

A VISIT TO WALSH UNIVERSITY

SPENT SEVEN DAYS AT WALSH, a marvellous experience for an F.I.C.

In fact, one feels at home there. -

First you are welcomed by a community of extremely pleasant Brothers who share with you the peak moments of community life: prayer, holy mass, meals..., everything marked by piety and joy! They even offer to accompany you wherever you wish to go. -

Then there is the welcome of the very sympathetic President of the University, Richard Jusseaume who has much contributed to the development of this institution by his boundless devotedness, his wise planning and a dynamism sustained by a living hope.

Inside the University one breathes an air of the Congregation. When going around the pavilions, one comes repeatedly across the remembrance of some living or departed Brothers who have worked or are still working at the University.



Mister Jusseaume, President of Walsh University and Brother Mario

The Brothers of the American province came from Alfred (Maine) to North Canton (Ohio) in 1958 to start WALSH COLLEGE. In November 1960 they opened the doors of this College to 67 students, among them being some scholastics preparing for religious life.

Then in 1992, the College became a University. At present there are 2 500 students in various depart-

ments. If you wish to know more, you may visit the internet site at

E-mail: admissions@walsh.edu
Web: www.walsh.edu



A group of students of Walsh en route to Castelgandolfo.

The sections I found the most interesting are :

- the preparation of teachers: many graduates are now teachers, school heads, education inspectors...
- the formation of nurses: after four years students become registered nurses.

One aspect that must be underlined is the fact that Walsh welcomes religious and priests from mission countries. More than one hundred of them have now gone back to their country with various degree qualifications.

The part dedicated to science is among the best equipped: there is a DNA virtual system. Because of that, Walsh has acquired a distinct status among the universities of the sector: professors, lecturers and students engage in research.

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There are 19 buildings on the campus, eight of them homes for the students. Nearly 1000 students stay on the campus and have at their disposal lodgings, sports rooms, tennis courts, football and baseball fields.

A magnificent chapel is at the disposal of those who want to pray or spend moments of reflection. Prayer groups exist for adoration, the recitation of the rosary...

I have seen a whole baseball team coming in silence to the chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Perpetual Help for a prayer before going to face the opposing team.

The spiritual dimension is there for all to see: there are groups of discussions, diverse associations. I was struck by a group of students planting 1000 white crosses in the meadow facing the science laboratories to draw attention of all passers-by to the problem of abortions.

Finally I would like to underscore the cultural and missionary dimension. Groups go to Ecuador or to Uganda for an experience of effective humanitarian aid. Others go to Italy at Castel Gandolfo for a cultural and rather touristic experience.



I wish Walsh University, those responsible for it and its administrators, and in a very special way to its very sympathetic president, Richard Jusseume, a Happy Year 2008.

Br Mario Forino

NB: Brother Mario is responsible for the Casa Menesiana at Castelgandolfo. The house receives, every year, many student groups from Walsh for a linguistic stay. It is due to his title as head of the Center that Brother Mario received this invitation.

Solidarity Commission

During two days, the members of this Commission, nominated by the Brother Superior General studied the modalities of creating an International Solidarity Fund in our Congregation.

Today, the mother provinces, founders of missionary communities in Africa, essentially, can continue to assist them with personnel and finances. However, this situation is evolving rapidly due to the aging of the Brothers. It is urgent that the future be provided for. A Solidarity Fund is one of the elements that may help resolve the problem.

The commission has provided a first study to the General Counsel and will continue to make the provincial officials aware of the situation in view of obtaining the adhesion of all before the matter is closed next September.



On the photo: the members of the commission: Brothers: Lévi Boudreau, Gerard Byaruhanga, Louis Balanant, Robert Gonnevillle, Luis Miguel Gomez and Auguste Richard.