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Each Brother, each Lay person lives in a "Province" as an intermediate administrative structure between the Institute and the local community or mission work. Religious and pastoral orientations are organised and lived in it.

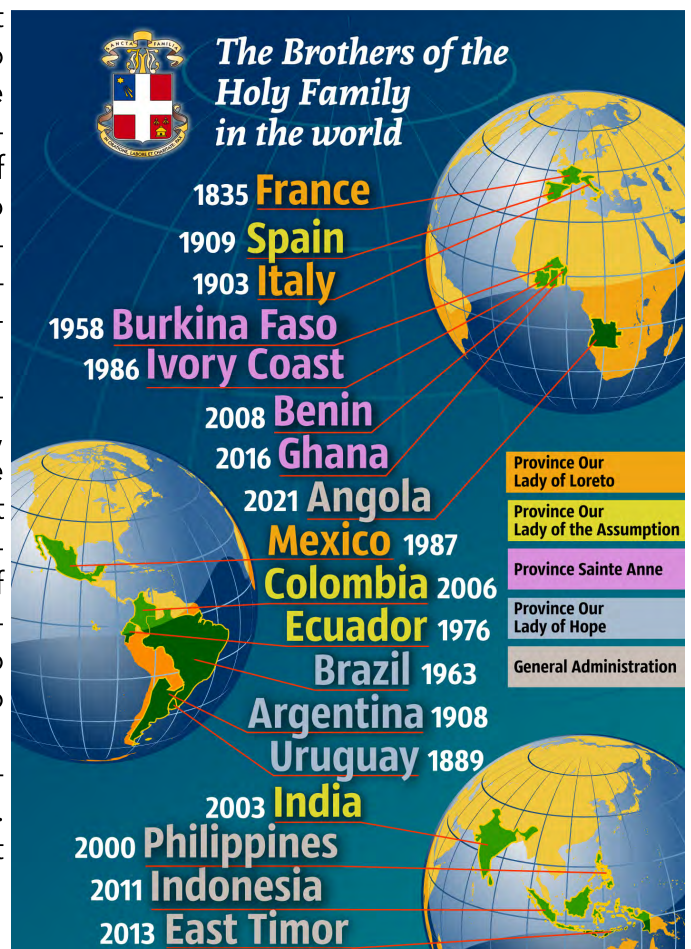
Towards a more global Institute

The Chapter of 2019 made this request: *"The current situation of the Institute (advanced age and the decline of Brothers in some areas and increase of Brothers in others) and a look to the near future, urges this General Chapter to adopt new outlooks. Throughout the six-year period, the General Council must take the necessary steps for a new configuration of the Provinces. In this way, the Institute will be enabled to continue fulfilling the mission received from the Church, and attend to the care of all the Brothers"* (Chapter 2019, Or. 11).

We are weak in some areas, but at the same time we have the rich presence of young Brothers in other areas and many Lay people living the same spirituality and mission as the Sa-Fa Family. We feel the need to examine at the whole Institute, the whole Sa-Fa Family. An examination that can lead us to modify the structures. But the most important thing is that it leads us to personal change. We need to know what are the keys of life and mission for this new situation. We must be able to create new forms of relationship and collaboration among all; to work in local and national teams, in larger networks, with a global sense. The double objective is always about caring for people and mission.

The Institute was created thanks to the missionary impulse of Brother Gabriel and behind him, hundreds of Brothers, and today, thanks to the work of so many Lay people. "Give freely what you have received freely" (Mt 10:8): let us continue to "engender" the Institute among all of us, Brothers and Lay people, as the Sa-Fa Family. Together, we continue to respond today to the mission that the Church has entrusted to us.

Our history is full of interprovincial collaborations. Maybe, we should increase them today. In this issue we present some of these current collaborations.



Vocation animation and common Novitiate

The family spirit has also been expressed in recent years in interprovincial collaboration in the field of formation and vocations. Some experiences have been carried out between the Provinces of Our Lady of the Assumption, Our Lady of Lorette and Our Lady of Hope.

- A few years ago, the Province of the Assumption collaborated with the Province of Lorette in Mexico by sending two Brothers who worked, in part, in this area of vocation promotion. More recently, a Mexican Novice made his Novitiate in Quito (2015-2016). And another on from Uruguay in 2019-2020, as well as some from Ecuador and Colombia. In both experiences, Brothers from the two provinces went to Quito to give some courses. These stays were brief, but they helped the Novices to feel united to their Provinces of origin. These were undoubtedly positive experiences for them in terms of getting to know other parts of the Institute, mission, culture, community experience... It is an important step in these times of "inter" that we live in. It will probably be necessary to make further progress in this aspect in this time of reorganisation and revitalisation. We also have new means of online teaching.
- Another experience of collaboration between Provinces has been the meetings of vocational animators or formators of America held in various countries: Argentina, Uruguay and Ecuador. They were an exchange of experiences of animation, sharing of criteria of accompaniment or formation and mutual knowledge. Three years ago, the pandemic and some inconveniences cut short these meetings, which needed to be reorganised with new approaches and visions.

Bro. Fernando Cob



Online training

In the journey towards a more global Institute, charismatic formation takes on a decisive importance in order to deepen and grow in identity. The pandemic forced a massive use of platforms for meetings and formation. The Province of Our Lady of Hope already started this system in 2012 with the course "In the Footsteps".

This course proposes a historical journey through the time of Brother Gabriel. The activities and interactivities proposed are related to the life experiences of the participants. Since 2012, hundreds of teachers from various Provinces have participated in the course with great success.



It is complemented by the Sa-Fa Spirituality Course, "A way of living Nazareth today" (2018), which deepens the meaning of spirituality in general and Nazarene spirituality by exploring "The links that unite us in JMJ".

Likewise, at this moment, some of our students in formation in Timor or in Rome are following some of their subjects through this system. And the course for vocational animators. And the course for vocational animators. It is undoubtedly a resource that can help us on this journey.

Bro. Néstor Achigar

Encounters in the places of our origins

Among the formative experiences offered by the Brothers and shared with all the members of the Sa-Fa Family, the " Meetings of Belley " have been held for years, a pilgrimage to the places where the Vble. Bro. Gabriel Taborin discovered his vocation, built his project and dreamt of the Institute of the Brothers of the Holy Family.

The pilgrimage to places such as Belleydoux, Saint Claude, Belmont... is harmonised in the "Maison Gabriel Taborin" of Belley with work and reflection sessions where all the participants (Brothers, Sa-Fa Lay people, Fraternities, teachers...) can share the places where Brother Gabriel lived, see his books, his personal documents, his letters...

The Provinces Our Lady of Loreto and the Assumption have held several of these meetings, bringing together teachers from Spain, France and Italy. A rich experience that opens the eyes to other members of the Sa-Fa Family from other countries.

In addition to what is "learned", the most enriching experience is always what is "lived": the family relationship that is established among all, as well as the warm welcome of the Brothers from Belley or Ars or the moments spent with them.



Bro. Gabriel Sanz. Equipo de Titularidad

Sharing the mission

There had been an exchange of Brothers in some activities before, but I think it was in 2006, when we went for the first time with a group of Italian boys to Barcelona for the Vocational Festival. It seemed like a dream. The initiative had started in a word of mouth between Italian and Spanish Brothers. As we lived the experience we realised that the Spirit was guiding us, giving us the opportunity to experience true fraternity: we felt like family!

In the following years, the meetings between young people from the Provinces of the Assumption and Our Lady of Loreto multiplied. Many were able to live together experiences such as the "Agora of the Gospel", Camps, Holy Week, the Way of St. James... It was really incredible to discover that girls and boys, who had never seen each other before, were able to live the experience of growing free and responsible in faith in the same way and with the same intensity. The feeling is that in the Congregation, in any part of the world, there is a common thread, a style that accompanies the way of doing pastoral work with children and young people, of proposing the joy of the Gospel.

In May 2017, we wanted to reciprocate by inviting young Spaniards to our first "Agora Gospel" in Villa Brea. On that occasion, the fraternity was symbolically "lit up" through the logo of the meeting, which referred to a green button with a cross in the centre.



We believe that it is really important to continue to cultivate these experiences of communion between girls and boys from different Provinces or countries. They are the concrete sign of a fraternity that can be built and shared, following the intuition of Brother Gabriel, the visible sign of the charism shared between Brothers and Lay people..

Diego Cravero. AnimaSaFa. Torino

Sa-Fa vocation team: together we can

The General Council, responding to the invitations of the 38th General Chapter, decided, together with the Brothers Provincial, to create this team at its meeting in January 2020. This is part of the process of revitalisation and reorganisation of the Institute, and a contribution to it. The team began its work on 17 April 2020. Since then, Brothers Bosco Sebastin, Pascal Rayaisé and Roberto Cabello have been meeting regularly and virtually, first on an almost weekly basis and then, monthly. We have been accompanied and assisted by Brothers Francisco Javier Hernando, General Animator, Pierre Kafando, General Councillor and Bro. Teodoro.



During these two years, we have been able to work together in a fraternal and cordial atmosphere despite some linguistic difficulties. The work done so far has meant that the seed planted has borne fruit: vocational motivation and awareness-raising throughout the Institute, the preparation of basic texts such as the Sa-Fa prayer for vocations, the coordination of vocational efforts through teams by sector (Latin American, French-speaking, Asian), the development of vocational strategies and proposals contained in the Road Map, the presence on social networks, and the preparation of vocation animators with the Sa-Fa vocation animation course. Networking, seeking to unite synergies. Let us hope that little by little, the pieces of the vocational puzzle will fit together and that the vocational ripples will spread so that we all become involved in some way in helping others to discover and respond to God's call.

Bro. Roberto Cabello

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Group of aspirants from Angola, with Bro. Superior General and Bro. Juan Andrés.

Other collaborations between Provinces

- Solidarity collaboration between Italy (CAM) and Burkina Faso, the Philippines and Mexico.
- Projects carried out by Carumanda in Ecuador, Colombia, Burkina Faso and India.
- The elaboration of the Document "Sa-Fa Schools for the World", made with the contributions of the whole Sa-Fa Family.
- The Coordinating Team of the Fraternities.
- The Olympics and Cultural Weeks, promoted by the A.I.S.F.
- Student exchanges between France, Spain and Italy.

"Called to walk together in a participatory style"