A Grateful Farewell

Fittingly, on the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul, this June 29, our Governor General, Professor Agostino Borromeo, will officially complete his second mandate, stepping down from the office which he has served with such distinction these last 8 years. 

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CALENDAR

Queensland Lieutenancy Meetings and Events 2017

- August 1 2017: 20 years of the Order in Queensland – 6.00PM Mass, Investitures and Promotions – at the Cathedral followed by Dinner at Parliament House
- September 24, 2017: Mass for the Order at St. Stephen’s Cathedral followed by lunch - venue for lunch to be confirmed.
**A Grateful Farewell**

It has been my privilege to have served with him since my arrival in Rome in 2011. He has been a good personal friend. A man of solid Catholic Faith, of singular integrity and selfless generosity, his prudent counsel has offered sure guidance to me and to leadership throughout the Order. His service to the universal Church has added to his fulltime duties as our Governor General, both in his collaboration with diverse offices of the Holy See, and in his leadership role in UNITALSI, coordinating pilgrimages to Lourdes for people with special needs throughout Italy.

At last, he can now devote appropriate time to Beatrice and the Borromeo family. In addition, he will undoubtedly immerse himself in the scholarly research and writing which he has sacrificed for our benefit over all these years.

Prayerfully, we wish him well, as we are happily reassured that his generous expertise will still be “on call” when needed.

- Edwin Cardinal O’Brien

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**EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE**

**AUSTRALIA-QUEENSLAND ANNUAL RETREAT**

**NORTH QUEENSLAND SECTION**

**HELD AT THE HOUSE OF PRAYER  SATURDAY 17th JUNE 2017**

The Townsville section held their annual retreat on a beautiful Saturday in North Queensland. I attended as Lieutenant, accompanied by David Thomson KHS. We were welcomed by the members of the section.

Fr Crowley from Atherton again led the retreat and as always provided a prayerful and thoughtful insight to the chosen topic.

This year he focused on the need to support the priestly vocations. The dire shortage of priests especially in the more remote areas of the state is becoming ever more conspicuous. He spoke not only of the need for the Church to promote vocations but how we as individuals must seek, support and encourage those we see and suspect may be challenged by such a vocation.

The changing face of the Church in modern society and the upcoming challenges of the report from the Royal Commission into Institutional Abuse were also discussed. All members present provided their ideas, prejudices and concerns for the future which laid the basis for a stimulating and prayerful discussion.

The day concluded with time for prayer, confession and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

I thank not only Fr Crowley, but the members of the Section for again providing such a wonderful opportunity for members to think, pray and become involved.
That evening at the Cathedral we celebrated Mass led by Fr Ward and Fr Crowley.

We then adjourned to the Townsville Club for dinner where we were honoured to be joined by His Lordship, Bishop Tim Harris.

Bishop Tim was gracious as he accepted his involvement in the Order and outlined his concerns as he begins the onerous task of leading the Townsville Diocese. We were very lucky and privileged to share in his thoughts as he begins a long and challenging pastoral role.

I would like again to thank the members of the Section and encourage them to promote the work of the Order not just within our Lieutenancy but in the broader community of North Queensland.

Monica Thomson DCHS
Lieutenant

We Remember Our Deceased Members:

Mr John Bell, KHS Brisbane
Mr Frank Bowling, KHS Brisbane
Mr Cedric Hampson, KGCHS Brisbane
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May they rest in Peace.
"All with the same rights as witnesses of the Resurrection"
Being a woman in the Order of the Holy Sepulchre

The testimony of a Dame of the Lieutenancy for Austria highlights the important place of women in the Order, of which they have been part since 1871.

Is being a woman inside the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem different to being a man? In my personal experience, a passage from the Book of Genesis (cf. Gen 1:27) is tangible in our Order: "God created man in his image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."

The fact that we are fully accepted is what distinguishes our communities, thus creating a family atmosphere and a "religious homeland", in which each and every member contributes to the development of the charisms. Dames, Knights, lay members and clergy: we all have the same rights as witnesses of the Resurrection.

While the official positions are still mostly occupied by men, Dames are represented in the Grand Magisterium, they hold board positions in Lieutenancies and Delegations where they give essential input to charitable and social outreach, in the liturgy, in the organization of pilgrimages and common prayer. They can also take on the role of Lieutenant, Chancellor or Secretary and this is already happening in various Lieutenancies.

Our Lieutenant for Austria, Karl Lengheimer*, gave great importance to women occupying more space within the Order, of which they have been members since 1871. And thanks to his personal commitment, Dames are now represented on all of the Order’s delegations. The close working relationship between men and women are growing at all levels and we can perfectly describe this reality with the expression “the Order family.”

Eva Maria Leiner

*This article first appeared in the 2016 annual review of the Lieutenancy for Austria.
From 1 January 2017, Dr. Andreas Leiner became the new Lieutenant.
BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE OF AMBASSADOR LEONARDO VISCONTI DI MODRONE

Leonardo Visconti di Modrone was born in Milan in 1947 and graduated in Economics and Commerce in 1970. He entered the Italian Diplomatic Corps in 1971 and served in diplomatic representations in New York (United Nations), Cairo, London, Vienna and Madrid. He has also carried out foreign missions in various European nations, North and South America, Africa, the Middle East and Asia.

He has served as an advisor to the Presidency of the Council of Ministers with ten different heads of government.

From 2010 to 2015, he was the Head of the Diplomatic Ceremonial of the Republic. He finished his career in 2012 as Ambassador of Italy to Spain.

Later he held positions for the Italian Government, among which he was recently consultant in the organization of the G7 Summit in Taormina.

He is a member of the Grand Magisterium of Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem since 2014. Married in 1971 with Anna Sanfelice di Monteforte, he has three daughters and six grandchildren.

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"I want to serve the Order in continuity with my predecessor"

Exclusive interview with Ambassador Leonardo Visconti of Modrone, the new Governor General

Excellency, as you settle into the role of Governor General of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre, what are your innermost sentiments?

I have some trepidation, being well aware that this is a very important office within the Church in the service of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Professor Agostino Borromeo has devoted his professional life to the history of the Church and has always viewed his commitment to the Order as an ecclesial mission, so he was very well suited to taking on the responsibility of the Governorship for two terms. We must pay homage to him as he leaves a healthy legacy: we have never had so many members and so many
donations. My experience is very different, as I have served my country in the diplomatic service as an ambassador and this has allowed me to establish many important international relations. I trust that this will be useful to our pontifical institution which is universal in dimension. However, I still have a lot to learn from my consœurs and my confrères, Dames and Knights all over the world, and I count on Agostino Borromeo to accompany me, especially in the first phase of my four-year term. I want to serve the Order in continuity with my predecessor.

You mentioned your diplomatic experience. In what way would you see it as being valuable to exercising your new role, alongside the Grand Master, at the head of the Order?

Lieutenancies and Magistral Delegations that structure the life of the Order on all continents are somewhat equivalent to embassies for a government. Looking at the map of our peripheral structures, in many countries, I think of my work that has been, for over forty years, in dialogue with a multilateral diplomatic network. I can therefore make this dialogue experience available to promote cooperation, exchange, coherence in action and a dynamic of communion between all and everyone. I will have to visit the Lieutenants, keep in touch with our local leaders in continuity with what Professor Borromeo accomplished and in accordance with the directives of our Grand Master appointed by the Holy Father, His Eminence Cardinal Edwin O’Brien. He himself sets the example by frequently traveling to meet our members and to encourage their spiritual life and their mission of service to the Mother Church which is in the Holy Land. His visits, in recent years, have revitalized the Order in a truly exceptional way.

Your right-hand-man in all of this, Ambassador Alfredo Bastianelli, who has been Chancellor of the Order for about a year, is also a close former colleague from the diplomatic service. How will your collaboration work?

I am pleased to find my colleague and friend Ambassador Alfredo Bastianelli. We worked together with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in close collaboration for many years. As Chancellor of the Order, his in-depth knowledge of the current situation will be of great help, especially as I take my first steps as Governor General. We will continue to work in close proximity and complementarity, as we did earlier in our shared diplomatic career.

In your opinion, what is the current situation of the Order and what are the challenges that lie ahead in the coming years?

The Order is important for the Church and for society, but it deserves greater consideration because it is too often unknown to the public and even to the political world. For example, we are honored that the President of the Italian Republic, Sergio Mattarella, is a member of the Order. His engagement could inspire other authorities who, by approaching our pontifical institution, could contribute to developing a synergy at the service of the people of the Middle East who suffer so much in this time of “piecemeal world war” as the Pope has called it. Our action in the Holy Land is in fact fundamental, especially through the educational works we sustain in Jordan, Palestine, Israel and Cyprus, on the vast territory of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. We will have to boost our communications to participate in initiatives in favor of justice and peace in these regions of the world where people aspire to fraternity and serenity in a dialogue of cultures and respect for different religious traditions.

The Pope counts on the Order of the Holy Sepulchre to continue to support Christians in the Middle East whose role as mediators is fundamental: they constitute a great bridge between communities, as witnesses of openness to others and actors of dialogue in fidelity to the Gospel of Christ. In your view, what can be improved within the Order to help boost this mission?

The Holy Father invites us to evangelical consistency. His directives call out to us: we must give less importance to the external aspect of our belonging to the Order and to favor our inner, spiritual commitment to deepen our struggle for dialogue and social justice in the Holy Land. My concept of the Church is in full agreement with that of Pope Francis, and I hope that the members of the Order will be increasingly focused on the living Gospel, abandoning everything that can, from a distance or from close up, evoke vanity, pride, and "worldliness." This is the expression of the Catholic faith that
my wife and I have tried to convey to our three children and that is what we now witness to our six grandchildren. Humility is the only path that radiates the joy of the Kingdom of God already in this world.

**What is the first message you want to send to the members of the Order as you take up office?**

I invite all the members of the Order to unity and ask them to strengthen their effective participation in resolving problems in the Holy Land, especially by going on pilgrimage and being in contact with people on the ground as often as possible. I have been deeply affected by my pilgrimages to the Holy Land, which began in my adolescence. At 13 I had the opportunity to live for some weeks in a kibbutz with other pilgrims and the priest of my parish, and I believe that we must do everything to educate young people to love this land, where God-made-man gave his life to teach us to live as brothers and sisters. In this sense, we should take care not to superimpose our liturgical celebrations with respect to our mission of solidarity: their meaning is to spiritually nourish our commitment to serving the Church’s works on biblical territories that the Pope entrusts to our care. That is why we must create local synergies with all the political, social and economic forces, eager to promote peace and justice in these lands of suffering and hope.

Let’s prepare for the 2018 Consulta, which will bring together the leaders of the Order in order to welcome our new statutes to adapt our whole course of action to the challenges that await us. The urgency is consistency.

*Interview by François Vayne, for the Communication Office of the Grand Magisterium of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre*

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**The Latin Church in Jerusalem celebrates Corpus Christi at the Holy Sepulchre**

*June 16, 2017*

It was in the Middle Ages, from the thirteenth century that this feast was created at Pope Urban IV’s initiative. At the time, the priest carried the Eucharist in procession in the middle of the streets of the city. Today, many processions are held around the world to celebrate the Blessed Sacrament. Corpus Christi is not only an opportunity to worship and receive Him. It is also an opportunity to reflect on how we respond to God’s love for us and to ponder on our journey towards recognition, communion and forgiveness. It is also an opportunity to give thanks to the Lord for his generosity and love.

In Jerusalem, the Mass on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi was celebrated in the Holy Sepulcher by Archbishop Pizzaballa, concelebrated by several priests. It was an opportunity for many faithful to enter into true communion with Christ at the place where he was buried and had risen.

In his homily, the Archbishop recalled that “It is with this Body that Jesus loved those whom He met, those He approached, those He looked at and saw, He felt compassion for them, those He touched and allowed to touch; He let himself be perfumed. He laid hands on, He caressed, He listened, He spoke. He felt hunger and thirst, tiredness and fear, He shared the way, He sat at table, He experienced tenderness and anger. He prayed to the Father. This Body healed and saved, wherever it went.”

The Mass concluded with the traditional procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the Edicule, then Benediction on the three altars, one of which was in the Tomb of Christ to honor him once again.

Vivien Laguette

Take a virtual tour of the Holy Sepulchre
Go to: http://www.virtualtoursantosepolcro.org/
A little reflection: Walking with hope

My mother lost her leg to cancer and could no longer walk. I am not being morbid just truthful. It reminds me of how much I take for granted in life: even walking. On a day to day basis, I can walk to the coffee shop for my sixth cup for the day (no judgments, please), wander along to the park anytime I want and dance ‘til my feet hurt and never give much thought for those who struggle to take steps or who have no one to walk alongside them.

Recently I asked people about the art of walking. Some told me this week that it “gets you from A to B” and “helps you get places”; then I heard “it’s relaxing and gives time to contemplate and think”. So there are many takes on it. I even know some intrepid ones who walked the 600 km across northern Spain on a mindful pilgrimage.

Yet, walking occurs in other ways. I honour the fact that each day that such as Mission Australia and St Vinnies walk alongside the most vulnerable in practical, focussed and down-to-earth acts of care and compassion. It calls us to stop and think – this is important work that is being done, “walking with and alongside others” and if not us/me/you - then who?

We are called to love every day. And don’t forget in the Gospel Jesus walked many miles to be right where the poor and needy were so he could minister God’s healing and love to them.

Here’s a little excerpt from a recent Mission Australia-related initiative.

Mission Australia Housing has partnered with Monash University’s Department of Occupational Therapy, the Summer Foundation and disability service provider Yooralla to create a tech-savvy unit block that can be controlled using a smartphone. The innovative project aimed to reduce the number of young adults with a disability living in aged care nursing homes. Jono is a current resident of Lardner Road and this is his story:

“...I am a 26-year-old man with cerebral palsy. I am wheelchair-bound and I rely on a tablet with a specialised trackball mouse and keyboard shortcuts to access a computer for all expressive communication. Last year, my dreams came true when I was approved for a unit at Lardner Road in Frankston. After four months of waiting, I finally moved in. The main delay was installing the hoist, which is like a walking sling. Having the walking sling means I can walk around by myself at home. I also bought a bed which I operate using my Samsung tablet. My house is amazing. I can live independently and use all it has to offer. I send a text to staff when I require assistance and they are available 24/7...”
I give thanks for the Mission Australia staff who help Jono and others like him every day.

Knowing such things I am guess we may never quite think of walking in the same way again. And even for ourselves we are urged to refresh ourselves so we can keep on going to render aid and care to others. Here are just some ways to think about walking so we can reset, restore and be ready for the next act of loving service.

- **A relaxation walk** - Perhaps think about walking (without phone or ipad) so as to walk just for relaxation – just to restore yourself!
- **A fitness walk** – could you walk for 20 minutes three times a week for your hearts-sake? (of course when with your GP too as necessary)
- **A prayerful or a gratitude walk** - Could you meditate or just pray as you walk or simply give thanks for what you have?
- **A “between work activities” or in between seeing clients” walk** – when did you last walk away from your desk for the sole purpose of pausing your day and just breathing a little to restore

Prayer-filled blessings as you walk alongside others and walk to restore, reset and relax!

Deacon Peter
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http://www.eohsjaustralia.org/ Password “Member”

Order Hierarchy
http://www.catholic-hierarchy.org/diocese/dxhsj.html
http://www.lieutenancedemontreal.com/magistere-e.htm

Principles of Conduct
http://www.eohsj.net/PrinciplesOfConduct2006.pdf

The West Australian Website
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