

# Missions Benefit From Foundation Funding

New avenues of funding for the Carmelite missions throughout the world continue to be developed by the Carmelite Mission Office in Darien, IL. The office has received just over \$133,000 in grants from foundations for this fiscal year, according to John Malley, O. Carm., the director of the Mission Office.

The Koch Foundation, located in Gainesville, FL, is helping fund nine projects, five specifically requested by the provincial Mission Office and four Carmelite projects applied for by other Carmelite entities.

Late last summer, John Malley travelled to Indonesia and Vietnam to see firsthand the use of two of the previous year's grants. Some \$60,000 was received that year from the Koch Foundation.

To honor the centenary of the death of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Koch Foundation produced a brochure in 1998 centered on the life and teaching of the Carmelite saint. Robert Colaresi, O. Carm., the Director of the Society of the Little Flower, and John Malley supplied some of the information that was used.

The Koch Foundation awards approximately \$11 million annually. Their primary focus since 1979 has been on Catholic activities, both national and international. They are particularly interested in overseas evangelization.

Following John's written report to the foundation about the use of the previous funding, he was asked to be an "on site" inspector by the foundation's director, Michael Marconi.

For many years, the Province has benefited from the generosity of Mrs. Helena Corcoran and the Raskob Foundation. Mrs. Corcoran was well known to many Carmelites, especially those who served at Salpointe Catholic (Tucson, AZ) in the

early years.

The Raskob Foundation provided some emergency funding for East Timor after the war this past year. Several of the Carmelite institutions, especially some of the clinics of the Hermanas de La Virgen Maria del Monte Carmelo of Oriheula (Spain) Carmelites were badly damaged.

Among the grants awarded by the Koch Foundation was \$30,000 to support the formation and training of younger sisters in East Timor and Indonesia, \$25,000 to support the evangelization program of the Carmelite Sisters of Our Lady in the Philippines, \$15,000 to support an evangelization center in Brazil, \$8,000 to provide a water well for the school and convent at the Carmelite Community of Gorongosa in Beira, Mozambique, \$10,000 to support the construction of a new monastery of the Stella Maris Federation in the Philippines, \$20,000 to complete the construction of the Carmelite monastery in Pangasinan, Philippines, \$10,119 to expand a nursery school in Kerala, India, and \$10,000 to complete construction of a chapel in Lima, Perú.



**Construction of a new building in Flores, Indonesia**, partially funded by the generosity of donors to the Provincial Mission Office. Among the growing number of donors are U.S. foundations. (Staff photo)



**Thomas Scraeder, O. Carm.**, was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Michael LaFay, O. Carm., at Whitefriars Hall on May 10, 2001. Tom was joined by his parents and family as well as Carmelites from throughout the Province in the celebration. He celebrated his first Mass the following morning for the community and his family. (Staff photo)

## Surfing for a Patron Saint of the Internet

*Titus Brandsma, O. Carm., is one of several under consideration*

According to reports from the Vatican, the search for a patron saint for the Internet is continuing. The candidates now include two martyrs of the Nazi death camps, Carmelite Blessed Titus Brandsma, a Dutch journalist and St. Maximilian Kolbe, a communicator in the press, radio and audio-visual materials.

Discussion were held during a recent plenary assembly of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications in March. Other names included St. Paul and St. Isidore of Seville (died 636), whose encyclopedic knowledge was noted. The layout of his work was called a "forerunner" of the internet's Yahoo search engine. Later reports said that St. Isidore of Seville has received the most petitions to be named patron of the Internet.

"Together with the already existing patrons of radio [St. Gabriel], television [St. Clare], and the press [St. Francis de Sales]," said Bishop Pastore, "we have received grass-roots requests, so to speak, for a patron for Internet, the cinema and the media in general."

Bishop Pastore said that the petitions come "from the dioceses and local Churches, to which we give due attention."