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New Our Lady of Guadalupe Province Leaders Begin Their Mandate



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(Argentina – Brazil – Chile)*

On Tuesday afternoon, June 23, 2026, the Our Lady of Guadalupe Province (23 voting capitulars) elected Father Antônio Ruy SSS as its fifth Provincial Superior.

Wednesday morning, June 24, 2026, on the solemnity of Saint John the Baptist, of Our Lady

of Guadalupe Province, it elected its fifth provincial council in the city of Espirito Santo do Pinhal (*São Paulo State*) at the Assuncioinistas Retreat Center, within the Diocese of São João da Boa Vista, the diocese of our esteemed former Superior General and now bishop of this diocese, Most Reverend Eugenio Barbosa Martins, SSS.

The councilors for the newly elected Provincial, Father Antônio Ruy SSS, (*Brazil – center in the above photo*) are as follows:

- Provincial Vicar: Father Ricardo Julian A. Durán SSS (*Chile – right of provincial*)
- Provincial Treasurer: Father Renivaldo Bruno da Cruz SSS (*Brazil – far right*)
- First Consultor: Father José Elissandro Santos de Santana SSS* (*Brazil – left of provincial*)
- Second Consultor: Father Willian Fausto Lourenço SSS* (*Argentina – far left*)
- Delegate to the 2029 General Chapter: Father Willian Fausto Lourenço SSS
- Alternate Delegate to the 2029 General Chapter: Father José Elissandro Santos de Santana SSS

(* indicates members of the 2025 Eymard English Institute)

In the final Mass, the provincial, Father Ruy, made the special recitation of the Nicene Creed and oath to fulfill his duties in collaboration with the SSS and the Roman Catholic Church's Canon Law.

The chapter focused on vocations, health care, reports from the Aggregation and Guard of Honor by invited lay guests, finances, internationality with Senegal and the Americas Conference (*with the United States, Colombia, and Peru*), and possibilities with other SSS men in Asian countries. We were honored by the presence of Fathers Francisco Junior Marquez SSS and Roel de la Cruz SSS (*General Treasurer*) from Rome, who represented the



Father Ruy swearing the oath on his Bible

General Team serving in Rome. Father Francisco, a native of this province and its first provincial, represents the Americas on the General Council.



Invited lay guests

We give thanks to God for the blessing of our chapter from June 18 – 25 and the great presence of two of our three SSS Brazilian bishops. Bishop Hernaldo Pinto Farias SSS, a prominent figure in Brazil's Catholic Church and liturgist (*he has served as Bishop of the Diocese of Bonfim, appointed by Pope Francis on July 17, 2019*), delivered a poetic homily

during the discernment-prayer service to choose the provincial and council. And, we were in the host diocese of Bishop Eugênio Barbosa Martins SSS, (*who Grapevine readers will remember was ordained on April 7, 2024*). He gave an exhortation homily the day after the election to inspire all to live the charism, as John the Baptist pointed to Christ, on this solemnity of his nativity.

We give thanks to God for the eight years of service and creativity that Father Marcello Silva SSS witnessed in leading the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Father Marcello will collaborate with the transition with Father Ruy and afterward hopes to complete his doctorate in psychology.



Pictured (*left to right*) are the three provincial superiors who have served this young province in its eight years – Fathers Francisco, Ruy, and Marcello

Presentation to Our Lady of Guadalupe Province – Argentina, Brazil, and Chile

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The three current provincials of the SAC, Father Ruy (*left*), and Father Gustavo Chaguendo Ceballos (*right*) from Colombia – Peru, the Province of Saint John XXIII

Good afternoon to you all, dear brothers. I am so grateful and happy to be here, especially as a member of the Sacramentinos Americas Conference (SAC). Thank you for your invitation to attend one another’s SAC chapters, your hospitality, and your kindness as we speak together in four languages at our dining and meeting tables.

As you may know, we constituted the SAC at the November 2023 General Chapter in Vietnam. I am grateful to Father Carlos, former provincial of Colombia and Peru, and the current provincial, Father Gustavo, for their collaboration and care with our gracious leader of the SAC, Father Marcello. We are indebted to Father Marcello for his great leadership as president of the conference over the

past three years. And I am most grateful for his invitation to be with you here for your Provincial Chapter number five.

It has been a joy to work together at the conference. We went to the International Eucharistic Congress together in Quito, Ecuador, and enjoyed a Life in the Eucharist Retreat together. Along with me, our director of the Center for the Eucharistic Evangelization, Mona Grigsby-Suarez, also attended. She led and collaborated on the Life in the Eucharist Retreat there in Quito and, most recently, again in the Brazilian Province. She is at the Conference's service. This led to the inspiration and programming to develop an International Eymardian Family English Institute to assist those who would like to improve their English and to support our ongoing collaboration in the SAC. Our goal is to work together in the three languages we share. We hope to continue this Institute. Start the United States Visa process now with me and our great migration specialist, Susan Work of our province, so that you may attend next June and July at our headquarters, in suburban Cleveland, Ohio. It takes about 9 months. Please talk to the men here who attended and loved the experience.



A gift from our USA province – of Saint Ann – to their province with the image of Saint Ann made into a tapestry by Joan Steinman of Houston, Texas, USA



Our discernment prayer hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

As the SAC, we have met regularly, and now with Father Gustavo, with the hope of doing vocation ministry together, using the great resources you have and translating them, and to also have the hope of another Eucharistic Congress in South America with one another, and to support our Aggregation of the

Blessed Sacrament and the students of the Congregation. This Congress or retreat dream is so that they know more about the Life in the Eucharist Retreat and this important catechesis and formation program that assists our Eucharistic spirituality.



Pictured is Father Abraham and myself having fun during a World Cup watch party – Brazil won 3-0!

Our United States Province, like your province, is in the midst of planning our Chapter's future. We have our concerns, reflecting on our aging reality and the health of our men, and currently have twelve men from around the SSS globe assisting us in our Congregation's mission in the United States. They are keeping our SSS charism alive and well in our existing ministries and communities. We are so grateful for internationality and for sharing our SSS human resources with the *entire* Congregation. It is great to see how you have internationality among your countries and with Senegal. What a blessing to have Father Abraham Faye SSS here. Without the Congregation working together, we would not be able to sustain our charism across the United States and grow our Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament.

On the books, we have almost six hundred members of the Aggregation of the Blessed Sacrament. With Mona and dedicated lay leaders across the country, and because of the *Project of Life*, we developed a national council for the Aggregation. This council supports the ongoing formation of the Aggregation and the recruitment of new members. The English Institute also assists with this. We are also deeply appreciative of Father Francisco Junior Marquez SSS for leading the international efforts to develop the Aggregation in a strong partnership as an important branch of the Eymard family.

This is brief and quick. There are many other nuances and beautiful moments we have shared over the past three years. Our province looks forward to working with your province's next leadership team; I know Father Gustavo does as well.

We are united in communion and share a vast continent, with the Panama Canal between us. Nothing ever separates us from the love of God or from the love of the Americas, dedicated to the Eucharist. Thank you for our collaboration!



Bishop Eugenio Barbosa Martins SSS in whose diocese the Chapter was hosted



Bishop Hernaldo Farias SSS preaching during the discernment Holy Hour



Long-time pastor of our SSS Parish of Santa Ana in Rio de Janeiro, Father Jose Laudares SSS. It seemed fitting to give him a special tapestry of Saint Ann



The entire provincial chapter, even with an invited Sister Servant of the Blessed Sacrament, Sister Abgair, in the church of Saint Mary do Pinhal in the center of Espirito Santo do Pinhal.