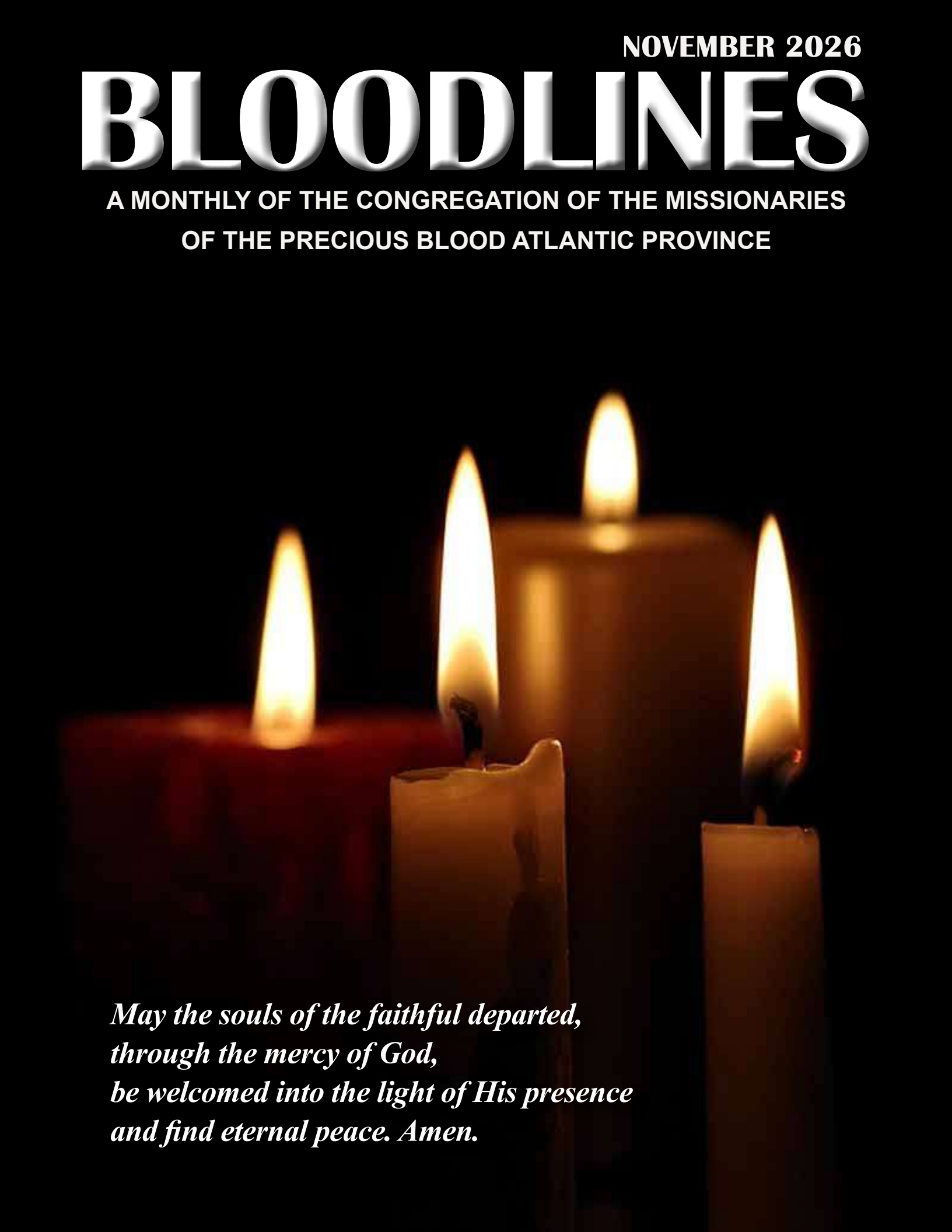
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May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God,
be welcomed into the light of His presence
and find eternal peace. Amen.

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A CUP OF TEA AND THE COURAGE TO RENEW



This past summer, I had the pleasure of spending two days with a women's religious community founded 22 years ago in Ontario and now consisting of 18 sisters. One afternoon, I shared a cup of tea with several of them in the Day Room, where they gather for their usual "tea time." As we sat together, they spoke about their growing pains and the colourful, varied personalities within their community. Listening to them, I thought to myself, *We CPPS are no different from these Sisters.*

Although still a relatively young congregation, the Sisters had begun to feel some anxiety: they had not celebrated a Final Profession in four years, and their Foundress had since died. They feared that the fire and vision she had ignited were slowly diminishing. At their most recent Chapter, they therefore asked difficult questions and honestly assessed what needed attention. By the end of their Chapter days, they resolved to take concrete steps. Each member and each residence was asked to embrace and keep alive five resolutions, in the hope of welcoming new women to the community.

First, the Sisters acknowledged that every member needed to be open to **personal conversion** through a deeper relationship with our Lord in prayer and with one another. They recognized that hope is born from closeness to God and to each other. Each Sister therefore committed herself to deepening her personal conversion over the course of one year.

Second, they committed themselves to using the **gift of imagination**. Each member has the ability to think anew and creatively, and together they sought to let go of structures that no longer served them. This meant renewing certain practices and directives.

Third, the Sisters were encouraged to adopt a **spirit of boldness**. Healthy boldness reflects the spirit of the Gospel, the early Christian community, and the dream of their Mother Foundress. Each member was invited to take some form of risk in keeping with the community's charism.

Fourth, each Sister was asked to embrace a **spirit of cooperation**. This required putting aside past hurts and beginning again—relearning how to work together as one mind, one heart, and one spirit.

Fifth, each member was encouraged to cultivate a **spirit of gratitude** each day. They were given a journal to assist them in their personal growth and in developing a deeper awareness of gratitude.

Finally, the major task was to develop a greater **confidence in God**. This meant placing their trust in Him by doing their best each day, believing that the fruits of their efforts would one day be revealed. The process has required patience and sincere commitment from each member, but it has also been a rewarding and faith-filled journey.

In the spirit of conversion, transformation, and renewal, two young women have entered formation this year. Since our Provincial Retreat in June, we have voiced our desire to continue our presence and remain a Province. Let us renew our intention to embrace a spirit of cooperation and to live with boldness, so that we may remain faithful to our charism and continue to welcome new members.

May we, like these Sisters, have the courage to ask difficult questions, the imagination to embrace new possibilities, the boldness to take faithful risks, the willingness to cooperate with one another, and the gratitude and confidence to place our future in God's hands.

I take great delight in seeing how each of you is a gift to our Province. Each one of you possesses unique gifts and talents given by our Lord. In the spirit of renewal, let us continue to share these gifts generously with one another and with our Province.

Fr. Luigino Santi

CORE VALUE NUMBER TWO

"Made one in the Bond of Charity, our life together in community and communion strengthens our witness and empowers our apostolic mission." When we create and sustain healthy community living, it both deepens our missions and anchors members in their identity as Missionaries. We believe this shared life will draw others to embrace our spirituality, our community life and our apostolic mission. "

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS: A CALL TO HOLINESS

On these feast days we honour all the men, women, and children throughout history who followed Jesus and became spiritual giants. They were not physically large, but great in soul. These faithful people—though not officially recognized as saints—lived with deep dedication to God's will.

What made them great?
Perhaps they were poor in spirit, knowing that money and material things were not their main concern.
They were meek, gentle, and forgiving.
They hungered and thirsted for justice, striving so that their neighbour might be treated fairly.
They were merciful, overlooking human limitations and weaknesses.
They were pure of heart, seeking only to please God and to do what is good.
They were peacemakers—with themselves, with a family member, or with a co-worker.
They were ridiculed for what they believed and for their efforts to follow Jesus.

We, too, grow in spiritual stature when we live the teachings of Jesus. Christ gives us the strength to become spiritual giants: He nourishes us with His Body and Blood, food that sustains us and gives us hope.
Each of us has a favourite saint who inspires us or whom we try to imitate. Our Lord already has them—now He desires new ones, like you.

This month, let us pray that all of us may become like those we honour, and discover how God is calling each of us to live His will in our own lives.

MISSIO DINNER 2026: AN EVENING OF COMMUNITY AND GRATITUDE

The Missio Dinner was held at St. Roch's Parish on October 24, and it was a wonderful success thanks to the support of the Knights of Columbus, St. Gaspar del Bufalo Council.

Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla, C.PP.S., shared an inspiring reflection from his days in formation as he prepared for ministry.

A special word of thanks to Fr. Jerome Hologa, C.PP.S., for offering the parish hall for the evening, and to our guests and community members who supported this annual fundraising dinner.















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FEAST OF ST. GASPAR: A VIGIL OF PRAYER AND UNITY









On October 20, the members of the USC—together with other parishioners—gathered at St. Charles Borromeo Church for a prayerful vigil and Evening Prayer Service to honour the Feast Day of St. Gaspar del Bufalo.

Fr. Gerardo presided over the service, Fr. Mario offered a reflection on the reading from *Timothy*, and Fr. Peter led the prayers in honour of St. Gaspar. The Intercessions were prayed in nine languages, beautifully reflecting the diversity of the USC membership.

Music included a rich blend of traditional Gregorian chant and gospel-style hymns, creating a spirit of unity and joy.

Following the prayers, a festive meal was shared in the parish hall—featuring lichon, gluten-free cakes, biscuits, a large St. Gaspar cake, pancit, fresh-cut vegetables, drinks, pizza, home-cooked pastas, and more—truly something for everyone.

Thank you for embracing and spreading devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ. In that same spirit, sincere gratitude to the C.PP.S. Fathers; the religious sisters; the USC; all volunteers; choirs and cantors; altar servers; liturgical participants; and all sponsors and benefactors.

PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY FR. GERARDO AND GLORIE MARASIGAN

CCW FROM TOP RIGHT: (1) Fr. Gerardo leads the community in the Vespers Evening Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. **(2)** Image of St. Gaspar del Bufalo with his relic and the Travelling Chalice—a sacred display of devotion and thanksgiving before the altar. **(3)** Precious Blood Fathers, joined by flag bearers and parishioners who will read the intercessions, enter in solemn procession. **(4)** Fr. Gerardo blesses the faithful during the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYER TO ST. GASPAR FOR THE CHURCH

Saint Gaspar,
you loved the persecuted Church,
and in the name of God
you accepted disgrace and exile.
We beg your intercession for the Church today;
help us discern how we are to live and
promote the message of the Gospel.
United with you,
may our hearts have compassion for
the poorand abandoned.
Increase our love for the Blood of Christ,
so that we also may be prepared to risk our lives.
We thank God for your good works and example.
Strengthen our union with you
that we may not weaken,
but grow stronger in our vocation
to the honor of God and the salvation of souls.
Amen.







FOLLOWING VESPERS...
(1) Fr. Gerardo with the lichon centrepiece.
(2) Frs. Mario, Lui, Gerardo, and Pietro cut the celebratory cake.
(3) Emily, Stella, and Josie share smiles as they prepare to serve the cake.

DATES TO REMEMBER

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER 18: Gary Luiz
NOVEMBER 20: William Mnyagatwa

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

NOVEMBER 9: Oreste Cerbara
NOVEMBER 10: Patrick Sena

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THURSDAY DECEMBER 3
Feast of St. Francis Xavier
You are invited to dinner at Merlini House.
Social 3pm and Dinner 5:15pm
at a nearby restaurant.
RSVP by December 1.

WORDS OF OUR FOUNDERS



In the sweet embrace of Jesus Christ, let us help one another toward our beloved homeland—heaven, the only place of true peace and consolation. Whichever of us should enter first, let him pray for the one who remains a pilgrim on this earth. May we be granted the grace of eternal reunion in heaven.
St. Gaspar, Letter 2130



Be cheerful, and thank God that he is caring for your soul. Your name is written in the Book of Life with the Blood of the Divine Lamb. Give Him thanks.
Blessed Giovanni Merlini, Letter 148

GASPAR DAY: A COMMUNITY RENEWED IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST







Gaspar Day on October 21 at St. Alphonsus Church was filled with prayer, Eucharist, music, and food. From a spiritual meal to tables of plenty, the celebration was generously prepared by the USC of St. Alphonsus Church, the Knights of Columbus, the CWL, and Mary's Prayer Group.

Under the guidance of Br. Anthony and Fr. Alarey, we all departed with joy in our hearts. These shared gatherings strengthen our fraternity and bind us more closely as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Glory to the Blood of Christ.

(1) Fr. Alarey with altar servers and Eucharistic ministers beside the statue of St. Gaspar.
(2) Fr. Lui surrounded by some of the attendees of the special Mass offered in honour of St. Gaspar.
(3) A group of parishioners gathered with Fr. Alarey after the solemn celebration marking the founder's feast.

ARCHDIOCESAN PRIEST SEMINAR

Fr. Gerardo, Fr. Jerome, and Fr. Alarey joined the Archdiocese of Toronto for the *Days of Priest Seminar* held at the Nottawasaga Inn from October 26 to 29, with His Eminence Francis Cardinal Leo. The theme of this year's gathering was "Healthy Relationships in the Life and Ministry of Priests."

►Fr. Gerardo is currently serving his third consecutive year on the Priest Seminar Committee.



COMMUNITY LIFE: From our Provincial Statues, Community Life #10: "Every year, in every Mission House or residence, preferably in the month of November, the following Masses are to be celebrated by every priest: a) for all the faithful departed; b) for the deceased of the Congregation; c) for deceased relatives, benefactors, and all others, to be included in one Mass for each of the above intentions."

PRECIOUS BLOOD FORMATION EVENTS

With the Vocation Committee, the Precious Blood Youth Retreat will take place on Saturday, November 28, from 9:30am to 3pm at St. Gaspar Chapel, St. Alphonsus Parish. In addition, the USC and the Vocation Committee will host the Young Adults Formation and Bible study, titled *Blessing: Three Paths to Holiness* on Saturday, December 5, from 9:30am to 3pm at the St. Charles Parish Hall.

HONOURING LIFE AND GOD'S CREATURES

October 4: Fifty USC members participated in the annual Life Chain, bringing awareness to the call to end abortion. The one-hour silent witness is a positive and peaceful way to affirm the gift of life. As cars passed by, many honked in support of this important cause. Afterwards, on the feast of St. Francis of Assisi—the Church's most iconic patron of animals and ecology—a blessing of the animals was held in the parking lot of St. Charles Church, Fr. Gerardo blessed cats, dogs, birds, hamsters, and even geckos, invoking the Precious Blood of Christ upon them.

Glory to the Blood of Christ.





PERCHED IN STILLNESS
Fr. Samuel D'Angelo
2026



A tender study of a small bird resting quietly amid lush greenery, inviting reflection on the beauty of creation and the peace found in moments of silence.

Vocation Calendar

1
Alarey Abella

2
Mario Cafarelli

3
Brother Anthony Canterucci

4
René Cerecedo

5
John Colacino

6
Samuel D'Angelo

7
Brendan Doherty

8
Joseph Grasso

9
Jerome Hologa

10
Dominic Jung

11
Gerardo Laguartilla

12
Gary Luiz

13
William Mnyagatwa

14
Peter Nobili

15
An increase in vocations

16
Luigino Santi

17
Germán Santiago Estévez

18
Ron Wiecek

19
USC members

20
Deceased CPPS members

21
Our benefactors

22
Family members of CPPS

23
The sick

24
Our Bishops

25
Pope Leo XIV

26
Cancer patients and their caregivers

27
The lonely

28
World peace

29
Candidates in formation

30
Our Youth

Prayer for Precious Blood Vocations

God of the journey,
be with us as we move forward in ministry
as Missionaries of the Precious Blood
and as Your people.
Grant us the wisdom of Your Spirit,
that we may see and hear Your call to be a community
of faith, justice, and compassion.

In the gifts and charism we live as Missionaries,
and in the encounters and experiences
of our daily lives,
may we always seek to be partners with You
in building Your Kingdom.

Lord, we ask You to send dedicated men
to serve You in our Congregation
and in the Church.
Amen.

CHALLENGE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Be Supportive of One Another ***Acts 20:25***

"Now I know that none of you among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom will ever see me again."