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**Italy** : Interview with Sr. Maria Kimani (03/03/2010)



Sr. Maria Kimani is the superior of the East African delegation. From the 1st to the 28th of February, 2010, the delegation was visited by the Superior General, Sr. M. Antonietta Bruscato, and the General Councillors Sr. Anna Maria Parenzan e Sr. Anna Caiazza. Sr. Maria Kimani spoke to us of the Pauline presence in this area of Africa and about the challenges that the Pauline mission meets there in this time.

*Sr. Maria, can you give us some information about your Delegation?*

The delegation is formed of six countries: Kenya, Nigeria, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, an immense geographical area that gives the Delegation a varied social and cultural beauty. In each nation, there is only one community, except Nigeria, which has two. The Delegation has 52 professed sisters, 7 novices, 8 pre-novices and 12 pre-postulants. The circumscription is apostolically very active and dynamic. Our principal apostolic activities are: the publishing of books, audiovisual productions, the Internet, the distribution agency, book centers, itinerant diffusion, and pastoral work for vocations.

The Pauline mission is very welcome in every nation in which we are present. The Church wants our help so as to carry out its pastoral work more effectively. However, we do not have sufficient personnel to respond to the many requests we receive.

The Lord is blessing us with good vocations, for which we are particularly grateful because this, for us, is the sign that the Lord wants our Pauline charism to sink its roots into Africa.

*What are the main challenges for the Pauline mission in these countries?*

The field in which we carry out our mission is already vast, but we want to reach even more countries to announce the Gospel. However, this is not possible, since we need to consolidate our existing communities and make good use of our members.

We live and work among a people who are very poor due to social, political, and economic situations. It is a challenge for us to keep this reality in mind, in order to be able to reach everyone.

*Do you have some dreams for the future?*

To have Daughters of St. Paul who are courageous, holy, inflamed with missionary passion like their “Father”–Paulines who are “light and salt for the earth” for the people of God in the world of today.

I sincerely hope that the Lord will continue to send us vocations. The harvest is great and there is a place among us for the many young women ready to respond to God’s call.

*What fruits do you expect from this visit?*

I hope that the joy experienced by all of us during these days of the fraternal visit will continue to motivate us to deepen our sense of belonging to the Congregation and the Church for the greater glory of God.

Certainly this visit has deepened in each sister’s heart her own responsibility to bring Christ to the others through the instruments of social communications and to find new ways of announcing him to the world.

Above all, I am certain that the fraternal visit will help all our sisters commit themselves more fervently to pastoral work for vocations, our “priority of priorities.”

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### Mexico : Two New Pauline Cooperators Make Their Promises (30/03/2010)



The Daughters of St. Paul of Mexico are continuing their efforts to form and accompany their local Pauline Cooperators. A few days ago, at the end of their period of formation, Regina Maria Aburto Martinez and Edgardo Barreda Valenzuela were inducted into the Pauline Cooperators Association. Their formation took as its point of departure a deeper study of the Pauline charism, together with a consideration of the abilities of each person and the needs of the territory.

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### Czech Republic : Notes of an "Incapable" Pastor (29/03/2010)



During the Year of the Priest, Paulínky Editions offered, along with other publications, a book on the life of Father Benedict, ofm, who was a very popular spiritual guide. The text, his personal testimony in the form of a diary, is entitled: *Zápisky (ne) zkušného faráře (Notes of an (In)capable Pastor)*.

These notes were begun during the period when the country was under communism, and Father Benedict carried out his ministry to the Church of Silence. They continue with his reception of official authorization for his ministry, but always under the strict control of the Police. They are intimate notes about his life, and he does not gloss over his problems. The author's account of his daily life reveals his trust, simplicity, fidelity and love for his neighbor—including those who persecuted him.

The presentation of this new book sparked a great interest in the public and 200 people attended the book launch. Pages selected from the book were read by the famous Christian actor R. Kvíz and were accompanied by the music of Durtovi, a young musician couple. The last selection was read by the author himself, who then was available to autograph copies.

Father Benedict has already published a book on the Eucharist, also published by Paulínky Editions. The text are the fruit of our collaboration and fraternal relationship with the Franciscans of Prague, who have also generously offered the Daughters of St. Paul a site for their new Book and Media Center.

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### United States : A Documentary on Blessed James Alberione (24/03/2010)



The Provincial Government of the Daughters of St. Paul of the United States of America has approved and prepared the script for a documentary on the life of Blessed James Alberione, the Founder of the Pauline Family.

The film will be produced by the Daughters of St. Paul in collaboration with Spirit Juice Studios, a young film production house that has already produced many religious and catechetical films. A 3-minute trailer presenting the project is already available. The

Sisters hope to use the trailer as a promotion piece to launch the film and arouse interest in it by making people aware of its message.

The film should be ready by 2014, the Centenary of the Foundation of the Pauline Family.

For more information on this project, please visit [www.alberionefilm.com](http://www.alberionefilm.com)

The trailer can be viewed on [www.pauline.org/FilmProduction/tabid/400/Default.aspx](http://www.pauline.org/FilmProduction/tabid/400/Default.aspx).

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### "Go out to the whole world and preach the Gospel" – First religious profession in the Daughters of St. Paul. (27/03/2010)



The Pauline Charism continues to arouse in the hearts of many young people a strong sense of being called to "live and announce Christ in the world of communication". We rejoice with the Daughters of St. Paul of India and the United States of America for the gift of their newly professed sisters, and ask for them the grace of perseverance and enthusiasm so that they may live their Pauline vocation in all its fullness.

### Japan : Film Festival on Mother Teresa (26/03/2010)



On the occasion of the centenary of Mother Teresa's birth (2010), the Daughters of St. Paul, in collaboration with the producers' studio Fieldworks, organized a commemorative event: The Mother Teresa Film Festival. Seven feature films on the life of the Albanian Blessed were shown.

Three were documentaries: *Mother Teresa and Her World*, *The Prayer of Mother Teresa: Life Is Love*, and *Living with Mother Teresa*. These films were planned and filmed by the Daughters of St. Paul of Japan. When they noted the enthusiastic response of the people to documentaries, they decided to prolong the showings, moving the conclusion of the Festival from 19 March to 11 April. The Festival, sponsored by the Ministry of Education and by

Signis of Japan, has been warmly supported by the Japanese Episcopal Conference and the Tokyo Diocese.

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### United Kingdom : Lenten Reflection and Presentation (17/03/2010)



On 24 February 2010, Sr Gemma Simmonds, a sister from the Congregation of Jesus who lectures in pastoral theology and spirituality at Heythrop College, University of London, gave a Lenten reflection at Holy Family Parish in Langley, UK.

Using the images and reflections of *Glimpses of the Divine: The Art and Inspiration of Sieger Koder*, published by Pauline Books & Media UK, Sr Gemma stressed how Scripture sheds light on our daily lives, and how we can understand the Good News better through a deeper awareness of our daily experiences. The season of Lent, so rich in symbols and sacred words, is the best time to discover a glimpse of God through prayer and silence.

The reflection was greatly appreciated by the parish priest, Fr. Kevin O'Driscoll, and his parishioners, who thanked the Daughters of St Paul for their mission and for their collaboration in the spiritual growth of the parish by inviting authors and friends for conferences and retreats. Copies of the book and other titles written by Sr Gemma were made available at the end of her talk.

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### D.R. Congo: Kinshasa, Redesigning and Pastoral Work for Vocations (13/03/2010)



After the recent Meeting in Nairobi to redesign the presence of the Daughters of St. Paul in Africa-Madagascar, the FSP Delegation of Congo-Ivory Coast chose to focus on pastoral work for vocations as their priority activity. Their dream to improve this apostolate prompted them to organize a meeting for the delegation's superiors, formators and vocation animators in Kinshasa, the circumscription's headquarters.

For a week, the participants reflected on this area of the Pauline life on the personal, group and assembly levels, seeking to set down common lines of action that will enable them to reach the fascinating work of contemporary youth. The project they drew up was warmly welcomed by all the members of the delegation. We send our best wishes to our sisters, asking the Lord to bless their vocation work and make it fruitful. We are sure he will do this because we know our sisters have placed their trust in him, the Lord of the Harvest, who never ceases to call laborers to his vineyards.

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### Brazil: 2010 –Golden Anniversary of Paoline COMEP (09/03/2010)



A celebration in the Basilica of Our Lady of Aparecida on March 6, launched the celebration of 50 years of the recording house Paoline-COMEP. Begun in March 1960, as Pauline Records, in a mini-studio in the FSP community of Curitiba, the sector was soon transferred to Sao Paulo and in 1984 adopted the trademark "Paoline-COMEP." The record label, with its musical editions had one of the most modern and sophisticated recording studios in São Paulo. Today, COMEP's catalogue has more than 550 titles and the history of the recording house is intimately tied to the history of popular music in Brazil

and in Latin America.

The first recording artist of Paoline-COMEP was Fr. Zezinho, SCJ, whose albums have sold a total of more than 3.5 million copies. However, dozens of composers and singers have collaborated with our sisters over the past 50 years. In the last ten years, many young artists and groups have started their careers with us.

The productions and on-line offerings of Paoline-COMEP are principally geared to catechetical formation and liturgical songs, but proposals from fans of music, popular and instrumental, are not lacking. Our sisters intend to renew their repertoire's style, seeking a younger audience. Paoline-COMEP has already taken a first step in this regard by opening its doors to pop rock in 2007. Congratulations to the staff of Paoline-COMEP!

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## United States : Sr. Rose Pacatte Receives the CIMA 2010 Award (09/03/2010)



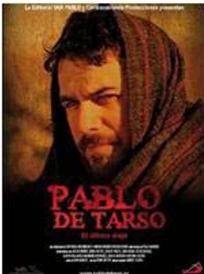
On 28 February 2010, the Catholics in Media Associates (CIMA) honored Sr. Rose Pacatte, Daughter of St. Paul, by conferring on her its 2010 Board of Directors Award. CIMA president Jane Abbott said: "The CIMA Board of Directors honors Sr. Rose Pacatte, FSP for her leadership role in the world of media literacy and for her passionate advocacy of media projects which illuminate the complexities and challenges of the human condition. CIMA also cites Sr. Rose's significant contributions as an author, columnist, film reviewer and presenter, and her tireless efforts as a Catholic panelist on some of the world's most prestigious film festival juries, including Toronto, Venice and Berlin."

The CIMA Awards were created in 1992. Their purpose is "to promote and applaud individuals, films and TV programs that uplift the spirit and help us better understand what it is to be part of the human family."

Sr. Rose, Director of the Pauline Center for Media Studies (PCMS), has been involved in media, from publishing to filmmaking, since she entered the Daughters of St. Paul more than 40 years ago. She has served on ecumenical and Catholic juries at the Venice, Locarno and Berlin Film Festivals. In 2008 she was the president of the SIGNIS (Catholic) jury at Venice. She also served on the jury for short films at the Newport Beach Film Festival in 2006. Since 2000, Sr. Rose has been co-director of the National Film Retreat and has taught film and spirituality courses at LMU, Saddleback College, and the University of Dayton. Our warmest congratulations to Sr. Rose.

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## Spain: Valladolid – 2nd Spiritual Film Week (03/03/2010)



From 1-5 March, *The 2nd Spiritual Film Week* was celebrated in Valladolid. It is an initiative of pastoral care for young people whose principal objective is to introduce them to human and spiritual values through the cinema. With this in mind, all the films shown offer particular perspectives concerning the questions people ask about death, liberty, love, justice and truth. In this way, the films help young people confront the deep mystery of the human situation and question themselves about their relationship with God.

The theme chosen for 2010 is *Those Who Still Have Hope: It is not just useful to hope; it is necessary*. In challenging times, human beings need stories that speak to them of the victory of light over darkness, and of good over evil.

During the opening ceremony, the film *Paul of Tarsus, the Last Voyage*, co-produced by San Pablo Multimedia and Contracorriente Productions, was shown. The six films chosen (Son of Rambo; Gran Torino; La ola; La vida secreta de las abejas; El valiente Despereaux; Slumdog Millionaire) were presented during the morning viewing sessions to students and professors, and during the afternoon sessions to the general public.

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## Chile: A Testimony from Santiago (01/03/2010)



We want to share with you the news we received from Chile, where the Daughters of St. Paul are present in Santiago, Concepcion, Valparaiso, and Antofagasta. Let us unite ourselves in solidarity and prayer with the suffering of this people, who have been put to a hard test by a severe earthquake, followed by a tsunami.

Our sisters write: "Because of electricity failure and the interruption of telephone and even cell phone transmissions, we were not able to contact you until now.

"The news that the print and TV media have been giving is very close to the reality.

However, we still do not know the extent of the disaster caused by the earthquake and the ensuing tsunami because at present it is impossible to reach many areas that were damaged by the quake along our immense Chilean Pacific coast. In some areas, like Easter Island and San Juan Fernandez, the waves reached 170 feet inland. At present the number of confirmed dead has reached over 700, but that number will increase due to the intense tidal surges that Regions 7 and 8 were subjected to. At this time of the year, these areas are flooded by tourists. The number of displaced people is incalculable.

"Air travel is suspended, as is also public transportation. The supermarkets are closed because of looting. There are no fires reported. In some cities, electricity remains cut off due to fallen wires and to avoid fires.

"There is no explanation as to why the government is so slow to respond, or why there is such bureaucratic sluggishness to come to the aid of the people. And no one explained why the army took so long to come to the aid of the police, who were overwhelmed in facing this humanitarian disaster. Everything is going ahead very slowly.

"This earthquake is one of the strongest of the past fifty years. Fear was great for the sisters who have already experienced earthquakes before, and for those who had never experienced one. The quake lasted three

interminable minutes, with the house shifting dangerously. It was an unbelievable experience, and it remains difficult to regain a bit of emotional equilibrium.

“The majority of our older sisters live in Santiago, and they have all experienced earthquakes before. But to the fear it generated was added the preoccupation for their relatives, whom they cannot reach due to interruption of telephone lines. Many of the sisters are from the areas most affected by the quake. Two sisters are on vacation at home there, and we have still not yet been able to contact one of them.

“We pray much together, and there is much dialogue and mutual support among us. The aftershocks follow one another at roughly ten minute intervals, and because of this we live in constant tension. Yesterday, there were more than a hundred. And we expect this situation to last for at least two months.

“We are in the hands of the Lord. Thank you for your prayers and remember us.

Sr. Iris L. Pontin, fsp  
Delegation Superior of Chile

Best wishes from the Paoline*Online* editorial team

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