

MISSIONARIES OF
THE HOLY SPIRIT 
CONGREGATIONAL NOVITIATE

Dear family, friends and benefactors of the MSpS Novitiate Community in Long Beach, Ca.,

On the day of Pentecost, God the Father poured out the Holy Spirit on the disciples and the Blessed Virgin Mary. We pray that on this feast your family and loved ones may be renewed by the gifts of the Spirit. Furthermore, the Holy Spirit moved the first members of the Church to go out and proclaim the infinite power of God to all nations. Through this letter, we would like to share some news about our novitiate community where we see the movement of the Holy Spirit guiding us forward in the formation process of our novices here in the USA.

Our current first year novices, Br. Daniel Zorrilla and John Terron, will continue their second year of novitiate formation in Mexico. They will join the group of 12 MSpS novices in the city of Queretaro, Mexico. Fr. Juan Pablo Patiño will accompany them in their formation process.

This decision has not been taken lightly. In fact, it has been guided by the effort of the whole Congregation of the Missionaries of the Holy Spirit who have reflected on the best ways to collaborate in the formation of the future MSpS. Since 2016, the Congregation has gradually taken concrete steps in order to study, discern and implement a way in which all three provinces can work together to unify the formation identity of the new vocations in the initial stages of formation, namely Postulancy, Novitiate and Post-Novitiate Studies. In the Church, this is not something new or original. We are joining what almost all religious congregations in the western world are doing, partly because of the necessary renovation of their organizational structures and partly because of the shortage of personnel: unifying communities, simplifying organizational structures and optimizing resources.

For our Province here in the USA this implies the following changes:

- The Novitiate Stage of Formation will be established for a trial period of time in the city of Queretaro, MX.
- Fr. Juan Pablo, along with the two brothers mentioned above, will be joining the novices in Mexico starting August 3rd, 2020. With a larger group, our two novices will have an opportunity to experience formation in a community. They will have the opportunity to be closer to the emblematic places of our spirituality and charism. The novitiate formation team will be formed in collaboration with members of all three provinces, who in turn will bring young men from other countries as well. In all, there will be four formation directors accompanying the novices. It is the vision of a Congregational Novitiate!

Since the establishment of the Novitiate house in Long Beach, we have relied upon your unconditional support. We have built a story together! We have shared the joys and sorrows of formation. We have worked together in different fundraising activities. We acknowledge your presence in our lives as we take on these

steps of transition to the city of Queretaro. We would like to assure you that we will do our part to continue our presence in Long Beach whenever necessary. For this reason, we would like you to know the following information:

- The first profession of the novices will continue to be celebrated in Long Beach.
- The novices continue to be financially dependent on our Province even while they are living in Mexico. For this reason, the novitiate community will continue with the Dinner Dance fundraising activities and we will make ourselves present for these events.
- The novitiate community will continue mailing the monthly newsletter as a way to keep you updated on the life and activities of the Congregational Novitiate. We hope that you continue to support us with your prayers and monthly contribution.
- The novices will come back to support the Province with other important events.
- More important than the place where the novitiate is located, is the need for vocations! That is why we invite you to continue working and praying for young people to consider being Missionaries of the Holy Spirit.

Lastly, we would like to let you know that Fr. Miguel Marquez, Br. Lucio Galicia and Fr. Domenico Di Raimondo will remain living in the MSpS house in Long Beach. Fr. Miguel and Br. Lucio will continue to promote vocations, while Fr. Domenico will be ministering in the House of Prayer for Priests in the Diocese of Orange.

We count on your prayers and you can count on ours. We hope to continue building a story together no matter where we are. God wanted to unite us with a bond of affection and fraternity, to which we want to respond to you with great generosity and our heartfelt gratitude.

We ask God to grant us all the grace to continue seeking and carrying out his will.

Fraternally,


Fr. Juan Pablo Patino, MSpS

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