welsh (British)**



**Fr. Richard Baawobr at his consecration as Bishop of Wa on May 7, 2016**

Last October, a member of our community left for Rome. Fr. Andrew Lane went to the PISAI (Pontifical Institute for Studies on Islam) to teach and train people (priests and laity) to understand and relate to the Muslim world. Fr. Andrew has a doctorate in Islamology.

We remain three in our Toronto community, sharing different responsibilities. Myself, Fr. Mike Merizzi, I am the local bursar, who sends receipts and words of thanks to all of you who send donations; I also help out in parishes when there is a need. Fr. Armand Galay, our vocation director, is involved in youth ministry but also in many other ministries for families, (Marriage Encounter, Retrouvailles) and in giving retreats and sessions. Fr. Marc Angers, our Team leader, is the chaplain to the French speaking Cursillo movement, does regular ministry in Brampton and helps out in other parishes when requested to do so.

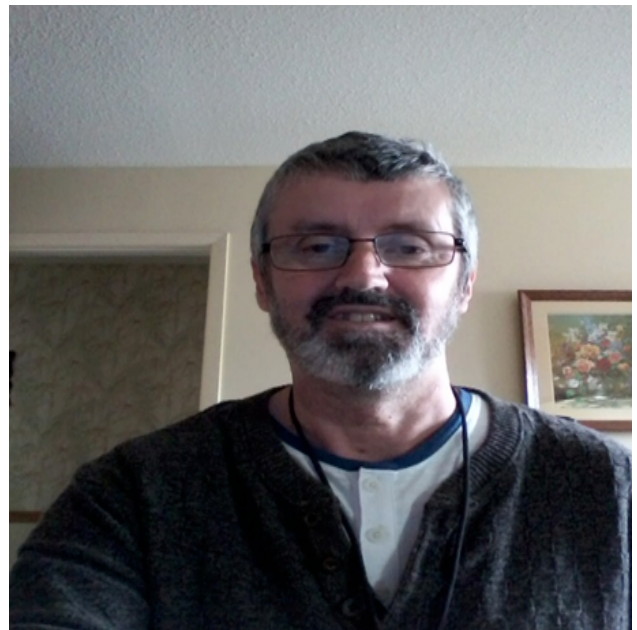
We thank you for your continued interest in our missionary activity in Africa and for the support of your prayers and your financial contributions.

United in prayer

Fr. Mike Merizzi M Afr.

We invite you to join us in praying for this Chapter, so that the Holy Spirit may guide not only the new general council but all the members of our Missionary Society to continue to proclaim the Good News to our African brothers and sisters.

Recently we had the pleasure of welcoming father Paul Johnston, a missionary of Africa, on leave to visit his family and friends in Brampton. He has now returned to the Philippines where he is in charge of the formation of future missionaries of Africa. We wish him a fruitful ministry there.



**Fr. Paul Johnston**