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Dear confreres,



Usually spring begins on the 21st of March and lasts until 20th of June in the northern hemisphere, and it coincides astronomically with the vernal equinox. As in summer, the axis of the Earth is tilted toward the Sun and the length of daylight rapidly increases. The northern hemisphere begins to warm significantly causing new plant growth to "**spring forth**," giving the season its name. Snow begins to melt and streams swell with runoff and spring rains. Most flowering plants bloom this time of year, in a long succession sometimes beginning even when snow is still on the ground, and continuing into early summer.

As spring literally means 'spring forth' causing new plants grow, may we experience this spring in our own lives too; may we bring forth the best out of us to serve God's people more and more in spite of our shortcomings, failures and ailments.

May we also wish our men who are sick in many ways; improvement in their health, and total recovery from their sicknesses if it is God's will. Ange, Dick Harr, Van Hoydonck, Lei Simons, John Mahoney, Mike Yamasaki, Jerry Novotny, we are with you in spirit and prayer!

And my sincere thanks to all the contributors to this month's newsletter. Sorry I don't have any pictures of either spring meeting or the Perpetual vows.

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(For the team, OMI J