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The Priests of the Sacred Heart have been present in Cameroon for almost 100 years. For the first time it is led a fully African SCJ administration.

## Cameroon becomes a province of its people

**O**n June 14, Fr. Léopold Mfouakouet became the first African SCJ to serve as provincial superior of the Cameroon Province. He is only the second African SCJ to lead a province; Fr. Carlos Lobo of the Mozambique Province was the first. He is now in his second term.

"I realize that I am both a witness and actor in the growing province of Cameroon," said Fr. Léopold about his appointment.

Established just over 15 years

ago, the Cameroon Province is young. However, the SCJ presence in the country goes back almost 100 years. In 2012 the congregation will celebrate its centenary there.

The Priests of the Sacred Heart, as have the people of Cameroon, endured many challenges since the arrival of that first SCJ priest in 1912. As did many African countries, Cameroon fought for its independence in the 20th century. A German colony at the end of the 1880s, it was divided into two United

Nations territories after World War I. One was administered by Great Britain and the other by France.

In 1955 an armed resistance began in French Cameroon. Three SCJs were killed in 1959 when their mission station at Banka Banfang was attacked during the rebellion.

"It is because of the efforts of those who served before me and the many sacrifices of our missionaries that the Province of Cameroon has come to be what it is today," said Fr. Léopold. "This is a legacy, a sacred heritage to be preserved."

Cameroon gained its independence from France in 1960. A year later, the primarily Christian section of the British-controlled territory, voted to join what is now the Federal Republic of Cameroon.

The northern, mainly Muslim area of the British territory is now a part of Nigeria.

At its first provincial chapter the Cameroon Province had only 35 members. Now the province membership is close to 100, yet only eight are missionaries. The rest, including 37 priests, are Cameroonian. A young province with a young population, almost half of its members are still in formation. Five were just ordained to the diaconate on July 9.

"Cameroon is a province where the challenge of youth is the focus of our building for the future," said Fr. Antonio Panteghini, SCJ, the out-going provincial superior of Cameroon. After completing two terms as superior or general of the congregation Fr. Antonio went to Cameroon to serve as a

**Fr. Rick DiLeo dies July 19.  
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missionary and was eventually named provincial superior, serving three terms.

Speaking of the young province, and its youthful administration, Fr. Antonio cited St. Paul's letter to Timothy in which writes "Let no one disregard you because you are young, but be an example to all the believers in the way you speak and behave, and in your love, your faith and your purity." [1 Timothy 4:12]

"We thank Fr. General and his council for the confidence and courage to embark on this new phase in the history of Cameroon..." added Fr. Antonio. "We enter this new era with joy and enthusiasm... May God bless our new provincial administration, bless us all and bless the Cameroon Province."

The new provincial administration held its first meeting on July 14.

## New provincial superior ordained the year his province was established

Fr. Léopold Mfouakouet professed his first vows with the Priests of the Sacred Heart in 1988 and was ordained in 1995, the same year that the General Council voted to establish the province he now leads.

He grew up in Fouban, a primarily Muslim city. One of 10 children, two of his sisters also pursued religious life. The family is a member of St. Catherine of Siena parish, one that was both founded and ministered to by the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

"My father was the cook at the parish for 40 years until he retired five years ago," said Fr. Léopold.

As a teen, Fr. Léopold took part in vocation camps organized by the Diocese of Bafoussam. He thought about pursuing diocesan priesthood but "my parents did not have the means," he said. But then Fr. Léopold got to know more about the religious community at his parish, the Priests of the Sacred Heart. Fr. Francois Rietsch encouraged him in his vocation and be-

came his stepping stone to the community.

Fr. Léopold became an SCJ candidate, completed his bachelor's degree, and in 1986 was accepted as a postulant. In 1988, he professed his first vows. He did his philosophy studies in the Democratic Republic of Congo (then, Zaire), and his theology in Cameroon. At the time, Fr. Antonio Panteghini was the superior of the theology program. In 1995, Fr. Léopold was ordained to the priesthood along with classmate Fr. David Tachago. Both would eventually serve in province administration.

After two years of parish ministry in Yaoundé, Fr. Léopold went to Rome to earn his license and then doctorate in philosophy. He also studied English in Sacred Heart School of Theology's ESL program.

Doctorate in hand, Fr. Léopold returned to Africa, but not to his home country of Cameroon. Instead, he went to Congo to teach at and direct the Edith Stein Institute in Kisangani. The philosophy institute was established by the Priests of the Sacred Heart in partnership with the Comboni and Montfort Missionaries. It first held classes during the 1986-87 academic year.

"This was a ministry that was close to my heart," said Fr. Léopold of his years in Congo. "Fr. Bressanelli [then, the superior general; he is now a bishop in Argentina] encouraged me to go to Kisangani just as it was struggling to emerge from the war. He encouraged me not only as a teacher, but as someone who could help to form students preparing to be members of our community."

Fr. Léopold admits that it was "with some difficulty that I left the people and ministry that I loved in Kisangani" to return to Cameroon to serve as vice provincial in 2008. But

he also feels an incredible responsibility to develop the SCJ presence in the country of his birth.

"It is a sign of maturity in the growth of our province that our new administration is made up entirely of Dehonians from Cameroon," said Fr. Léopold. "It is a sign of confidence from the congregation and also a nod from God; a sign of God's grace as we prepare to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the congregation's presence in Cameroon."

When asked about the concerns of the province and the wider Church in

Cameroon, Fr. Léopold was quick to say that "we are not an island in the congregation, in the Church, in Africa or in the world at large. The needs of the Church in Cameroon are similar to other countries."

He emphasized that while vocations are strong in Cameroon, it is important that as the Church grows "that it not just grow in quantity but in quality." As SCJs, he believes that one of the most

important tasks of the congregation is to "work as servants of reconciliation, especially among different ethnic groups." But again, he said, reconciliation is something that the congregation must focus on wherever it is, "not just in Cameroon."

But specifically, the immediate concern of the Cameroon Province is to prepare its many young members. "This is a top priority of the province," he said. "It is the expectation that we build with what Providence has given us."

As the province matures, Fr. Léopold also said that it is important that it not lose sight of its roots.

"The Cameroon Province is the result of a missionary spirit," he concluded. "That same spirit of mission must always animate the work we do as our province grows and matures. It is the spirit of our congregation."

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-Fr. Léopold Mfouakouet



The jubilarians are blessed by those gathered. SCJs from around the world took part in the Mass.

## Nine celebrate jubilees

**O**n July 11 the Priests of the Sacred Heart celebrated the religious jubilees of nine men during a liturgy in the main chapel of Sacred Heart Monastery/School of Theology.

Commemorating 60 years of vows with the community were SCJ Fathers Tom Fix, Tom Lind, Vincent McDonald, Richard Johnston and Charles Yost. Br. John Monek, SCJ and Bishop Joseph Potocnak, SCJ celebrated their

50th anniversary. Added to the list of jubilarians were SCJ Fathers Vincent Suparman and Donatus Kusmartono from Indonesia. Both were in Hales Corners for study.



Jubilarian Fr. Tom Lind laughs during the dinner.

Although he is originally from Milwaukee, Fr. Tom Fix is also a member of the Indonesian Province, which he has served since 1962. In recent years he has assisted with the student programs in India.

Bishop Potocnak, as well, added an international flavor to the jubilees. Retired bishop of De Aar, South Africa, he first went to the country in 1973. He now alternates his time between the United States and South Africa. Following the jubilee celebration he returned to Africa for a year-long commitment at a parish in the Diocese of Port Elizabeth.

Except for Frs. Suparman and Kusmartono, all of the jubilarians are retired.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Br. John Monek served in the U.S. Air Force before pursuing his vocation with the Priests of the Sacred Heart. He dedicated his years of active ministry to St. Joseph's in Baileys Harbor, Wis. It first served as a novitiate for the province, and later as a retreat center. Br. John now lives in Milwaukee.

Fr. Tom Lind, a Minneapolis native, served for many years at St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain, S.D., before entering parish min-

istry at St. James in Corinth, Miss. A member of the SCJ community in northern Mississippi, he continues to assist with weekend ministry.

"Variety" is an easy word to apply to Fr. Vince McDonald. He has served as a chaplain to prisoners at the Milwaukee House of Corrections, as well as a chaplain to the armed services. He has ministered in parishes in Mississippi, Texas, Florida and England. Fr. Vince also served in education at the province's seminaries.

Although he spent a few years in vocations and education, most of Fr. Richard Johnston's ministry has been in parishes, primarily in Texas and Mississippi. Another Milwaukee native, one of his hobbies in retirement is aviation. For the past few years he has been helping a friend build an airplane. Fr. Richard is a member of the Houston community.

Fr. Charles Yost, now retired in Florida, spent many years at Sacred Heart Monastery/School of Theology where he was a librarian and teacher. He also served as director of the Province Development Office and as spiritual director of the Sacred Heart League (now, Sacred Heart Southern Missions).

More photos of the jubilee, as well as Fr. Tom Cassidy's homily from the Mass, are available on the province website under "News." News stories are listed by topic on the right. Go to:

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Priests of the Sacred Heart

# Always went where the Spirit led him

## *Fr. Rick DiLeo dies at age 58*

**F**r. Rick DiLeo said that he knew from a very young age that he wanted to be a priest.

"I was impressed by how the priests in our parish always spent time with the people," he said in an interview. "Being an altar boy allowed me to see how the priests shared in the parishioners' sorrow, and in their joy. I too wanted to share my concern for others; I wanted to be available to people and be a part of their lives."

As a teen, Fr. Rick realized that his call was not only to the priesthood, but to religious life. Soon after he learned about the Priests of the Sacred Heart he was studying in one of the community's seminaries. He professed his first vows with the SCJs in 1971 at the age of 18.

Fr. Rick was a member of the Priests of the Sacred Heart for almost 40 years when he died on July 19.

He earned his Master of Divinity at Sacred Heart School of Theology in Hales Corners, Wis., and later a Master's in Spirituality. Fr. Rick said that he first began his studies with the SCJs thinking that he would be a seminary instructor. Languages came easily to him and he planned to teach Latin and Spanish.

But he was needed in a parish, "So I ended up using my Spanish skills in Hispanic ministry instead."

Fr. Rick said that often his best ministry assignments were those that weren't in his plans. "I didn't think that I would be in a parish, but I loved it," he said. "My experiences in parish ministry have been positive and fulfilling. I pictured myself remaining in parish ministry for the rest of my life."

He served at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston from 1981-85 but then had another unexpected change in plans. Fr. Rick was asked to do vocation ministry. "That had never been in my plans either, but it was another good experience," he said. "It just shows that we always have to be open to where the Spirit is leading us. Often the unexpected turn allows us to share gifts that we never knew we had."



Fr. Rick DiLeo, SCJ

From vocations, Fr. Rick moved to formation, helping to prepare students studying for religious life and ministry with the Priests of the Sacred Heart. He was a member of the formation team in Chicago from 1990-94, and then again from 1998-2001. In between he was back in Houston, serving at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

However, before he joined the parish team at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Fr. Rick took on another unexpected assignment: ministry in the newly developing SCJ district in India.

"I really resisted the idea at first," he said about going to India. But members of the General Curia, knowing his background in formation, and knowledge of the congregation, encouraged him to go.

"At first I thought, 'This isn't in the plan, I can't do it,'" said Fr. Rick. But then he remembered what he had told so many others: "We have to be open to where the Spirit is leading us." And so he allowed the Spirit to lead him to a five-month assignment in India.



One of the last photos taken of Fr. Rick. He served as cantor at the July province assembly the week before he died.



Fr. Rick with a family from Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston. He spent over a dozen years in ministry at the parish.

“And it was incredible,” he said. “I am so grateful to God and the Sacred Heart for what I experienced in India. It reaffirmed my commitment to our community and to the Sacred Heart. Fr. Tom Cassidy was on the General Council when I was discerning whether I should go to India. He encouraged me, saying that it would be an opportunity to see another face of God. I thought of this many times during my months in India. He was right. The experience reminded me that we need to go beyond our plans and what we know to see the face of God in ways we never imagined.”

In 2002 Fr. Rick returned to Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston where he once again served as associate pastor. During his years there he also served on several province committees, as well as at the Generalate in Rome during the 2003 General Chapter. In recent years he was also the primary care-giver for his mother, Esther DiLeo, who died earlier this year.

## Remembering Fr. Rick

“It is with sorrow and surprise that I received the news of the unexpected death of Fr. Richard DiLeo,” wrote Bishop Virginio Bressanelli, SCJ. The bishop was superior general of the Priests of the Sacred Heart during the general chapter at which Fr. Rick served. He also encouraged Fr. Rick to be a missionary in India. “I have fond memories of him for his simplicity and his love for the Church and congregation. He lived his priesthood with joy. He leaves us an example of a good life offered in witness of the Lord according to the charism of Fr. Dehon. You have my prayers.”

“When I personally think of [Fr.] Rick, I think of someone who cared deeply about members of his family and members of his congregation,” wrote Fr. Peter McKenna, SCJ, of the Canadian Region. “He seemed to live with a purposeful heart to create ‘sint unum’ wherever he was.”

Classmates as well remembered Fr. Rick warmly from his seminary days. “As a classmate of Fr. Rick’s at Lenox, I thought that even then he stood out as a warm, deeply caring and committed, gentle, kind, and compassionate individual,” said Tom Golebiewski, an alumnus of Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary in Lenox, Mass. “I have often thought of him fondly and as I read about his work over the years, was quite pleased that I knew him in our younger and formative years.”

Thousands attended services for Fr. Rick at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston. There was also a wake and funeral for him at Sacred Heart Monastery; his remains are interred at the monastery mausoleum.



Fr. Rick leads an informal prayer before dinner.

# Changing face of congregation discussed at province assembly

**M**embers of the U.S. Province held their summer assembly July 11-14. As noted on page 3, the province jubilee celebration was the kick-off to the gathering.

Fr. John van den Hengel, SCJ, general councilor, led the first full day of the assembly. He shared the statistics of the congregation, showing how the face of the SCJs has changed over the past 20 years and what it will look like in the future.

Comparing statistics of the congregation from 1991 to today he noted that the population of the Priests of the Sacred Heart is shifting from the northern hemisphere to the southern. In particular, Africa has changed from being a continent ministered to by missionaries from the north to being one whose SCJ population is now primarily African — and much larger than before. [Note our cover story in this issue!] In 1991 there were 65 SCJs in Africa; in 2010 there were 320 members (again, primarily indigenous Africans).

This movement to the south is not just an SCJ trend but a trend of the Church as a whole.

How will the cultural reality of the entire congregation need to adapt to reflect the new reality? Not only has the face of the congregation and Church changed, but so too has its role in society. Secularity is an increasing reality, especially in Europe.

This shift from north to south, said Fr. John, is the greatest change and challenge that the congregation has faced since its initial development.

## Spirituality guides

Central to both the future of the U.S. Province and the congregation as a whole is SCJ spirituality, continued Fr. John. “If our spirituality is central to who we are, then it is central to what ministries we take on.”

He talked about the focus of ministries in other SCJ entities around the world. In South America, especially Brazil (with its three provinces, Brazil has the largest number of SCJs in the congregation), there are strong lay associate programs. “How can we pass on our spirituality to the laity?” asked Fr. John.

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Fr. John van den Hengel, SCJ



Fr. Dominic Peluse, SCJ, is settling into his new role as spiritual director of the Province Development Office.

## Sharing SCJ mission and spirituality is goal of new spiritual director

**O**n July 1, Fr. Dominic Peluse, SCJ, officially began his new role as spiritual director of the Province Development Office. He replaces Fr. Paul Kelly, SCJ, who recently completed 10 years as director.

Taking a break from unpacking books in his new office, Fr. Dominic sat down for a short interview:

**Q:** First, a few basics. Where are you from? How did you first come in contact with the Priests of the Sacred Heart?

**Fr. Dominic:** I am originally from, Poughkeepsie, NY, and was the second of three boys. I went to a Catholic grade school but a public high school. Indirectly, this is what led me to the Priests of the Sacred Heart. I decided to pursue my vocation after high school and contacted the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. They were located just six miles from where I lived. However, when they found out that I only had three years of Latin in public school, as opposed to the usual four years that guys took in the

minor seminary, they said that I'd either have to repeat my senior year or become a religious brother instead of a priest.

I didn't know much, said that would be "okay," and was accepted. Then I went to my parish to complete my application paperwork. The pastor wasn't available but the associate was. An immigrant, he spoke to me in a mix of Italian and English and I really only caught about half of what he said.

"Well, would you like to go there?" he asked me.

I realized that he asked me a question but I didn't know what he was talking about. Evidently he had been telling me about a seminary operated by the Priests of the Sacred Heart that specialized in students like me, students who hadn't attended a minor seminary and had a little catch-up to do.

In a few days he took me for a visit. I met Fr. Jim Cunniffe, toured the seminary and had a brief interview. Less than a week later I received a letter of acceptance and I found my home.

**Q:** What attracted you to the Priests of the Sacred Heart?

**Fr. Dominic:** When I first arrived I didn't know the difference between an "SJ" and an "SCJ" except for the "C" in the middle. But there were such wonderful priests and brothers at the seminary, people like Fr. Kohler, Fr. Rotterman and Fr. Cunniffe. They talked about who Fr. Dehon was and about the congregation. The more I learned about the SCJs the more that I wanted to be a part of them. In 1967 I professed my first vows.

Each year it seems that I learn more about the community and our founder. And every time I learn more I feel a greater commitment to the Priests of the Sacred Heart and our ministry. As a student I'd meet people like Fr. Tom Sheehy who ministered to migrant workers, and other SCJs who served the poor throughout the country. Even now when I read about Fr. Dehon, or when I learn about an SCJ ministry in another part of the world, I feel reconfirmed in my vocation as an SCJ.

Now, I feel an obligation to know more about our community because our benefactors are going to ask me questions and I want to be able to share with them as much as I can about the SCJs.

**Q:** You have already joined Fr. Paul at some of the benefactor luncheons, and in other settings. What are some of the questions that you've heard?

**Fr. Dominic:** Mainly, people want to know about our ministries, where we are located here and around the world. Certainly there is a desire to know where their money is going, but it is much more than that. They are a part of our ministry and want to know more about our spirituality and our founder.

**Q:** What have you enjoyed about your ministry during the past months when you worked with Fr. Paul?

**Fr. Dominic:** It was eye-opening to me to realize how many people in the

United States know who the Priests of the Sacred Heart are. I think that it is important for us to get out and meet with the many people who support us. Equally, it is good for our benefactors to get to know individuals. They experience a little of who Fr. Dehon was through us.

In our visits I have encountered so many people who have such a profound holiness about them, a strength in faith that inspires me.

**Q: What are your previous ministries?**

**Fr. Dominic:** Except for a short period of time doing vocation work, most of my priesthood has been in parish ministry. That's really a ministry that I have loved, being in a parish, making friendships, being a part of people's lives in both good times and bad. It is a way that we can be Eucharist to others.

**Q: How do you think that parish ministry will help you in your new role?**

**Fr. Dominic:** Although it will be very different, my role here will involve much of what I did as a parish priest. Often as a pastor my role was to counsel and be supportive to those dealing with personal and family concerns. Here, people come to us asking for prayers for a loved one suffering from cancer, or for a child who is having problems with his marriage. We talk to parents who might be struggling with a teen who seems to have lost his way. Across the board, these are the concerns that I dealt with in parish life, it's just that now the "congregation" is bigger.

Being present to others, being supportive of others is a way to give joy and hope. You can't buy joy but in giving of yourself you receive joy. That's what I learned in parish ministry and that's what I bring to my work here as spiritual director.

**Q: What are some of your hopes for your new role?**

**Fr. Dominic:** In parish ministry I loved to bring people together. In

several areas I started a tradition of a shared meal in which I'd bring five or six families together who didn't know each other. Each would be assigned a dish [including Fr. Dominic, who loves to cook] and we would spend an evening eating and getting to know each other. In some ways, our luncheons are a way to do that, to bring people together with shared interests to get to know both the SCJs and each other.

I hope to encourage a wide variety of my fellow SCJs to join me at our luncheons. It's a great way for our brothers and priests to get a sense of the people who support us in our ministry. And it's also a "feel good" moment to realize how much people respect and appreciate the work that the Priests of the Sacred Heart do, and who we are as sons of Fr. Dehon. That's something that I want more of our men to experience. It's a way to reinvigorate our vocation as SCJs.

**Q: Why is it important for you to be a member of the Priests of the Sacred Heart? What makes you proud of who you are as an SCJ?**

**Fr. Dominic:** When I first came to the Priests of the Sacred Heart you could have told me that Cameroon was a sugar-free macaroon. There was so little that I knew of the world. Being an SCJ has expanded my knowledge and helped me see what an impact our spirituality and our ministry can have in so many parts of the world.

I joked about my ignorance of Cameroon, which reminds me that just this year an SCJ priest from the country was named to lead that province. [See cover story] We are not only bringing SCJ spirituality to the world, but also helping others to make it their own.

Being an SCJ has expanded my knowledge of who the Body of Christ is. The body of Christ is the people, the people of our world.

What makes me proud to be an SCJ is that we are trying to be a living Gospel for others and helping to bring that out in those to whom we minister. We are the Body of Christ.



## 11 ordained in India

In August the Indian District celebrated the ordinations of 11 SCJs. The ordaining bishop was Bishop Virginio Bressanelli, SCJ, of Neuquén, Patagonia-Comahue, Argentina. The bishop was superior general of the Priests of the Sacred Heart when the congregation began its presence in India. Also in attendance was Fr. Tom Cassidy, SCJ, provincial superior of the U.S. Province.

"In the year 2000 I had the grace to visit this place for the first time on the occasion of the groundbreaking ceremony of the formation house 'Dehon Prema Nilayam,'" said the bishop. "Let me thank heartily the local Church of Guntur who, with much love and trust, received us and allowed us to establish here our formation house and our novitiate. Today Guntur opens the doors of the cathedral to consecrate to the service of God's Kingdom this beautiful group of new Dehonian priests. For this I say 'thank you' to this Church of Guntur and to her bishop."

To the young SCJs whom he ordained, Bishop Bressanelli reminded them that "you will be ordained to be priests of the Church, in the Church, and for the Church, according to the heart of the Church. Remember always that you are children of the Church. You were born to her, she confirmed your call, and she today makes you sharers in the priesthood of Christ. Love the Church with all your heart. You are not meant to be priests on your own and for your own

purposes, you will be ordained as parts of a body whose head is Christ and we are the members."

See photos and read more about the ordination under the "News" section of the province website at [www.sacredheartusa.org](http://www.sacredheartusa.org).

## Moved in

After a few delays the SCJ wing of Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake was completed in July and members of the community moved in soon after. Twenty-five SCJs, including members of the former Villa Maria retirement community, now call SHML home.

Work is moving quickly on phase two of the project, which will include the "Main Street" area (a large chapel, dining and recreation area, coffee shop, banking and other facilities) as well as apartments for the general public aged 55 and better. Before Villa Maria was razed for the new project, Habitat For Humanity's ReStore salvaged fixtures, cabinets and other items before the building's demolition this week to make room for phase two.

## Cleaning up from the fire

During a summer storm, lightning hit the SCJs' house in Montreal, causing a fire in the electrical panel.

Fortunately, the alarm system did its job and no one was hurt. Fireman responded before the blaze did much damage; however, much of the main floor was covered in smoke and dust. Fr. Maurice Légaré, a member of the community, wrote that "the cleaning company spent two full days cleaning the first floor (10 people one day and eight the next). We still have two big machines to change the smell of smoke that is still there. And a fine dust is still in the air. But the main work is done. Hydro Québec came to install a new meter on the main electrical panel and a subcontractor of the cleaning company delivered cleaned items like carpets, curtains, linens, etc."

## Fr. Dehon was...

Each year St. Martin of Tours parish in Franklin, Wis., holds an essay contest in which they challenge eighth graders to write about Fr. Leo John Dehon, the SCJ founder. Contest winners earn a modest scholarship. Patrick Rydeski was this year's winner and he read his essay at the eighth grade graduation.

"Fr. Dehon had a love for children, and the priests here do too," wrote Patrick. "The priests here care about us. They ask us how we are doing, and they sometimes visit the



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classrooms to give us a mini-lesson on religion. The priests here teach us the Word of God, and they are not afraid to share it openly. St. Martin of Tours is a place where you are accepted for who you are."

## Newsletter wins award

The *SCJ News*, a publication of the U.S. Province, won second place for "Overall Excellence" in the 2011 Catholic Press Association Awards. In their comments judges wrote that the newsletter had a "Clean, professional look with good color and strong editing. Bold color blocks counterbalance color images."

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