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*"We can't row the canoe fast with one paddle"
(African proverb)*

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Dear Fr. Provincials, Regionals and Mission Superiors,

Warm greetings to you and may the grace and peace of the Lord be with you!

Last 17-19 July the General Council, including the Generalate Secretaries and Coordinators, held a meeting with the four Zonal Coordinators representing AFRAM, PANAM, ASPAC and EUROPE. A big bulk of the Agenda was the reporting on the different Zones followed by very interesting discussions. We were struck by the interest of the Generalate on our Zone.

In this UPDATE I present to you the report about our AFRAM Zone (please see attached file). Since it is four pages long I thought it wise to give other information of the meeting itself in the next letter which will follow soon. One point of the report was corrected by Father General concerning the "Problems encountered" on page 3 number 4. Though it is true that some confreres left the Zone after a short period of missionary work, the number is after all not "considerable" as we imagined.

This month of August the Generalate Visitations have started. Father Estanislau Marques Chindecasse, after attending the ordination of Mgr Antonio Jaca in Angola, went to Chad to visit the Mission. Fr. Antony Puthumana the outgoing Superior was there for the changeover. At present he is here with us in Congo. Vice-General Konrad Keller is in the Kenya/Tanzania province and will stay there until September 15. Fr. Gregory Pinto is in the Botswana province. Since it comprises other countries including Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa, Father Konrad Keller will join him and do the visiting in Zimbabwe.

The next round will start on October 15 and finish on November 30. Br. Alfonso José Berger will visit the regions of Madagascar and Togo. Fr. Arlindo Pereira Dias goes to Angola and then to Madagascar. Fr. Robert Kisala will visit Ghana. In January 2008 the Generalate will collate all the reports of the different provinces, regions and missions of AFRAM.

TAKE NOTE! The Workshop for the "New Provincials" is definitively scheduled to take place from 6th to 19th July 2008. This will be for us a golden opportunity to see each other!

Thank you again for giving me a copy of your Newsletters and of the letters of appointments of our Area Coordinators. I will be very grateful if you can share with me some news which we could include in the AFRAM Contact. I'll try my best to publish an issue this September.

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