



Dear Brothers,

Every year during the month of May we celebrate the feast of St. Eugene de Mazenod. Our Founder died on May 21, 1861. Since his beatification in 1975, the date of his death has been celebrated liturgically as his FEAST DAY. As we celebrate his feast, let us be reminded of what St. John Paul II said about Eugene at his canonization in December 1995.

**We are living in the second Advent of the world's history. Eugene de Mazenod was a man of Advent, a man of the Coming. He not only looked forward to that Coming, he dedicated his whole life to preparing for it, one of those apostles who prepared the modern age, our age. Eugene de Mazenod knew that Christ wanted to unite the whole human race to himself. This is why throughout his life he devoted particular attention to the evangelization of the poor, wherever they were found. By patiently working on himself, he learned to discipline a difficult character and to govern with enlightened wisdom and steadfast goodness. His every action was inspired by a conviction he expressed in these words: "To love Church is to love Jesus Christ, and vice versa". His influence is not limited to the age in which he lived. But continues its effect on our time. His apostolate consisted in the transformation of the world by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. What Saint Eugene wanted to achieve was that, in Christ, each individual could become a fully complete person, an authentic Christian, a credible saint.**

**The Church gives us this great Bishop and Founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate as an example of heroic faith, hope and charity.**

Let me wish you all a very HAPPY FEAST.

Brad Rozairo

## DELEGATION



### **Team ministry in Tokushima prefecture**

From this spring, the Oblate pastoral team {Frs. Steven Rosario (Steve), Leonard Inui & Br. Nobuhiko Yagi} in Naruto will take care of the mission parish of Tokushima. Deacon Koyama from the diocese of Takamatsu is also part of the team.

### **Oblate Vocation Week: May 21 – 29, 2020**

Every year during the Vocation Week, we invite the MAMI members and parishioners of our mission parishes to join us pray for Oblate vocations. This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic we will not be able to pray with them in our churches. Therefore, I encourage you to make use of the social media to pray for vocations. We will print out some prayer cards and make them available to you. Let us make sure that we pray for vocations not only during the Oblate Vocation Week but daily.

### **Installation of the new Delegation Council**

At present, since travel is not encouraged from one prefecture to another, we have decided to have the installation in June.

**REMINDER: “Policy for Protection of Children and Vulnerable adults”**

The ‘norms’ to protect minors and vulnerable adults were sent to you on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please go through them, and if you have comments/suggestions to make you may do so before May 25, 2020.

**Installation of the new Provincial and Council in Colombo**

The new Provincial of Colombo Province Fr. Roshan SILVA and his council will be installed on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Provincial House Chapel in Colombo. The members of the Provincial council are Frs. Dilan N. PERERA, Jagath ANTHONY, Christy J. SILVA, Shivantha WAAS and Roshan M. FERNANDO.

Let us assure our prayers and support to our Provincial and his team.



*Prayer for those affected by*  
**THE CORONAVIRUS**

St. Eugene, I ask you to intercede for those affected by the Coronavirus. May God, through your intercession, hear my prayer.  
Innocent lives are in need of healing, comfort, and peace.  
You reached out to the sick, the poor and most abandoned.  
Reach out now to those who need your healing, drive away all forms of sickness and disease.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

St. Eugene de Mazenod,  
**Pray for us!**