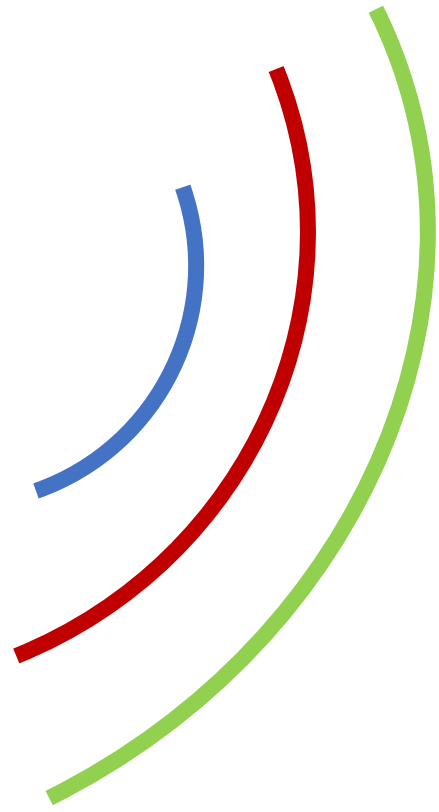


**“Enlarge the space for
your tent” (Is 54,2)**



PRESENTATION OF PROVINCES, REGIONS, DELEGATIONS



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Province of AFRICA

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, main ministries.

Number of brothers: 47

Average age: 42.5 years

Vocations: all to the priesthood

Main Ministries: Parish and Education

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

The Province of Africa is a young Province. The most significant new feature is the training of temporary professed brothers in trades (carpentry, plumbing, tiling, electricity, computer maintenance, aluminium joinery, video reporting, etc.). Another initiative is to open up the Province to other Congregational projects. The latest initiative was the construction of the Father Eustaquio College in a poor neighbourhood.

3. What is the vision for the future of the Congregation?

For the Province of Africa, seeing the decrease of brothers in the Congregation and fewer vocations in the Provinces, our vision is to see the future of the Congregation as "one body". The Congregation needs to intensify and provide the means to Provinces that have vocations but few resources. Initial formation is the backbone of a Congregation. The second vision is that certain historic sites should not be lost, such as Louvain and Poitiers (Motte d'Usseau).



Province of ANDINA

1. Data: number of brother, average age, vocations, main ministries.

ANDEAN PROVINCE		
COLOMBIA - PUERTO RICO	ECUADOR	PERU
CIFUENTES Fabián	BENAVIDES Yimmy	ASTORGA Franklin
CUBILLOS Orlando	CASTRO José	COLQUE Paulino
FERNÁNDEZ Arnoldo	DE BÉZENAC Emmanuel	CRUZ Brian
LEÓN Luis Enrique	FAJARDO Alejandro	GARATEA Gastón
MORA Alejandro	GUALÁN Víctor	MOLINA Joaquín
VERCRAEYE Joseph	IÑIGUEZ Javier	NOLE Luis Ángel
ORTEGA Miguel	LOYAGA Hilvar	PARIAMACHI Raul
MIRA Víctor Hugo	PALMA Abdón	SÁNCHEZ-CONCHA Rafael
PADILLA Luis Alfonso	PINZÓN Nilo	SERRAND José
SEVILLA Oliver	QUISHPE Luis	SULLCA Cristhian
ORDÓÑEZ Andrés	REYES Edwin	TACURI Rafael
MARZOLA José	ROMERO, Eladio	VALERIANO Rufino
CALDERÓN Leonardo	SARANGO Salomón	VIDARTE Pedro
SOTO Juan Pablo	VÉLEZ Juan Carlos	VILCA Sixto
HERNANDEZ Luis Alberto	DE LA TORRE David	WENDLING Hermann
PERDOMO Eli		
16 brothers	15 brothers	15 brother

Number of brothers: 46

Average age: 50 years

Vocations: 2 postulants

Main ministries

- 4 parishes (Colombia - Puerto Rico)
- 5 parishes (Ecuador)
- 2 parishes and a missionary community in Chachapoyas (Peru)
- SSCC Recoleta School (Peru)
- Centre for Youth Ministry Services, Damián Joven (Peru)
- SSCC La Concordia School (Ecuador)
- Father Damien Foundation (Colombia)

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

The challenge of walking as a new Province in the Congregation, resulting from the merger of the Vice-province of Colombia, the Vice-province of Ecuador and the Province of Peru, with their valuable stories of Sacred Hearts religious life in each country.

According to the orientations of the III Provincial Chapter we see the need to discern, think and decide together as a provincial body, our own future, with a clear vision that orients life and mission in the coming years. This requires an evaluation of the local communities and apostolic works from the perspective of a Province. We believe that all brothers are called to co-responsibility in the life and mission of the Congregation.

3. What is the vision for the future of the Congregation?

Faced with the reduction of brothers, it is a matter of thinking as a Province, globally and not particularly. We ask ourselves: What steps should we take in the face of the reduction of brother? How are we going to organize ourselves in the zones and communities? How do we incarnate the urgency of personal and pastoral conversion into our common life?

In this sense, it is urgent for us to project ahead and make decisions for the future. Where do we want to be and where do we want to put our strengths? How do we want to serve? What priorities should we give to our missionary service, going beyond a maintenance ministry? What are the options of the Congregation?

We need to face the future with full confidence in God who invites us to count on all the brothers of the Province for this project.



Province of BRAZIL - Region of PARAGUAY

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, main ministries, etc.

Number of brothers: **36**

	Province	Brazil	Paraguay
20 - 29	1		1
30 - 39	11	8	3
40 - 49	5	2	3
50 - 59	5	4	1
60 - 69	9	6	3
70 - 79	3	2	1
80 - 89	2	2	
	36	24	12

Average age: **51.3** years

	VT	VP	Presbyter	Average age	Total
BRAZIL	0	1	23	53,17	24
PARAGUAY	1	0	11	46,75	12
Total	1	1	34	51,03	36

Of the 36 brothers, **3** are *in a special situation*:

- P. Iván Darío Espínola Morales ssc (Exclaustration)
- P. Juan Carlos Torres Dávalos ssc (Leave of absence)
- P. Luiz Antônio da Silva ssc (Leave of absence)

Vocations

In Brazil we have:

- 4 postulants
- 2 novices in the CIAL interprovincial novitiate (Argentina)

Ministries

♦ BRAZIL

- 1 Sanctuary
- 7 Parishes (Brazil)
- 1 Retreat House
- 1 recovery house for drug addicts

♦ PARAGUAY

- 3 Parishes

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

At our XII Provincial Chapter (2023), the brothers of the Province outlined three general lines to be worked on during the triennium (2024-2026): **IDENTITY, MISSION AND FORMATION.**

▪ **IDENTITY**

- Prioritize spiritual revitalization in the light of the essential values of SSCC Religious Life that promotes our missionary pastoral action.
- The Community be a place to share the Charism, the Word of God, prayer and adoration. Strengthening of formal moments to come together: community meetings based on the development of a Community Project.
- The relationship of positions and functions should be more synodical and collegial, favoring the circulation of services and responsibilities among the brothers.

▪ **MISSION**

- Integration of Brazil and Paraguay: There has been good progress, but it is necessary to continue consolidating processes that guarantee true unity and integration.
- To elaborate the Provincial Statutes of the Parishes and Shrines entrusted to the Congregation, in order to promote collegiality, synodality and transparency in the relationships of the brothers in mission. One of the objectives of the Statute is that we have a common SSCC identity in our parishes.

▪ **FORMATION**

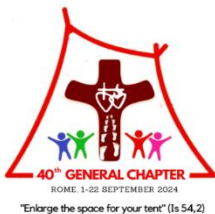
- To update our formation methods according to current challenges and questions in light of the General Plan of Initial Formation, CIAL and the Province.
- Prioritize Youth and Vocational Ministry from a perspective of approaching the exercise of community life in accordance with the charism.
- Promote thematic meetings, prioritizing congregational subjects.

3. What is the vision for the future of the Congregation?

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to be Pilgrims of Hope for the Jubilee 2025. We of the Province of Brazil and the Region of Paraguay - even in the face of the statistics of the Congregation, which point to a great decrease in the number of confreres - remain hopeful of our contribution to the Church of Christ.

We are very grateful to all the missionaries who were in our country. We are aware that we are a small group, but we can do a lot.

We believe in our charism and mission, therefore we desire a Congregation that is more open to vocation promotion, a Congregation that encourages young people to become part of our religious family.



Province of CHILE - ARGENTINA

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, main ministries.

Number of brothers: 36

Average age: 65.8 years

Vocations: We have only **one second year professed brother.**

We have not resumed vocation ministry after the abuse crisis and the restructuring that this has demanded of us. The Province has assumed the responsibility of hosting the Interprovincial Novitiate of Latin America, which is located in the community of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Currently there are 3 novices (two from the Province of Brazil and one from Mexico).

Main ministries

- 5 parishes
- 4 schools
- 4 Youth Pastoral Centres
- a Patronato (which supports 3 homes and 2 day-care centres for vulnerable children and adolescents)
- a SSCC place of worship

2 What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

Since the XX Provincial Chapter (2022), we are in a process that we have called "cultural transformation" of the Province. This process is born, mainly, from the commitment to our victims of abuse to undergo deep change in us in order to do our part so that there will never again be abuses and to repair in some measure the damage caused. On the other hand, this transformation puts us in line to face the problems that Pope Francis has highlighted in our church and to take on the challenges posed by the synod of synodality.

The great themes of this transformation have to do, first, with our relationships among brothers and sisters and the following challenges: to move from a misunderstood fraternity (affection without questioning, without control among peers) to the value of a fraternity that corrects and accompanies; from a distorted and uncontrolled autonomy to the value of a balanced autonomy; from an absolute individualism to the value of the individual in a relational key.

Second, to confront detachment from management by moving from the false belief that management extinguishes the action of the Spirit to valuing it as an instrument that helps us to incarnate the action of the Spirit in a responsible, healthy and safe way for all those whom we accompany and with whom we share our lives.

Finally, the Chapter demands us to continue advancing in the challenge of synodality and lay participation, not only in the area of collaboration of the laity in our works but also in their incorporation in our structures as happened in the same Provincial Chapter when three laywomen - elected by the chapter assembly - formed part of the central commission of the Chapter participating in the assembly and having the right to speak. At the next Chapter participation will also include the right to vote. Along the same lines, an SSCC sister has joined the initial formation team of the Province on a permanent basis.

In addition to the complexity inherent in these processes of transformation that we have undertaken, we are aware - as our Superior General told us at the approval of the Chapter - that these decisions "will produce the changes in the culture that are expected, if they touch the heart of each one of us. There the Spirit of Jesus transforms the mind and heart and strengthens the bonds that unite them to each other and to the People of God."

3. What is the vision for the future of the Congregation?

We have to assume the decrease in the number of brothers as an opportunity to grow in interdependence, in greater collaboration with the sisters and the laity, especially with the secular branch, along the lines of synodality, facing very seriously the problem of the tendency to clericalism.

We must place great emphasis on ensuring that the processes that are promoted are animated by a profound adherence to our spirituality and charism (fidelity) and the creativity necessary to renew our structures and modes of organization in order to respond to present and future challenges.

In this sense, we remind ourselves that we are at the service of the Work of God and that we entrust ourselves to his Providence, as our Founders did, but knowing that our society is demanding new standards of transparency, participation, care for people and creation that will allow us to continue to be a validated agent for dialogue and witness, especially for young people.



Delegation of GERMANY

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, main ministries.

- ❖ The German delegation is composed of **24 brothers**, including 1 brother from the Province of Africa and 1 brother from the Province of Indonesia (June 1, 2024):
 - In the **Werne** community there are **16** brothers (13 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1).
 - **In Berlin** there are **4** brothers (3 + 1): 1 brother from the Province of Africa, 1 brother from the Province of Indonesia, 2 German brothers.
 - **In Charleroi** 3 Walloon brothers: 2 in Charleroi and 1 in Papeete
 - **In Oslo** the bishop emeritus (Gerhard Schwenzer ssc)

- ❖ The **average age** is **77.87 years**; 14 brothers aged 80 and over, 10 brothers aged 80 and under.

- ❖ **Vocations: no vocations since 1987**, this year the youngest brother professed temporary vows.

❖ The main ministries

International community in Berlin: on the one hand, there are certain responsibilities in parish ministry. The parish in which the brothers serve is very diverse and multicultural. This parish is composed of 3 old parishes. The brothers accompany the French-speaking community with a lot of participation of African people; they also serve a large community of university students from Indonesia. And they collaborate in different ways in the territorial parish ministry of the German communities.

We are looking for ways to be missionaries beyond the parish structures and in a secularized city. This is not so easy; there have been interesting attempts, but due to lack of brothers it was not possible to continue.

Werne: there are a number of brothers who, despite their advanced age, collaborate in liturgical services in the parishes of the city and neighbouring towns. One brother is regularly present in a neighbouring hospital providing various services.

In Werne, the community has been opening up to the presence of groups of lay people who are linked to the Congregation in different ways and for more or less time. These groups come to share recreational activities with the brothers for a Saturday afternoon, and also to spend a weekend with a program of reflection.

We are discovering that allowing ourselves to be helped in tasks and aspects of daily life helps us to see things in a new way, it helps us to live the motto that the community has been setting up as work on the inner self ("*When I am weak, then I am strong*"). We think that this is "mission", it is testimony.

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

The two aspects mentioned in the previous section:

1. To be **missionaries**, beyond the ecclesiastical structures; this will be concretized in the project "International and Missionary Community Berlin".
2. To live the mission out of our weakness, **aware that "when we are weak, we are strong"**. From our weakness we can open ourselves in a new way to the international community of the Congregation, as is the case, for example, in Berlin.

In this regard, the process of the last few years was important, which was the path towards the transformation of the Province into a Delegation.

3. What is the vision for the future of the Congregation?

Our weaknesses are not an obstacle to our vocation and mission. On the contrary, they can be a good opportunity to be more attentive to what the Spirit wants to show us. "For when we are weak, we are strong." (cf. 2 Cor. 12:10)

Our life in the following of Christ is always also a call from "outside", from the reality of the world around us, which calls us to overcome our "ego", to leave behind this world of ours made by ourselves. (cf. Jn 21:18) This reality is reflected in issues such as: the wars in Ukraine, in Palestine/Israel, but also in so many places in Africa; the growing migration; the ideological polarization of societies; climate change;

Compassion for the poor, the victims, the marginalized becomes the criterion that tells us where and with whom we should be.

We do not have to be many, nor rich, powerful or influential to be where no one wants to be. To enter into a simple, direct relationship with the little ones and the weak, to accompany them without often being able to solve their problems, is to do what the Good Father and the first generation of sisters and brothers did. In this sense, the community of SSCC sisters in Mexico mentioned by Alberto Toutin ssc in his letter of June 2024 is interesting.

This has as much to do with the reality of our humanity as with our foundational charism. And these are the two sources of a possible vision that can unite us and energize us in the march through the desert towards the Promised Land.



Province of FRANCE

1 Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, main ministries.

Number of brothers

- **Province of France: 29** brothers.
6 communities : Picpus, Poitiers, Montgeron, Saint Gabriel, Sarzeau, Thiais.
Five brothers out of twenty-nine are outside the six communities.
The Thiais community will close on 1^{er} September 2024.
- **French Polynesia** region: **10** brothers in 2 communities.

Average age: 69 years

Vocations

Today, we have **2 temporary professed members**. One is in training in Paris (Quentin Huillard), the other in Argentina (Antoine Menecier). No postulants. No novices. Each year, the Youth and Vocations Commission proposes a discernment retreat (at the end of December).

Main Ministries

Parishes, students and young professionals, Picpus network, hospital chaplaincy, school chaplaincy in private Catholic establishments, welcoming students into the community.

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

▪ Two challenges for missionary conversion

- Picpus: priority to university education and SSCC spirituality. Start from what already exists and develop it, based on international community life. Offer training in ssc spirituality in conjunction with the French school of spirituality (Jean-Eudes, Paray le Monial, Pierre de Bérulle, François de Sales, Vincent de Paul, etc.).
- Poitiers: opening of a new international community (mission on the outskirts and activities in historic sites). Give priority to hospital and school chaplaincy and service to migrants (Catholic Relief Services and Sant'Egidio).

▪ A community challenge

- To be close to our brothers who are vulnerable and dependent. Encourage meetings between communities. Knowing how to visit and comfort each other.

3. What is the vision for the future of the Congregation?

1. What future for our spirituality? Pope Francis is to write a document on the Sacred Heart. How can we make the most of this text and give new impetus to our SSCC mission and our spirituality?
2. We have been committed to the poorest for a long time. It's important to continue this mission, but why not incorporate the newness that Pope Francis mentions in his encyclical when he talks about "the clamour of the earth" and "the clamour of the poor". Our relationship with poverty must change. It must integrate the notion of the ecological conversion. The future of the Congregation must include this in our discussions at the next General Chapter. For the moment, nothing seems to be happening...
3. The continent of Europe needs "granaries" to propose faith in Jesus Christ to the younger generations. The vision for the future of the Congregation is based on the same experience as that of the Good Father: that of the granary. What are the "granaries" of today that set us on the path of proclamation and an experience of faith, hope and charity? What are the "granaries" that take us out to the peripheries? Where is my "granary"?



Province of IBERIA

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, main ministries.

(Data as of June 24, 2024)

Number of brothers: 60

Average age: 71.11 years

There are 33 brothers over 75 years of age.

As of September 1, 2024 distributed in 8 communities (currently 11).

Vocations

In Initial Formation there are **4 students in temporary vows** (4th stage).

1 pre-novitiate is foreseen for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Sibling dedications

Activities	No. of brothers.	%	Comments
Provincial Government	5	8,3	1 full-time, 4 part-time
Provincial Administration	2	3,3	Part-time: 1 Administrator and 1 Secretary
Coordinators of provincial commissions. (PJV, PV, FP, FI, Misiones, Parishes)	5	8,3	Partial dedication
Initial Formation (Formators)	5	8,3	Partial dedication
Initial Formation (Formandees)	4	6,6	4 temporary professors
Specialization studies	2	3,3	1 Moral in Comillas (Madrid) 1 Spirituality in Rome
Schools - school pastoral care	13	21,6	Dedication 5 Collaboration 8
Parishes	25	41,6	Dedication 15 Collaboration 10
Public Churches	4	6,6	Partial dedication
Cathedral - Bishopric	3	5	Partial dedication
Chaplaincies	8	13,3	Partial dedication
Prisoner reception project	4	6,6	Dedication 1 Collaboration 3
Coaching / business consulting	1	1,6	Partial dedication
Retirees without pastoral activity	17	28,3	Some with community services
Retirees with pastoral activity	22	36,66	(Retirement age 65 years)
Residence - Spirituality House	3	5	Partial dedication: 1 Jerez, 1 El Escorial
Sick with dependency	14	23,3	
Outside the communities of the Province	4	5,97	Rome. Philippines. Mozambique (24-25)
Services to the Congregation in general	2	2,98	1 General Councillor and 1 General Econome

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

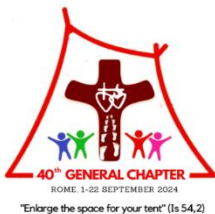
Process of transformation of the Province to a smaller Province... shared, with clear priorities: Evangelization (especially young people) and margins. From solid communities with a future, with time for personal and community care.

Care of the older brothers and sisters (so that they contribute to and do not condition the apostolic task).

Shared mission with the laity. Two areas: the pastoral missionary conversion of the parishes and the care of evangelization through the SSCC charism in the schools.

3. What is the vision for the future of the Congregation?

- A more interconnected Congregation (brothers from Africa in the Iberian Province...) With an attainable number, small... IF cared for.
- A non-European Congregation. It is a reality that imposes itself.
- Need for a new thought-out organization (we do not see clarity right now about the "Delegations"). Work to design structures adapted to the number and mission projects.
- A clearer economic organization - more shared. Confronting the decentralization of the Congregation and correcting it: what new paths can we discover, greater intervention of help from the Government and the General Econome, active presence for decision making.
- Concerned about taking care of the charism: living it and transmitting it (Poitiers, spiritual commission - we do not know if this is what was expected-) Seeking to drink from the sources and update the charism in each place.
- With interesting presences that are clearly apostolic or missionary. Involve other Provinces (perhaps Conferences) and the General Government in decisions about missionary projects (locations, project content, financing, follow-up...) Assign missionary projects to a specific General Councillor?
- Challenge of inter-congregationality: care for the elderly, lower birth rate and the need to collaborate in schools,...



Province of INDONESIA

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, principal ministries.

- 1) **Number of Brothers** by June 22, 2024: **95** Brothers
(including 7 Novices who will make their first profession this coming July 9 2024)
- 2) **Average of brothers: 38.69 years**

Number	Age Span	Total	Average
1	20	0	
2	20 - 29	34	
3	30 - 39	16	
4	40 - 49	20	
5	50 - 59	19	
6	60 -69	4	
7	70 -79	0	
8	80 -89	2	
9	90	0	
TOTAL		95	38.69

- 3) **Vocations:** Our vocations come from Minor Seminaries and from High Schools.
- 4) **Principal Ministry**
 - Parish ministry: We have 9 parishes.

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

1. The celebration of 100 years presence of SSCC presence and mission in Indonesia.
2. The opening of new mission in Kalimantan, one parish.
3. Returning to Bangka Island, as commemoration of 100 years SSCC presence in Indonesia by having one parish in Bangka Island - Toboali Parish.
4. The exit of some brothers priests from Indonesian Province.

3. What is your vision for the future of the Congregation?

Vision for the future of the Congregation

We envision a Congregation sensible to the signs of times and open to new missions, especially the ministry to the immigrants, workers and youth, and continue witnessing to the reparative work of the Sacred Hearts in our life.

To achieve this we commit ourselves

- "Older members continue their work and mission through prayer and adoration, while young members radically contemplate, live and evangelize the love of Jesus."
- "Living out our Constitutions, without compromise, especially with our vows".
- "Quality of serving, more than quantity of person".



Delegation of IRELAND-ENGLAND

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, principal ministries.

Number of Brothers: 15

Average age: 74.4 years

Average range:

40 - 50: 1

50 - 60: 1

60 - 70: 3

70 - 80: 5

80 - 90: 5

Principal ministries

- 4 Brothers are retired.
- 5 Brothers are in Parish Ministry.
- 3 Brothers are chaplains i.e. secondary school, University and to ethnic minorities.
- 3 Brothers have leadership & administrative responsibility.
- 1 Brother combines caring for the needs of retired Brothers with managing a short-stay room rental initiative in one of our properties.

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

The Congregation in Ireland-England has now been a 'Delegation,' for two years. Since becoming a Delegation, we have relinquished administrating two parishes in London, which have been handed back to the Archdiocese of Westminster. One of the Brothers who had been in parish ministry in London, (and after a sabbatical,) recently began a new ministry as chaplain to the Travelling community in Westminster.

A couple of our parishes have been involved in the process of synodality, and given the increasing demands made on a reduced number of clergy, this process has helped in the support, collaboration and 'clustering' between parishes. This is in the context of: the reducing numbers attending church, especially since the pandemic; a general apathy towards things spiritual; as well as the hostility in some quarters against the Church, which makes it at times a difficult context in which to minister. That being said, the faith, loyalty and dedication of the 'faithful few,' is a great source of inspiration for us.

Last summer, two Brothers from the Region of India took responsibility for a parish in the Northolt/South Harrow area of London that has a high percentage of parishioners originating from Asia. While not administratively part of our Delegation, they are supported and included in meetings and activities of the Delegation e.g. 'Faith Sharing' meetings, retreats etc.

The challenges the Delegation currently faces at community level are those associated with the increasing age profile and the health issues/needs of some of the Brothers. Communities being spread out, can also be a challenge in terms of gatherings, but this is offset by the efforts and desire of the Brothers to meet together. The lack of interest among young people re the Religious Life, can be disconcerting and a concern for the future presence of the Congregation in this region.

3. What is your vision for the future of the Congregation?

Our vision for the future of the Congregation is one that takes its inspiration from the vision of our Founders, who with limited resources and personnel, trusted in the Good God's Providence to provide for the fledgling community. Coupled with this, is the hope that reflecting on the two main topics of our last General Chapter, and revising them where necessary, will lead to a deepening of our contemplative vocation, thus providing a springboard and a solid base for both community and mission.

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, principal ministries.

Number of brothers: 24

Ages	N. of Brs. 2024
20-29	1
30-39	6
40-49	5
50-59	3
60-69	3
70-79	2
80-89	2
>90	2
Total of Brs.	24



(Including 6 Indonesian priests and 4 Filipino temporary Professed)

Average age: 61.0 years

Vocations

5 candidates from Vietnam, 1 from China (priest), 1 from Japan, and several from the Philippines for the Pre Novitiate 2024-25.

Principal Ministries

- 9 parishes in Japan and 2 in the Philippines
- 4 kindergartens in Japan

Other ministries

- Pastoral Care for the Indonesian Migrant Workers (Oarai)
- Detention Center in Ushiku and care for the foreigners who need help
- Free Medical Checkup for the Migrant Workers
- Sea Port Ministry
- DARC (Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Center) in each area
- Service for the Hansen Patients (Tala, Philippines)
- Damien Center with Sisters (Bagong Silang, Philippines)

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

- a) CAP is taking responsibilities for the Personnel in IF and Bagong Silang Community in the Philippines.
- b) Accepting vocations from Vietnam and China.
- c) International Novitiate in the Philippines.
- d) Losing members because of aging and illness.



Bagong Silang Philippines

3. What is your vision for the future of the Congregation?

- a) Last Provincial Chapter decided that the Japan-Philippines will be a part of the Indonesian Province (most probably as a Region).
- b) New horizon of the SSCC mission in Asia especially in Vietnam and China.



Community in the Philippines (2023)



Province of MÉXICO

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, main ministries.

Number of brothers: 15

	Name	Current age
1	José Rodríguez Torres	91
2	Angel Martinez Chavez	80
3	Francisco Ortega Muñoz	76
4	Heriberto Bravo Bravo	75
5	Camilo Cisneros Torres	74
6	Alejandro Dzul	64
7	Valentín Manuel Ávila López	63
8	Salvador Carlos Mendoza	60
9	Pedro Diaz Román	59
10	Jorge Enrique Ramírez Capetillo	56
11	Juan Manuel Torres Diaz	50
12	José Rodrigo Alcántara Serrano	41
13	Marco Antonio García Ramiro	39
14	José Rosemberg Pérez Ruíz	36
15	Edgar Pacheco Bárcenas	34
16	Jesús Granadeño Ramírez (novice)	27

Average age 2024: 57.81 years

Vocations

We have communication with several young people who have expressed interest in learning more about religious life and the Congregation; most of them via social networks, but at this time there are no young people who are in sight for entering the postulancy in the coming months. Edgar Pacheco ssc (coordinator of the Vincentian Youth Program) and José Rosemberg ssc follow up with these young people through periodic conversations with the help of accompaniment cards and other activities, such as retreats and desert days.

Main Ministries

The main service we provide is pastoral accompaniment to parish communities. We serve five parishes in the Archdiocese of the Primate of Mexico; these are: the Parish of the Precious Blood of Christ (to which the chapel of Our Lady of the Assumption belongs); Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe, (to which the chapel of the Blessed Sacrament belongs); Parish of St. Isidore Labrador and Holy Angel Custos, Parish of the Most Holy Trinity and the Parish

of the Sacred Hearts. We also staff the parish of San Pedro Apostol, in the municipality of Cuayuca de Andrade, belonging to the Archdiocese of Puebla.

In each of these parishes, various Christian formation groups are attended, such as children's catechesis groups, pre-sacramental formation, adorers, Eucharistic ministers, biblical formation, youth, family ministry, caritas, among others.

Some confreres have ventured into teaching. Certainly it is an activity that is carried out in academic spaces, as well as in parish and inter-parish spaces. In any case, we do not fail to participate in instances of theological-pastoral formation and spiritual accompaniment.

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

The implementation of the decisions of our recently celebrated XVII Provincial Chapter, which focused on working on the total restructuring of our vocation and mission in Mexico. This implies, in concrete terms, working on our charismatic identity at the individual and community level (taking care of our inner self and building communities with a new dynamic), the prophetic dimension of our mission (new ways of being and serving the Church) and the economy (looking for another way of sustaining the life of the communities, the mission and formation: strengthening an economy of solidarity, which includes investments).

To make this possible we have proposed an itinerary in which, in the medium term, we will be reduced to only 3 communities: one in Mexico City, one in Puebla (we will maintain our presence in Cuayuca, Puebla) and we will seek to found a new community, most likely, close to the sisters. With a grateful memory of our history in Mexico, we recognize our weaknesses and our contribution to the Church and to the mission of the Congregation.

This restructuring involves intensifying our work in common with CIAL, both in interprovincial initial formation and in ongoing formation, mission and economy.

3. What is the vision for the future of the Congregation?

An international, interprovincial, interdisciplinary Congregation that strengthens the family spirit, is fraternal, synodal, missionary and intensifies its work in favour of the poorest, the suffering, the vulnerable, youth and families.

A Congregation made up of smaller communities in fewer places that assume a new style of life, simpler, less clerical and centred on our charism and spirituality.

A Congregation of sisters, brothers and lay members, witnesses to the Gospel, a reflection of ecclesial synodality at the heart of society. With fewer communities and presences, but strong in fraternity, at the service of the mission, favouring work with the marginalized. With lighter and more flexible structures of organization, communion and decision-making that favour missionary vitality. Diminished in number in Europe and Latin America, but projecting itself into the future, with evangelical hope, in other parts of the world.

A Congregation made up of communities that go out to meet people who are on the margins: migrants, refugees, victims of violence, trafficking or discrimination; communities that listen

to and accompany these groups of people in their various searches, and who foster an experience of the Love of God incarnated in Jesus.

A Congregation that meets with young people, listens to them and accompanies them in defining their vocation and their place in the Church, as well as in their search for meaning in life, in their own search for justice and care for the common home



Province of POLAND

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, principal ministries.

Number of brothers: 39

Average age: 57 years

Vocation: one Novice

Principal ministries: parish work in Poland, Germany, Austria, Norway and Ukraine.

- Youth ministry
- Pastoral ministries with Marriages
- Work at University
- Chaplains in hospital
- Parish retreats
- Retreat House
- House for Refugees from Ukraine in Wrocław
- Psychological Therapy
- Pastoral in Sanctuaries

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

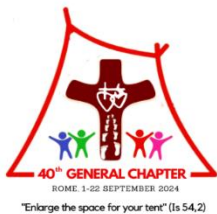
- VIII Meeting of Altar Boys in Polanica (01-03.05.2024)
- Feast Days of Saint Damian in Wrocław and Stara Łomnica
- Feast Days and retreat of the Secular Branch in Polanica Zdrój
- Diocesan Day of children after First Communion in Polanica Zdrój
- Summer Community Days and Retreats for Brothers

3. What is your vision for the future of the Congregation?

We are aware that life is changing very fast. There are so many ideologies that are against Christian values and the model of family that we value as important:

- Thus we value pastoral work in different countries especially with children, young people and families to strengthen their faith having reference to our charism of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary.
- Communities which show to the society our family spirit as it was shown by our Founders, the Good Father and Good Mother.

Referring to the lack of vocations there is need to work among Provinces and Delegations at the level of Initial Formation and taking part in international projects.



Province of US, Region of INDIA, Region of USA-West

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, principal ministries.

US Province	Region of India	Region of US-West
46 Professed Brothers 5 Novices	25 Professed Brothers 2 Novices	8 Professed Brothers
Average Age: 59	Average Age: 41	Average Age: 81

Number of Brothers: 79

- 79 Professed Brothers
- 7 Novices

Average Age: 55 years

Principal ministries: Parish ministries, school chaplaincies, social ministries.

- Eric Cruz: Vocation Director
- Patrick Tukida: Hawaii Recruiter
- Lui Voreqe: Texas Recruiter
- Maiki Kamauoha: East Recruiter (Associate: Soane Siua)
- Marc Roque: Fiji-South Pacific (Associate: Tavite Uluilakeba)

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

- Preparing for Provincial Chapter and election of leadership.
- Vocations ministry and facing challenges of various regions.
- Preparing brothers to train as Formators at all levels.
- Strategic planning on all levels.
- Providing enculturation of brothers from Pacific to US and vice-versa.
- Help engage senior brothers with ongoing new life within the Province and being a part of this new spirit.
- Consideration of what our future pastoral presence and needs will be like: East, Texas, California, Hawaii, Fiji, Tonga, India (re-assessing).
- Considerations of accompanying India and supporting their pastoral efforts.

3. What is your vision for the future of the Congregation?

Our vision for the future of the Congregation is that we gain the same spirit and zeal that was instilled in the six brothers who first came to the first mission.

What we have now, even with smaller numbers is a remnant for their courageous efforts to continue the mission.



Delegation of VLAANDEREN

1. Data: number of brothers, average age, vocations, main ministries.

Number of brothers: 17

- Brothers belonging to the Delegation: 16
- Brothers from another entity of the Congregation: 1 (Indonesia)

Average age: 80 years

Vocations: 0

Communities: 1 (with 8 Brothers) the others live alone.

Brothers active in the pastoral ministry of the Local Church: 1, member of the *in solidum* team of the Pastoral Zone of the city.

Brothers with some pastoral responsibility within the Delegation: 1, rector of St. Anthony's Church.

Brothers who carry out an apostolate in a personal capacity: 3.

2. What are the most significant happenings in your community at this time?

Our community is experiencing the dynamics of decline. Many of the confreres have been very active in the past, as pastors, missionaries, teachers, group animators, chaplains, etc. Now 14 of them are pensioners and due to their age no longer exercise any active pastoral ministry.

The challenge for this community is to discover how to continue to be relevant and active in God's work by being a community, through prayer, common life, etc.

We are waiting for the adaptation of a new, smaller house, adapted to the life of the siblings according to their age and needs.

We are concerned about the continued presence of the Congregation in Leuven at Father Damien's site.

3. What is the vision for the future of the Congregation?

The Delegation community closely follows the life of the Congregation in other parts of the world.

The weakness of the religious community, which is becoming older in age, smaller in number and widely dispersed throughout the world, is evident.

While there is always a question about the role of the General Government, the number of its members, its location and its capacity for self-support, there is no other alternative for

a community so geographically dispersed and diverse. The new realities of the Congregation, Delegations, require more and closer accompaniment on the part of the GG.

Challenges may include:

- how to make religious life relevant and relevant to the charism of the Sacred Hearts, in order to have more vocations;
- seek more efficient ways, structures, that can favour the work of the Congregation as a whole, prioritizing relevant presences.