



YOUTH JUBILEE 2025: THE CLARETIAN FAMILY ON PILGRIMAGE

From 28 July to 4 August, a million and a half young pilgrims gathered in Rome for the Youth Jubilee. Among them were nearly 500 young people from the Claretian Family, representing 36 countries, who joined together in this celebration of the Universal Church. It was an encounter marked by faith, fraternity, and the joy of being sent forth as Pilgrims of Hope.

The gathering opened with Claret-Way Day at the Basilica of the Sacro Cuore di Maria, where the eight branches of the Claretian Family shared their life and mission with the participants. The programme included interactive activities and personal testimonies. Inspired by the Gospel account of Emmaus, the young people spent the afternoon reflecting on hope in today's world and on their own vocation. The day concluded with the Eucharist, presided over by Fr Luis Enrique Ortiz, CMF, global coordinator of the Claret-Way network.

On 29 July, the pilgrims crossed the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica, joining the Holy Father for the opening Mass of the Jubilee. Another powerful moment came on the afternoon of 31 July in what was known as the ARDE Space, a gathering of prayer and Eucharistic adoration held at Chiesa Nuova parish, where the young people came together under the motto: "Whoever loses their life for me will find it." It was a time of silence, gratitude, and renewal of their missionary commitment.

The Jubilee days were enriched by a wide range of optional activities, giving group leaders the freedom to guide their participants through visits to sites significant in the Church's history in Rome, pilgrimages to places such as Assisi, or other events on the official programme such as exhibitions, prayer services, and concerts. The Claretian Communities in Rome warmly welcomed pilgrims who wished to visit them. Many participants also toured the General Curia, its Claret Gallery, and the Claret Museum-Chapel. A special highlight was

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the exhibition organised by the General SOMI Team, which presented the testimonies of nearly twenty young people from across the continents.

The Jubilee culminated at Tor Vergata with the vigil presided over by Pope Leon and the closing Mass on 3 August, which brought together one and a half million pilgrims. There, the



Claretian youths renewed their commitment to be a light of hope in their home countries, convinced that the charism of St Anthony Mary Claret remains as relevant and transformative today as ever.

The experience was shared widely on social media, especially through the Instagram account @claretwayglobal, which offered daily posts with photos, testimonies, and videos, allowing the whole Claretian Family to follow the pilgrimage closely.

The Youth Jubilee 2025 was not merely an event, but a true *kairós*: a time of grace to rediscover Claretian identity, to strengthen bonds among young people, and to open new paths for shared mission. Rome was filled with songs, flags, smiles, and prayers, bearing witness to the vitality of a youth that dares to dream of a more just and fraternal world.

At the close of the gathering, each young person returned home with hearts aflame, knowing that this Jubilee was not an end but a beginning: an invitation to live and proclaim, wherever they may be, the joy of the Gospel and the hope born of Christ.



CLARETIANS CALLED TO EMBRACE THE PILGRIM IDENTITY ON THE 176TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDATION

Marking the 176th anniversary of the Congregation, the Superior General addressed a letter to all members, recalling the missionary flame ignited in 1849 by St Anthony Mary Claret and his first companions. He stressed that this same flame continues to inspire Claretians today to be a missionary body on the move — with joy, generosity, and solidarity — living out a pilgrim identity in the service of the Gospel.

The full text is available at claret.org

THE FORGE IN FRENCH: A PROMISING START

Los Negrales, Spain. From 22 April to 10 July 2025, Los Negrales hosted the very first French-language edition of The Forge, known as Forge1/25. Thirteen Claretian missionaries from four Major Organisms of French-speaking Africa — Congo, Cameroon, Jean Paul II (Côte d'Ivoire–Burkina Faso), and Padre Xifré (Equatorial Guinea–Gabon)



— took part in this intensive programme of ongoing formation and spiritual renewal, accompanied by three facilitators.

Launched under the guidance of the General Government, the initiative sought to strengthen Claretian identity and to rekindle apostolic fervour in a world marked by constant change. The programme followed the traditional structure of The Forge, unfolding in four stages: Qui prodest?, Patris Mei, Caritas Christi, and Spiritus Domini. These were enriched with moments of prayer, Eucharist, lectio divina, pilgrimages, and practices of personal care.

FR. JAMES PATTERIL, CMF, APPOINTED BISHOP-ELECT OF BELTHANGADY

Vatican City. On 28 August 2025, Fr James Patteril, CMF, was appointed as the second Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Diocese of Belthangady, India. Born in Mangalore in 1963, he entered the Congregation in 1982, professed his perpetual vows in 1988, and was ordained to the priesthood in 1990. After completing his studies in philosophy and theology at St Peter's Seminary, Bangalore, he began his ministry both in India and in Germany, serving in pastoral, formation, and administrative capacities.

Most recently, he has served as Mission Procurator and Consultor of the Province of Deutschland (Germany). The Congregation offers thanks to God for this appointment and entrusts his episcopal ministry to the Heart of Mary.



FR. JAMES PATTERIL, CMF
Bishop-elect of Belthangady
Obispo Electo de Belthangady

HEART OF MARY SCHOOL FOR FORMATORS: ANOTHER EDITION CONCLUDES

Los Negrales, Spain. On 31 July 2025, sixteen Claretian missionaries from thirteen Major Organisms brought to a close the Heart of Mary School for Formators in English, after two months of intensive training in Spain. The programme, launched online in March and held in person from June, combined intellectual reflection with a

spiritual journey.

Participants engaged with key themes such as interculturality, Claretian history, affective maturity, leadership, communication, and accompaniment. The international community of formators became a genuine “living laboratory” of formation. Pilgrimages to Vic, Sallent, Barbastro, and Fontfroide deepened their bond with the heritage of the Founder. Fr Joseph Mbungu, CMF, Prefect General of Formation, encouraged the formators to carry forward their mission in a spirit of humility, prayer, and hope.



ACLA

NEW CHAPTERS FOR SEVERAL DELEGATIONS IN ACLA

The Cameroon Delegation

Buea, Cameroon. From 29 June to 4 July 2025, the 5th Ordinary Assembly of the Independent Delegation of Cameroon took place at the Pius Awa Pastoral Centre. With the participation of 71 members, the assembly became a moment of evaluation, discernment, and renewal of the missionary journey, sustained by hope and a commitment to a fraternity without borders. Fr Manuel Tarmago, CMF (General Econome) presided over the assembly.



A highlight of the gathering was the appointment of the new government, received with gratitude and joy. Fr Elisée Abe Ananga, CMF, was appointed Major Superior, together with the consultors: Fr Dieudonné Ngenso, CMF; Fr Honoré Kenfack, CMF (Econom); Fr Conrad Atangana, CMF; and Fr Moïse Moumassou,

CMF. The decision to appoint five members instead of four responds to the growing needs of the Delegation.

The West Nigeria Delegation

Ibadan, Nigeria. From 30 June to 5 July 2025, the 7th Assembly of the Delegation of West Nigeria took place in Claret House of Theology, Elerumoke, Ibadan under the theme “Consolidating Our Claretian Apostolic Community Life.” The assembly gathered the missionaries in a spirit of fraternity, discernment, and renewal, offering space for reflection, pastoral planning, and formative workshops.

A key moment of the gathering was the announcement of the new Government of the Delegation. Fr Augustine Medaiyedu, CMF, was appointed Major Superior, together with the consultors: Fr Gregory Ezeokeke, CMF; Fr Roland Onuekwesi, CMF; Fr Jude Dominic Igba, CMF; and Fr John Paul Achi, CMF, who will also serve as Econome.



The Congo Delegation

Kinshasa, D.R. Congo. From 3 to 9 August 2025, the 6th Assembly of the Independent Delegation of Congo took place in Mont Ngafula, Kimbondo, under the theme “Missionaries of Hope: Committed Together to Building a Well-Structured Organism, Bearer of Joy and Future.” Fifty-four perpetually professed members of the Organism participated, in an atmosphere of discernment and fraternity.

The highlight of the assembly came on 6 August with the announcement of the new Government of the Delegation: Fr Tryphon Bimbangu, CMF, Major Superior; Br Baudouin Mwanangulu, CMF, Consultor and Economus; Fr Jean Paul Malu, CMF; Fr Placide Sumbula, CMF; and Fr Pierre Héritier Kambidi, CMF, as Consultors. The installation of the Major Superior in the chapel was a solemn gesture of unity and commitment.

The assembly concluded with a Eucharist of thanks-

giving, presided over by Fr Henry Omonisaye, CMF, Vicar General, which sealed with hope the missionary sending forth of the Delegation.



A TIME OF FORMATION FOR THE FORMATORS OF FRENCH-SPEAKING AFRICA

Yaoundé, Cameroon. From 4 to 14 August 2025, a formation session for Claretian formators of French-speaking Africa took place, organised by the General Prefecture of Formation. Its principal aim was to strengthen skills and foster the exchange of experiences in the light of the General Plan of Formation.

Guided by the General Prefect of Formation, Fr Joseph Mbungu Mutu, CMF, twenty-two participants attentively followed the input offered by various lecturers. Key themes included formative accompaniment, ongoing formation, and the challenges posed by new information and communication technologies.

The Superior General, Fr Mathew Vattamattam, CMF, sent a message of encouragement to the participants. Two Eucharistic celebrations, on 9 and 13 August, marked the first and perpetual professions of several young Claretians. The session concluded on 14 August, the eve of the Assumption, in an atmosphere of prayer and fraternity.

NATIONAL GATHERING OF CLARETIAN YOUTH IN MÃE DA ÁFRICA

Lubango, Angola. From 14 to 17 August, the 2nd National Camp of Claretian Youth of the Delegation of MÃe da África was celebrated in the Archdiocese of Lubango, with the participation of 144 young people from São Tomé and different regions of Angola.

The young people embraced the Claret-Way experience, sharing moments of prayer, fraternity, and formation that deepened their commitment to the Gospel.



ASCLA EAST

FORMATION OF CLARET-WAY ANIMATORS IN THE PROVINCE OF AVE MARÍA

Kupang, Indonesia. From 9 to 14 July 2025, an intensive formation programme for future Claret-Way animators was held in Matani, Lasiana, organised by the Youth Ministry and Vocations Promotion of the Province of Ave María. The initiative responds to the call of the Dream of the 2021 General Chapter and to the commitment made in the Assembly of the former Delegation of Indonesia–Timor Leste to promote Claret-Way and prepare its facilitators.

Sixteen candidates took part, receiving training in creativity, innovation, and the skills needed to accom-



pany young people, adolescents, and children. The programme included the design of accompaniment dynamics, the setting of objectives and themes, and the preparation of detailed plans for activities of different lengths.

At the sending-forth Mass, Fr Valens Agino, CMF, Provincial Superior, emphasised the need to keep an open heart for learning, creating, and multiplying the charism received. This process seeks to form a body of animators able to journey with young people in their faith and mission.

THE FIRST PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF AVE MARÍA PROVINCE CONCLUDES

Benlulu, Indonesia. From 30 August to 3 September 2025, the First Provincial Chapter of the Province of Ave María took place at Wisma Claretian, under the theme Communion, Mission, and Participation. Forty-two missionaries participated in an atmosphere of prayer, discernment, and fraternity.

The sessions opened with a day of retreat led by Fr Mathew Vattamattam, CMF, President of the Chapter, who encouraged participants to walk together with humility and a spirit of collaboration. A variety of presentations enriched the reflection, including one by Fr Herman Punda Panda on the contextual proclamation of Christ in Asia, highlighting dialogue with religious diversity and a commitment to the poor.

At the close of the Chapter, the new Provincial Government was elected: Fr Valens Agino, CMF, Provincial Superior; Fr Sabu George Palackathadathil, CMF, Consultor and Prefect of Formation and Spirituality; Fr Nikolaus Ilan, CMF, Consultor and Prefect of Apostolate, Pastoral Ministry, and SOMI; Fr Viktor Doddy Sau Sasi, CMF, Consultor and Prefect of Education, Youth Ministry, and Vocations; and Fr Eugenius Paul Madoni, CMF, Consultor and Prefect of Economy.



ASCLA WEST

ERCTION OF ST THOMAS PARISH IN LAIPHAROK MARING, DELEGATION OF NORTHEAST INDIA

Laipharok Maring–Manipur, India. On 24 August 2025, the Church in Manipur and the Province of Northeast India marked a historic milestone with the official erection of St Thomas Parish in the village of Laipharok Maring and the blessing of the parish house. The ceremony was presided over by Archbishop Linus Neli of Imphal, accompanied by Archbishop Emeritus Dominic Lumen and Fr Joseph Mappilaparambil, CMF, Provincial Superior.



The day's programme included the blessing of the presbytery, the inauguration of the new parish, and the installation of its first parish priest. During the Eucharist, 63 of the faithful received their First Communion and 20 young people were confirmed. In his homily, Archbishop Neli urged the community to remain firmly rooted in the sacraments and expressed gratitude to the Claretians for their missionary dedication. Following the celebration, the community shared a fraternal agape.

A NEW CHAPTER FOR THE DELEGATION OF ST JOSEPH VAZ

Negombo, Sri Lanka. From 21 to 26 July 2025, the Claretian Missionaries of the Independent Delegation of St Joseph Vaz, present in Sri Lanka and South Sudan, celebrated their 2nd Triennial Assembly at Claret Seminary, Kattuwa, Negombo. The assembly coincided with the conclusion of the General Canonical Visitation, carried out over three weeks by Fr Mathew Vattamattam, CMF, Superior General.

The gathering brought together 55 Claretians, including theology students in temporary profession, under the theme "Prophetic Missionaries of Joy and Hope." Presided over by the Superior General, the assembly unfolded in a spirit of prayer and synodal discernment, following the method "Dream–Discover–Design–Commit" to set directions for life and mission.

In his opening reflection, Fr Mathew highlighted the

importance of dialogue and communal listening. The social activist Deekshya Illangasinghe also addressed the assembly, offering insights into the current context of Sri Lanka.

A highlight of the event was the announcement of the new Government of the Delegation: Fr J.M. Joseph Jeyaseelan (Major Superior), Fr B.S. Danushka Silva (Consultor), Fr C. Thevarajan Peiris (Consultor), and Fr M.M. Vincent de Paul Croos (Consultor-Economus). The assembly concluded in an atmosphere of renewed missionary zeal and fraternal spirit.



ECLA

THE BARBASTRO MARTYRS MUSEUM BEGINS A NEW MISSION AS A HOUSE OF SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Barbastro, Spain. The Claretian Martyrs Museum of Barbastro has entered a new phase of pastoral service by expanding its mission as a House of Spiritual Exercises. The first retreat, held in July, was directed by Fr José Cristo Rey García Paredes with the support of audiovisual resources prepared by Fr Miguel Ángel Gil.

According to the museum's director, Fr Severiano Blanco, this development consolidates a vocation present since the foundation of the museum. Since the 1990s, retreats have been offered in Barbastro, a place of memory, spirituality, and missionary renewal.

The house of spirituality provides 24 single rooms. Part of the facilities have been renovated and adapted for this new use. Meanwhile, the museum will continue its normal activity, welcoming visitors and pilgrims



drawn by the history of the site and its proximity to the shrine of Torreciudad.

The inaugural retreat, entitled "In the Footsteps of the Claretian Martyrs of Barbastro: Faith, Forgiveness, and Hope in Times of Darkness," invited participants to reflect on fidelity in persecution, the Eucharist in extreme conditions, and forgiveness in the midst of hatred.

Through this initiative, Barbastro is now fully integrated into the network of Claretian houses of spirituality, contributing its unique martyrs' dimension. Registration for future retreats is already open and can be made through the Provincial Secretariat of Santiago or directly with the museum.

CENTENARY OF THE CLARETINERKOLLEG WEISSENHORN: EDUCATION, COMMUNITY, AND FAITH

Weißenhorn, Germany. On 13 July 2025, the Claretian Missionaries of the Province of Deutschland celebrated the centenary of the Claretinerkolleg Weißenhorn, marking one hundred years of commitment to education, spiritual formation, and community life. Founded in 1925 as the first Progymnasium (preparatory secondary school) of the Claretians in Germany, the institution has since grown into a vibrant centre dedicated to youth ministry, faith development, and social education.



Now known as the St Claret Meeting House, it offers orientation days, extracurricular programmes, a private Montessori school, and various youth initiatives of the local Church.

The anniversary was marked with a solemn celebration: on Sunday, 13 July, a Pontifical Mass was presided over by Bishop Dr Bertram Meier of Augsburg. Under the theme "Education, Community, and Faith," the liturgy recalled the legacy of our Founder, St Anthony Mary Claret. In his homily, the bishop emphasised the

virtue of love as the key to all Christian action, drawing inspiration from the saint's autobiography.

Bishop Meier expressed gratitude to the Claretian community for a century of service in Weissenhorn and prayed that, through the intercession of St Anthony Mary Claret, the Lord may continue to guide its mission to proclaim the love of God with renewed ardour.

75TH MATAGALLS GATHERING: PILGRIMAGE TO THE CROSS RESTORED BY FR CLARET IN VILADRAU

Viladrau, Spain. On 16 July 2025, the 75th Matagalls Gathering was celebrated, a landmark event that drew more than four hundred people to the summit of Montseny. The pilgrimage culminated at the Cross of Catalonia, restored by St Anthony Mary Claret in 1840 during his ministry in Viladrau.

Pilgrims ascended by various routes — Collformic, Sant Marçal, Bordoriol, and other traditional paths that weave through springs and emblematic landscapes. Their arrival at the summit was marked by a festive and fraternal atmosphere, with tributes offered to those who have faithfully upheld this tradition over the decades.

The day's celebrations included the Eucharist, presided over by Bishop Romà Casanova of Vic, with a heartfelt



remembrance of the departed. Music also played a special role, with the sardana "La Creu del Matagalls" performed in honour of the anniversary. Through song and dance, the gathering renewed the communal experience of faith and tradition at the heart of Montseny.

MICLA

15TH PROVINCIAL CHAPTER OF THE CLARETIAN MISSIONARIES OF CENTRAL AMERICA

Guatemala City, Guatemala. From 14 to 21 July 2025, the 15th Provincial Chapter of Central America took place at the Claret Retreat House in the Guatemalan capital. Under the theme "Walking Together in Mission for Our Beloved Central America," the gathering brought together delegates from across the Province in a spirit of faith, fraternity, and discernment. The Chapter was preceded by a lengthy process of preparation in which several hundred lay people and religious were involved. Around thirty of them joined the capitulars for two days of encounter and reflection before the formal opening of the Chapter.



The opening session was presided over by Fr Pedro Belderrain, CMF, member and delegate of the General Government, who conveyed a message from the Superior General, encouraging participants to live the Chapter as an experience of grace. During the first days, reports on the 2019–2025 sexennium were presented, addressing progress and challenges in apostolate, formation, economy, vocation ministry, JPIC, and communication. A spiritual retreat provided inspiration for discerning the future of the Province.

On 18 July, the new Provincial Government for the 2025–2031 sexennium was elected: Fr Mauricio Salvador Borge Porras (Provincial Superior), Fr Javier Hernández (Prefect of Apostolate), Fr Jeremías Lemus (Prefect of Spirituality and Formation), and Fr Freddy Ramírez (Economus). The Chapter concluded with the approval of the Action Plan for Central America and the renewal of its commitment to being a synodal, incarnate, and missionary Province.



QUINQUENNIA ENOUNTER IN VENEZUELA: FORMATION AND MISSIONARY RENEWAL

Casacoima, Venezuela. From 18 to 21 August 2025, the Quinquennium Encounter of the Colombia–Venezuela Province took place at the missionary house of El Triunfo. In a spirit of fraternity and prayer, the young missionaries shared their experiences, deepened their formation, and renewed their commitment to the Claretian charism.

The encounter opened with a reflection offered by Fr Yemir Cuesta, CMF. Throughout the days, the participants were accompanied by the Provincial Animation Team: Fr Anselmus Baru, CMF; Fr Néstor Calderón, CMF; and Br Jhon Jairo Flórez, CMF. The central theme, “Leadership in a Synodal Key,” guided reflection on co-responsibility in mission, the joy of evangelisation, and the urgent need to form new leaders for the Church.

Pastoral visits were also made to the communities of Los Castillos and Sierra Imataca, where the missionaries met families and visited the sick in different places.

The encounter concluded with a sending-forth Eucharist in Sierra Imataca, entrusting this missionary journey to Mary and recognising it as a true time of grace and renewal.



CLARETIANS AT THE UNITED NATIONS: COMMITMENT AND ACTION DURING JULY AND AUGUST 2025

In July and August, the Claretian team at the United Nations intensified its mission in defence of social justice, sustainable development, and care for creation, taking part in three major international events.

The first was held in Seville, Spain, during the Fourth International Conference on Financing for Development (FfD4), where more than 15,000 delegates addressed the pressing challenges of inequality and global debt. The Conference adopted the “Seville Commitment,” which seeks to close the global financing gap through fairer lending practices, debt restructuring, and stronger social protection. The Claretian delegation — comprising

four lay members together with CMFF Rohan Dominic, Lord Winner, José Antonio Benítez Pineda, and José Ramón García García — co-sponsored two official events, stressing the need for economic systems rooted in human dignity and care for the planet.

Shortly afterwards, from 14 to 24 July, the annual High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF) took place in New York. The Claretian Family was represented by laywoman Caridad Cala (Antilles) and CMFF Rohan Dominic, Óscar Barrera



(Central America), and Reegan Soosai (USA–Canada), along with many others who followed the sessions online after months of preparation. The Forum highlighted the slow pace in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with only 35% of targets currently on track. On 18 July, a side event was moderated by Fr Larry Miranda, CMF (Province of Fr Rhoel Gallardo), with contributions from Gillian Nazareth, President of the UN NGO Committee for Social Development, and initiatives presented from 12 countries. Claretians also participated in a workshop on the SDGs organised by JCoR, strengthening alliances with other faith-based organisations engaged in sustainability.

Finally, on 29 July, in preparation for the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP30) to be held in Brazil in November, the Claretian team hosted a global virtual gathering. Among the speakers were bishops from several continents (Juan Carlos Barreto, Allwyn D'Silva, and Michael Bibi), representatives of the Pan-Amazonian Network, and Fr Eguione Ricardo, CMF, Provincial of Brazil. The President of MICLA, Fr Fausto Cruz Rosa, CMF, reaffirmed the Claretian ecological mission, while Fr Rohan Dominic encouraged continued collaboration in the lead-up to COP30.

Through these initiatives, the Claretian team at the United Nations renewed its commitment to being a voice of hope and transformation within the principal international forums of our time.



CORDIMARIAN CELEBRATION IN VIC: 175TH ANNIVERSARY OF CLARET'S INSPIRATION

Vic, Spain. On 15 August 2025, the crypt of St Anthony Mary Claret in Vic hosted the commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the publication of the book Daughters of the Most Holy and Immaculate Heart of Mary. Religious in Their Homes — the work that gave rise to what would later become the Secular Institute of Cordimarian Filiation.

Around thirty Daughters of the Heart of Mary, from several countries, gathered with members of the Claretian Family to participate in the Eucharist, followed by a group photograph and a fraternal meal.



Claret's intuition goes back to 1846–1847, when he discerned the vocation of women called to consecrated life who, due to the circumstances of the time, were unable to enter convents. His proposal of consecration in the midst of the world was published in 1850. After a long journey, it was consolidated in Plasencia (Spain) in 1943 and officially recognised by the Church in 1947 through the Apostolic Constitution *Provida Mater Ecclesiae*.

Today, Cordimarian Filiation, is present in Europe and the Americas, continue to be a living witness of the Heart of Mary in the world, playing an active part in the life of the Claretian Family.

CONSECRATED LIFE

OPENING OF THE 24TH ACADEMIC YEAR AT ICL-SANYASA

Bangalore, India. On 5 July 2025, the Institute for Consecrated Life – Sanyasa inaugurated its 24th academic year with a votive Mass of the Holy Spirit, presided over by the President of the Institute, Fr Sabu George, CMF. After the celebration, he delivered the inaugural address and formally declared the new academic year open.

For 2025–2026, six students have enrolled in the licentiate programme and twenty-four in the annual diploma.



The Director, Fr Paulson Veliyannoor, CMF, noted that over twenty-three years the Institute has formed 3,167 religious — an average of 138 each year — of whom 86.6% are women religious. Last year alone, supported by online learning, 891 consecrated persons benefited from its programmes.

The Secretary, Fr. Michael Plamparambil, presented the study plan, which includes twelve short- and medium-term courses in addition to the main programmes. The Local Superior, Fr George Panthalankal, read a message from the Superior General, Fr Mathew Vattamattam, CMF, who imparted his blessing and encouraged a fruitful year ahead.

In his address, Fr. Sabu evoked *Veritatis Gaudium*, underlining that the formation provided at Sanyasa prepares religious to go forth as living signs of the Kingdom of God and as pilgrims of hope in a world that so often forgets its ultimate destiny.

DECEASED

Fr. JOSÉ DOMINGO PÉREZ DOMÍNGUEZ, CMF

17/04/1953 - 05/07/2025

Province of Santiago

Fr. JESÚS MARÍA ERASO SALANUEVA, CMF

09/02/1928 - 08/07/2025

Province of San José del Sur

Fr. JOSÉ MARÍA ARMENDÁRIZ ESPARZA, CMF

17/06/1941 - 22/07/2025

Province of Sanctus Paulus

Fr. PETER SCHÜTZ, CMF

16/06/1930 - 03/08/2025

Province of Deutschland

Fr. JESÚS MARÍA ALDAY OCHOA DE OLANO, CMF

16/10/1944 - 17/08/2025

Province of Sanctus Paulus

Cameroun- 08/08/2025

Tchoussi Kakabing, Daniel

Edimengo, Valere Natty

Fifen Mounbain, Alain Parfait

Padre Xifré- 15/08/2025

Mayebe Ayamg, Benito Emguang

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St. Charles Lwanga

Bushiri Duistin, Desire

10/07/2025

Mrosso, Aristede Amani

10/07/2025

Abigaba, Vicent

23/08/2025

Kanakulya, James

16/08/2025

East Nigeria

Dike, Stephen Odinaka

26/07/2025

Nwaogwugwu, Kevin Oguwuike

26/07/2025

Onwe, Chidiebele Peter

26/07/2025

West Nigeria

Ogbete, Kingsley Chukwuebuka

12/07/2025

Adegoke, Anthony Adesola

16/08/2025

Falajiki, Oluwabusayo Andrew

16/08/2025

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Asan Berek, Yanuarius

Boli, Bernardus

Helan, Inovasius Suardika Putra

Mau, Agustinus Wilfridus

Riwi, Emilianus

Roiman Baruk, Arsenius

Fátima - 20/07/2025

Ramos, Tiago Emanuel Afonso

Brasil - 02/08/2025

Rodrigues Simão, Felipe César

Saint Jean-Paul II- 08/08/2025

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