



Brothers of the Sacred Heart

THE SUPERIOR GENERAL IN COUNCIL

Rome, 24 September 2014

Re: Request for candidates for the mission in Amatongas

Dear Brother Provincials and Provincial Councilors,
Dear Brother Delegates and Delegation Councilors,

As you are well aware, a local community of brothers has been established in Amatongas, Mozambique, since the beginning of the year 2011. This foundation was made at the request of the Rt. Rev. Francisco João Silota, Bishop of Chimoio. In their first year there, the brothers dedicated their efforts to familiarizing themselves with the environment, learning Portuguese, and supporting the educational apostolate through various pastoral activities. At the beginning of 2012, and in keeping with the wishes of Bishop Silota, the brothers assumed responsibility for the existing secondary school and boarding program.

In four years the brothers have made significant advances in the mission in Amatongas. In the words of Bishop Silota, "The Brothers of the Sacred Heart have been a wonderful blessing from God for the Diocese, as much in the spiritual and academic aspects as in the domain of social and economic development."

Among their many and varied accomplishments are: the refurbishment of existing buildings and facilities, the provision of equipment and teaching materials for the students, significant improvements through increased farm production and animal breeding, an enhancement of the quality of education and an increase in enrolment which now reaches upwards of 1000 students, the re-organization and expansion of the boarding program that now numbers 110 (half of whom are orphans), obtaining grants and donations which helped to finance all these improvements, devoted pastoral work in education and in the Faith, etc. All of this progress, fruit of their dedicated efforts at inculturation, their generous service and their tireless work has taught the local people to be more willing to accept responsibility for their own lives.

In the light of all this, Bishop Silota wrote to the general council early in August requesting the continued presence of the Institute in Amatongas, extending it for an indeterminate period beginning in 2015 when the present contract between the Institute and the diocese expires. Clearly our ongoing presence will be a source of great hope among the local people and, at the same time, a great satisfaction for the brothers of the community, who are very happy in Amatongas and therefore wish to remain.

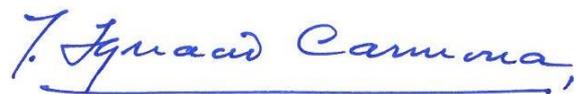
Early in January 2015 the general council must respond to Bishop Silota's request. We would like to respond favorably. Conscious of the lived experience of the past

few years, we think that the local community should remain an international community.

For this reason, and considering the challenges still awaiting us in Amatongas, we invite you, Brother Provincials and Delegates, to send a copy of this letter and the enclosed application form to each of your local communities so that any brothers who would be ready to volunteer to work for a time in our mission in Amatongas can give their name.

Thanking you for your cooperation in this important matter, we remain yours faithfully in the Sacred Heart of Jesus. May He continue to bless your service of animation and accompaniment among the brothers of your respective province.

On behalf of the general council,



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