

ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSION SECRETARY
ANGOLA – 2009

1. Introduction: On 27th September 2008, received my appointment by the Generalate, as Mission Secretary of Angolan Province. Since then I began to engage in the tasks of the Mission Secretary. Due to not handing over the office by the outgoing Mission Secretary, anticipated holidays of mine, AFRAM Mission Secretary meeting here in Angola and the visit of Pope to Angola delayed to assume the office. In this report I would like to highlight the following points: The activities of Mission Secretary based on Handbook for Superiors, plans and future projects of MS, Economic Situation of the Mission Office and difficulties.

2. The Activities of Mission Secretary: The Handbook for Superiors points out three distinct tasks of MS: Fostering Mission Awareness, Care for Missionaries and Fund Rising.

2.1. Fostering Mission Awareness: During the course of this year something has been done by MS and by our confreres. After the meeting of AFRAM Mission Secretary, I planned to visit the communities to communicate the outcome of the Mission Secretaries meeting. This visit was coincided with the visit of Provincial Counsel. Most of our parishes and mission are doing well in the sector of Vocation Promotion in their respective places. From the Mission Office we prepared some material for the Vocation Promotion. In the sector of Ongoing Formation Fr. Pepe is doing wonderful job by sending good, reflective material for the confreres via internet. From my part I could not dedicate fully due to the work confined to me to rehabilitate the Noviciate House.

2.2. Care for Missionaries: Superior Delegate with his other works dedicates some time for obtaining the Visas and other documents of our confreres. Mission Office helped Fr. Sony the new missionary in Angola do Orientation Course for New Missionaries in Angola. Fr. Pepe, Coordinator of Communication, helps by keeping a good contact with all confreres of Angola within and outside the province, by sending Provincial's Communication. This year we didn't receive any Angolan Foreign Missionary for holidays.

2.3. Fund Rising: The Handbook of Superiors speaks a lot about this point and the Congregation lives and continues its Mission work. For the first time we have started to collect the funds locally. On 10th of May 2009, we launched our first campaign of distributing envelopes in our parishes and missions houses to rise the fund for the Congregation. Our faithful are responding positively for our campaign. For this we also opened a Bank Account.

3. Plans and Future Projects:

3.1. Continue the project of distributing the envelopes for Fund Rising.

3.2. Do a special campaign in the month of October for the Missions.

3.3. Begin to collect "Mass Intention" locally for our missions.

3.4. Collaborate in the preparation of Youth Diary and Calendar of our Province.

3.5. In the month of September “Month of Bible” and October “Month of Mission” collaborate with parishes and Missions to coordinate Mission activities and Bible.

3.6. Help the Missions in preparing the projects of Mission distribution

4. Economic Situation of the Mission Office: Mission Office doesn't have special fund for its maintenance. Mission Office depends on the mercy of Provincial Treasurer for the functioning.

4.1. Provincial Treasurer helped the Mission Office by arranging the old computer and jeep for its work.

5. Difficulties: The Mission Office was exempt of difficulties we had some of them:

5.1. There was no information or communication about the functioning of the Mission Office by the Outgoing Mission Secretary.

5.2. The vehicle which was for the service of Mission Secretary was not in good condition.

5.3. Some of the confreres didn't collaborate with Fund Raising.

6. Conclusion: In the Congregation Mission Secretary and Mission Office assumes an important role for the good functioning of the Missions. For this need collaboration of all the confreres within the province, still more as a province of Angola totally depends on distribution of Generalate. May St. Arnold Janssen and St. Joseph bless us all! May the mother Mary Queen of the Mission intercede for us all.

With love in the Divine Word,

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