

***"It's beautiful to see, coming down the mountain, the feet of the Messenger of peace"***

**MARIANHILL COLOMBIA: PERPETUAL PROFESSION, TEMPORARY AND IMPOSITION MISSIONARY CRUCIFIX.**

The month of February, especially the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2019 has a special missionary colour in the church due to the liturgical celebration of the *Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple*. Many religious Congregations celebrate on that day the date of their birth or their foundation.

The Missionaries of Mariannahill in the world, agglutinate all those feelings in that day and celebrate it with the confirmation of the religious profession of those already professed, with the renewal of the Temporary Profession and the Perpetual Profession of many confreres.

In Colombia, the Missionaries of Mariannahill have even more reason to be happy because **Fr. Jose Ferney Aragon CMM**, made his Perpetual Profession that day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2019. Fr. Jose is the first Colombian who has been trained in our house of Bosa- BOGOTA.

Surrounded by the companions of the Congregation in Colombia, by his family, (Mother, sisters and nephews), assisted by the diocesan church represented by the Bishop of Soacha, his Lordship, **Bishop Jose Daniel Falla** and by the members of the parish groups of the parish of our lady of the Nativity, entrusted to the missionaries of Mariannahill and by many others and friends, Fr. Jose made his perpetual profession in the chapel of the house of Mariannahill in Bosa- Bogota, dedicated to our martyr **Blessed Fr. Engelmar Unzeitig CMM**.

The ceremony had many and very emotive moments with feelings of joy and thanksgiving that Fr. Jose summarized, when after having read the form of profession, he sang alone at the beginning and after accompanied by the choir and the assembly, the song "*the feet of the messenger*" in thanksgiving and supplication to be and to continue being that messenger of peace through the valley of the world where Fr. Jose will be sent throughout his life.

After the religious ceremony there was a simple sharing in a friendly family atmosphere where people took the opportunity to congratulate Fr. Jose and wish him all the best for his life as a missionary.

The same day, February 2, far from Colombia, in the Monastery of Mariannahill in South Africa, made the first Profession another Colombian, **Fr. Carlos Andres Torres-Ledesma**, born in Ibaguè- Tolima (COLOMBIA). Fr. Carlos is the second Mariannahiller from Colombia, the feelings shortened the physical distances and the

messages and chats of WhatsApp helped us to see those moments that were celebrated so many kilometres away!

When the festive atmosphere of the Perpetual Profession of Frt Jose and the temporal profession of Frt. Carlos was still alive, a week later (on the 10th of February 2019) the community of Mariannahill in Colombia met in the same chapel for the imposition of the missionary cross to our **candidate Ulises Santos**, who the next day will leave for South Africa and prepare himself for the entrance to the Novitiate.

By remembering all these events from a perspective of faith.... one ends by repeating the song of the psalm that was sung with emotion and solemnity during the Perpetual Profession of Frt Jose and that often comes back to mind.

**“Taste and see how good is the Lord, blessed is he who welcomes him”**

Sent by,

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