



## ***Newsletter of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes***



**December, 2023**

### **Frà Nicola Tegoni Joins the Council of the Professed and the Sovereign Council**



Frà Nicola Tegoni, Sub-Prior of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes, was elected this month to the Council of the Professed in Rome, and as such, will serve as a member of the Sovereign Council. Congratulations, Frà Nicola! Now, in addition to our Grand Master, Frà John Dunlap, and Frà Nicola, the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes will be represented on the Sovereign Council by Frà Richard Wolff, Frà Tom Mulligan and F.J. McCarthy, KMOB.

In accordance with the Order's Constitution, Frà Nicola has stepped down as Sub-Prior. Pending election of a successor, Hugh M. Dempsey, Ed.D, GCMOB, Vice-Regent, will carry out the acts of ordinary administration of the Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes.

### **The Subpriory of Our Lady of Lourdes Welcomes 4 New Knights in Obedience**

This fall, having completed their Year of Formation, four Knights made their Promise of Obedience. Dr. Daniel Young and Mr. Charles Mifsud made their Promises during Mass celebrated by Msgr. James Watkins at St. Ann's Church, Washington, D.C. on September 24<sup>th</sup>. At the same Mass, Chip and Ann Souser and Rory and Camille Kelleher were elevated to the grade of Grand Cross for their service to the Order of Malta and to the Subpriory.



Dr. Daniel Young, KMOB  
(left)  
Mr. Charles Mifsud, KMOB  
(right)

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Anne Souser,  
GCM  
Chip Souser,  
GCMOb



Camille Kelleher,  
GCMOb  
Rory Kelleher,  
GCMOb

On November 11th, during a Mass celebrated by Fr. Joseph Cavoto, OFM, at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in New York City, H.E. Ambassador Paul Beresford-Hill made his Promise of Obedience.



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Frà Nicola was delegated by the Grand Master to receive the Promise of Obedience of the three new members of the Second Class.

In a separate ceremony, Mr. Robert Fitzgerald made his Promise at a Mass on November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Curé of Ars Church in Leawood, Kansas. Frà Tom Mulligan was delegated by the Grand Master to receive Mr. Fitzgerald's Promise.

Each of these new Knights in Obedience made the Promise under the rules of the new Constitution. The Promises are made for a period of three years, after which the Knight or Dame making the Promise may (with approval) either make a final Promise of Obedience or make another 3-year temporary Promise. Nevertheless, having made the first Promise, the member is considered a member in Obedience with all the rights and privileges associated with the Second Class.

## Subpriory Welcomes Two New Chaplains

The Subpriory added two new Associate Chaplains who will primarily help in the area of formation of other chaplains and formation of members for admission to the Second Class of our Order. They are the Reverend Monsignor Douglas Mathers, ChM, and Father Richard Mullins, ChC. They will work closely with the other Chaplains of the Subpriory, namely the Reverend Monsignor James Watkins, ChC, Chief Chaplain; the Reverend Father Joseph Cavoto, OFM, Assistant Chief Chaplain; and the Reverend Father Timothy Brown, SJ, Associate Chaplain.

## Series on Spirituality

A series of Zoom talks on spirituality for Subpriory members in the First and Second Class was initiated this Fall. Our Principal Chaplain, Monsignor Watkins delivered the first talk on October 25th and the topic was "The Eucharist: Let us give thanks to the Lord." The second talk was an Advent spiritual reflection delivered by Monsignor Watkins on November 30th. More talks and virtual zoom meetings will be offered in the Winter and Spring of 2024.

## Member Outreach

If any Subpriory members wish to have a special intention remembered in prayers or if you know of a Subpriory member in need please reach out to Karen Tanzola, DMOB at [krtanzola@gmail.com](mailto:krtanzola@gmail.com) or Kathryn Abell, DMOB at [kathrynabell1@gmail.com](mailto:kathrynabell1@gmail.com) Karen and Kathryn are respectively Chair and Co-Chair of the Subpriory's members outreach committee.

## 2024 Retreat

Please note the Malvern retreat date for 2024 will be from **May 28th until June 2nd** for the Knights and Dames in Obedience and until June 5th for the Knights of Justice.



*Best wishes to all for a Blessed Christmas Season and a healthy,  
happy New Year!*