



# Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard

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*We wish you God's grace at Christmas  
and for the New Year 2001*



Zulu Nativity Scene at Blessed Gérard's Church in  
Mandeni

# Celebration of St. John's Feast in Mandeni on 9 July 2000



Investiture of  
Mrs. Clare Ann Kalkwarf  
as a Dame of the Order of Malta

South Africa is honoured by the fact, that the first South African has been invested into the Order of Malta.

Mrs. Clare Ann Kalkwarf is a founder member and the Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard, which is the South African Relief Organisation of the Sovereign Military Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta (Order of Malta).

The Order of Malta is a unique community with a triple nature

1. As a religious order of the Roman Catholic Church with professed members like the Benedictines, Franciscans or Dominicans.
2. As a Sovereign subject of International Law with its own government in an exterritorial area in Rome, diplomatic relations to most countries of the earth, a seat in the United Nations, its own stamps and coins and (diplomatic) passports.
3. As an International Relief Organisation with National Relief Organisations in many countries, e.g. the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard in South Africa.

On 9 July 2000 the Grand Hospitaller, who is responsible for the Relief Work of the Order of Malta internationally came all the way from Rome to Mandeni especially for this occasion and invested Mrs. Kalkwarf as a Donat of Devotion into the Order of Malta. As such Mrs. Kalkwarf, who is married with three children did not make a religious profession like a nun, but donates time and energy in devotion to the work of the Order.



Father Gérard T Lagleder O.S.B., Magistral Chaplain of the Order of Malta, during the sermon: “The place where heaven and earth meet is your day-by-day service to God in your family and in your work for the Sick and Needy”



Albrecht Baron Boeselager, the Grand Hospitaller of the Order of Malta (right) and Father Gérard (left)



During the Investiture Mrs. Kalkwarf promised: ***“I, Clare Kalkwarf, promise, as I call upon the name of God, to always witness the Catholic Faith, to defend the Church and to lead my life according to the teaching and commands of the Holy Mother Church in chivalrous faithfulness. I declare my readiness to look after our Lords, the Sick and the Needy to the best of my ability as a member of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, to abide by the constitution and laws of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and to fulfil the obligations imposed on me by the rules of the Order and entrusted to me by my superiors with fidelity and diligence. For all this help me God, the Holy Mother of God from the Mount Philermos, Saint John the Baptist, our glorious patron Saint,***

***and all Saints of the Order. You however, who are present, I call to be witnesses of my obligation.”***





Then she received the Cape of the Dames of the Order of Malta and cross of the Order from Baron Boeselager.



The Donat of Devotion's Cross of the Order of Malta

Mrs. Kalkwarf, nee Sprake, was born in Johannesburg and went to Potchefstroom Convent High School. After being in business for many years she was one of the founder members who started the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard on 28 October 1992 and has been its Vice-President ever since. She was asked to take on the management of the organisation in July 1995 and she has been responsible for its Financial Administration and for Blessed Gérard's Community Development Centre.

# Thank you from Mrs. Kalkwarf

Dear Members of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard,

In this holy year, 2000, I feel most privileged to have been invited by and accepted into Blessed Gérard's 900-year-old "everlasting brotherhood", the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. I will always remember the 9<sup>th</sup> July as the day that changed my life. I would like to thank God for counting me amongst those worthy to serve him. I will endeavour to live up to the promise, which I have made, to the best of my ability and I will wear the cross and the vestment of the Order as a sign of affirmation of my vocation and loyalty to our motto "Tuitio fidei at obsequium pauperum". I humbly accept the responsibility of being the first South African to become a member of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta and to continue to assist the President of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard, in introducing and spreading the Order of Malta and its spirituality to our community and to our country.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to everyone who helped to make the day of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2000 so very special. Many of you came forward to give your assistance in different ways. Without the assistance, which you offered, this day would not have been the success it was. I cannot mention each and every one who helped, as the list would fill the whole page, but please accept this as the sign of gratitude for your help.

To all of you, members and guests, who attended the opening of the new and upgraded wing of Blessed Gérard's Care Centre and Hospice and my investiture into the Sovereign Military Order of Malta, I would like to say that it was overwhelming to see so many people show and interest in this event – Thank you for coming, thank you for your many good wishes and thank you for the support, which you give to our relief organisation. Many of you travelled a very long way to be here (some people even came from Cape Town and Johannesburg) your efforts are greatly appreciated. So many of you sent greetings via e-mail, per post and on the telephone. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude. Thank you also to those who sent gifts; I am truly overawed by all the attention.

Lastly, thank you to those who work with me, who help me and support me. Enclosed you will find a little gift, a memento of my wonderful day.

May God bless you all.

Yours Sincerely

In the service of "Our Lords the Sick"

Clare Kalkwarf D.M.

## Illustrious new members officially accepted into the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard



We are honoured and we are happy to announce that Baroness Boeselager and the daughter of Baron and Baroness Boeselager, Felicitas, were officially received as members of our Brotherhood.

Rev. Father Albert Herold O.S.B., parish priest of Mtunzini and a confrere of Father Gérard, was also officially accepted into the Brotherhood along with many other people.



## Silver Medal of the “Order pro merito mellitensi” conferred



His Most Eminent Highness, the Prince and Grand Master of the Order of Malta, Frà Andrew Bertie, had conferred the Silver Medal of Merit of the Order of Malta to Mrs. Clare Kalkwarf, Dr. Paul Thabethe and Mrs. Nokuthula Thabethe in acknowledgement of their outstanding merits for their role in the founding and development of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard. His Excellency, the Grand Hospitaller of the Order of Malta, Albrecht Baron Boeselager passed on the decorations.



## Blessing and Opening of new wing of Blessed Gérard's Care Centre and Hospice in Mandeni



The new wing of Blessed Gérard's Care Centre and Hospice

The ever rising number of patients who seek care at Blessed Gérard's Care Centre and Hospice has made it necessary to extend the building by adding a High-Care-Ward, a change room for the care givers, another store room, a refuse room and a gardener's store room and extending the scullery, pantry, sluice room, laundry and mortuary. The first floor of the new wing houses Blessed Gérard's Community Development Centre, i.e. the Sewing School, which was transferred from St. Anthony's Parish Hall next door.



It was a great honour that Bishop Dr. Mansuet Dela Biyase came to Mandeni together with the two bishops of Botswana, Bishop Franklyn Nubuasah SVD of Francistown and Bishop Boniface Tshosa Setlalekgosi of Gaborone on the day after celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as the Bishop of Eshowe and his 40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as a priest to bless the new building.

## Blessed Gérard's Care Centre and Hospice



The new High-Care-Ward in Blessed Gerard's Hospice

Blessed Gérard's Care Centre and Hospice has been the one and only hospice on the entire KwaZulu/Natal North coast with an inpatient unit and cared for patients from as far as Matubatuba, Ladysmith, Melmoth or Ballito. It works closely together with the local clinics and doctors, the hospices in Empangeni and Durban and the Cancer Association.

# Blessed Gérard's Community Development Centre



The old slogan “give a fish to a poor man, then he has enough for a day – teach him fishing, then he will always have enough” is still true and expresses best what Blessed Gérard's Community Development Centre achieves. It gives skills to the needy to encourage self-employment and thus to make them independent of charity. The first step towards this is a sewing school. Mrs. Mdletshe, a qualified sewing teacher gives dressmaking courses.



Starting as inexperienced beginners the participants after a while are able to sew beautiful garments of high quality. Many of them are now self-employed or have found employment at the local textile industry.



## Launch of Blessed Gérard's Disaster Relief Project and Blessed Gérard's Children's Home



The Grand Hospitaller of the Order of Malta, Baron Boeselager, launched two new projects of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard:

## Blessed Gérard's Disaster Relief Project



When the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard was asked by the Emergency Corps of the Order of Malta (ECOM) to support them in their Relief work during the recent Flood Disaster in Mozambique, the Service of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard was extended, for the first time ever, beyond international boundaries.

## Blessed Gérard's Children's Home



The fate of many children in the wider Mandeni area, who are neglected, abandoned, abused or orphaned (especially because of their parents dying from AIDS), made the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard decide to start a new project: **Blessed Gérard's Children's Home**. It is a new home for children who otherwise would have no future. The home was already started on 15 June 2000 by setting aside three wards of Blessed Gérard's Care Centre for the home and employing two caregivers full-time, one of them is living in. The Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard wants to erect a new building for this purpose.



## The President's Award of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard



The President of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard, Father Gérard T. Lagleder, has introduced a new award, this year. It will be awarded annually to the member who has done more than his or her duty, the person who has gone the extra mile, the one who works with enthusiasm and a smile, no matter what is asked.

The member who received the award this year was none other than our secretary, Mrs. Caroline Beaumont. Mrs. Beaumont has been a member since 1993 and is Member No. 58. Her whole family are members and her daughter Nadine was our youngest member who joined when she was just 4 days old.

Mrs. Beaumont has worked full time for the Brotherhood for 4 years and doubles a Parish Secretary, which post she has held for 8 years. She was also appointed Chief Housekeeper because of her organisational skills. She takes her duties very seriously and nothing is ever too much for her.

Congratulations, Mrs. Beaumont,  
you truly deserve the President's Award!



Following the celebrations in Blessed Gérard's Church, which was full to capacity and bursting at the seams, the festivities, with approximately 1500 people, moved outside. Lunch was served and the entertainment began.



The gumboot dancers from Stanger High School under the supervision of Mrs. Willers.



Zulu Dancers, impromptu and independent.



A short display by the children of Blessed Gérard's Pre-primary School & Crèche, under the supervision of Miss Patricia Zikhali. The programmed ended with a fashion parade of the garments sewn by the students of Blessed Gérard's Community Development Centre under the



supervision of Mrs. Mdletshe, the teacher and modeling teacher, Mrs. Petro van der Merwe and her daughter Gerda.

A big thank you and  
a bouquet of flowers to:

Father Sipho Gamede, the M.C., Caroline Beaumont, Ignatia Biyela, Princess Ndlovu, Dorothy Dlamini, Mduduze Shange, Sibosiso Mlambo, Nkosinathi Dlamini, Wiseman Zulu, Zethu Radebe, Zandile Hlabisa, Caspar Dlamini, Simphiwe Dlamini, Thulani, Christobel and Thembinkosi Mthembu, Hlengiwe Mabasa, Shona Peters, Mr. Khumalo and all the members of the Sundumbili Choir, Mrs. Willers & her Gum Boot Dancers, Petro van der Merwe & Gerda.



"Thank you for all your hard work and willingness to help!"

Welcome



to Mrs. Dorothy Wynne who joined the staff in our Care Centre and Hospice as an enrolled assistant nurse.

## Introducing the foreign Volunteers for the second half of 2000



Silla Helas

She gave us this letter:

During the time when I volunteered at the Care Centre friends and relatives asked me repeatedly how I liked my service there. I always could answer that I like it and that I enjoyed my duties. Most people could not understand this. They asked me: Is it not quite strenuous, hard and depressing? I could not deny this. It was not easy for me to explain why I still liked it. Why can it be nice to watch people dying, to try to alleviate their last days, not even being able to speak their language? And why does one not despair while experiencing so much misery?

The first reason that I mostly brought forward, was, that all the people who work there day and night are admirable and really nice. Well, that surely alleviates a lot, I was told – and that's how it was indeed. I think, without the nice environment, I would not have stayed there long. But there are still so many other reasons that made my stay there so impressive, which are so difficult to be put into words. I will try to explain what I mean through two examples, which made an impression on me. Right at the beginning, when I came to Mandeni, there was a lady amongst the patients who was about to die from AIDS, TB and probably even meningitis, too. She was emaciated and weak, full of sores, rarely talked, lying there in a semi-comatose state. Her condition deteriorated continuously and so I often sat with her for hours. She persevered very very long. One morning when I entered the ward her perception seemed not to be so dull. During the long time that I had sat with her we hardly exchanged a word, but when I called her by name that morning, she smiled at me. This little smile, although I did not even know if it was aimed at me, was already enough for me to be happy and to realise, that what one does is good. Another look,

which I will never forget, is the one of a little boy, who had an epileptic fit during Holy Mass one morning. He banged his head on the floor and made us all get a fright. We had fetched the boy the evening before from his family who had totally neglected him. He had not received medication (which is free of charge) for a long time and because of many fits he had lost many abilities. He was not able to chew properly any more and therefore he was half dead from hunger. The Clinic, where we only went to ask what dosage of medication he should get, fobbed us off, because it was already after hours and they would only accept emergencies. I was infuriated by this case – because of all the maltreatment that had been given to the boy who actually could have lived a totally normal life. And I realized, that the work which the Brotherhood is doing, is really important and needed, so that for people and children, who live there, life can be made more worth living again.



Silvana Bothur, Elena Schmidt, Dorothea Huber, Sebastian Hofmann,  
all from Germany

We trust that your work with us in **Blessed Gérard's Care Centre & Hospice** has been fulfilling and rewarding. Thank you for the time you have taken and the money you have spent to come to Mandeni to assist us in our task to help the sick.





## First Aid Duty in the Vatican's Basilicas in Rome



Dr. Martinez, Dr. Haid, Sr. Thabethe, Dr. Uhl, Mrs. Kalkwarf, Fr. Gérard  
at the First Aid Post on St. Peter's Square

personnel to Rome for 54 weeks, in one-week stints. All the relief organisation of the Order of Malta were contacted and asked if they would be prepared to go to Rome to carry out this duty.

The Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard agreed to help for two weeks and was asked to send two teams of four people.

By request of the SMOM the ideal team would consist of one medical doctor, one nurse / paramedic, one first aider and one stretcher-bearer. The members of the Brotherhood were generous in offering their time and energy to this project. This was a

This being the Holy Year 2000, the Vatican expected many thousands of pilgrims to flock to all the Basilicas in Rome. The authorities in the Vatican negotiated with the Order of Malta to provide the First Aid at some of their properties in Rome, where so many visitors would be. The Order of Malta agreed and planned to send four teams of Medical



Dr. Haid, Dr. P. Martinez, Dr. R. Martinez, Fr. Gérard, Dr. Uhl, Mr. De Stefano,  
Sr. Thabethe, Mrs. Scarano, Mrs. Kalkwarf (sitting)  
at the First Aid Post in the Lateran

wonderful opportunity for our members to have international experience and to meet with other Maltese relief organisations from different countries. While we were in Rome we met teams from Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain and Holland. There was quite a feeling of camaraderie, which built up through working together and sharing a house in Rome, which the SMOM had provided for us. The Vatican had arranged free access to all public transport in Rome, free access to the Vatican Museums and meal vouchers.

We were on duty in St. Peter's Square and the Basilicas of St. John the Lateran, St. Maria Maggiore and St. Paul where the SMOM staffs permanent First Aid posts.



Dr. Zimmermann, Mrs. Scarano, Fr. Gérard, Mons. Fürstenberg, Mr. De Stefano, Sr. Thabethe, Mrs. Haid, Mrs. Kalkwarf, Dr. Haid, Dr. R. Martinez, Dr. P. Martinez

Monsignor Dr. Michael Fürstenberg is a novice of the Order of Malta. He is preparing in the Grand Magistry of the Order of Malta for his profession as a conventual chaplain and is in charge of the pastoral care for all the First Aid teams on duty in Rome. He was so impressed by our Brotherhood that he applied to join as a member. We are proud to count him among our members and we wholeheartedly welcome you, Mons. Fürstenberg, in our midst!

May God bless you during your preparation to become a professed conventual chaplain of the Order of Malta!

The picture shows Mons. Fürstenberg with our team at the Palazzo Grillo in Rome, after his solemn reception into the Brotherhood.

I am sure many of our South African members and of course the Italian members will remember Riccardo and Rosa de Stefano who were in Mandeni for some time prior to returning to Italy. Riccardo & Rosa acted as interpreters for our team. Without them we would have been lost. While Riccardo and Rosa were with us in Rome, their two children Michele and Daniela stayed at home. But we were lucky enough to see them when our other member from Solofra, Italy, Lucia Citro and Antonio Ingino brought them to Rome.

Thank you to all our Italian members who

continuously raise funds for us.



# Executive Council's Whirlwind Fundraising Tour of Germany

Once they had completed their tour of duty in Rome, the members of the Executive Council of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard who were present: Father Gérard Lagleder, Mrs. Thuli Thabethe and Mrs. Clare Kalkwarf continued to Germany for a whirlwind tour of fundraising and public relations. There they met with many different possible donors, for Blessed Gérard's Children's Home and with existing supporters.



**Day 1** was spent in Neuburg an der Donau. Presentations were given to three different classes at Descartes Gymnasium; they met with the principal, Mr. Franz Hofmeier and with members of the Parents Association. The Catholic Women's League also gave them a donation towards the work of the Brotherhood in South Africa.



**Day 2** they travelled to Weiden where a meeting had been organised in the Parish of the Sacred Heart Church. Following Holy Mass, they held a press

conference with two local newspapers and then gave a presentation on the work of the Brotherhood to existing members and other interested people.



**Days 3 & 4** were spent in Cologne at the Malteser Hilfsdienst (MHD) Head Office. (This is our sister organisation in Germany). The Secretary General of MHD, Mr. Heinz Himmels, who despite many meetings and routine duties still found the time to include the Executive Council into his busy schedule, hosted them. They met with the team from Foreign Service, with the Director of the Repatriation Service and they also made contact with old friends who had had dealings with the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard previously, but always via e-mail or telephone. It was very nice to meet them in person.





**Day 5** was spent mostly in traffic jams! But finally they arrived at the home of our very good and dear friends and members, Max & Gabi Rauecker.



Day 6 was spent with Malteser Hilfsdienst (MHD), Munich, where they had a meeting with Mr. Manfred Schulz and Mrs. Gabi Rauecker. Thank you for making our executive council feel so welcome.

### Members' meeting in Erding

The evening of the 6<sup>th</sup> and last day, they travelled to Erding, where the local branch of MHD had prepared supper and provided refreshments for our German members, who travelled through heavy traffic and many kilometres to congregate in Erding.

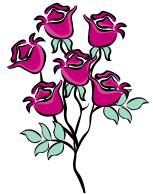




All in all there were approximately 60 people who attended. They were given a presentation on the work of the Brotherhood of Blessed Gérard and of course the new project, Blessed Gérard's Children's Home.

A huge big thank you  
and a bouquet of flowers to:

- **MHD Munich, Mr. Schulz and Mrs. Gabi Rauecker** – for providing a car and for organising the meeting in Erding.
- **MHD Cologne, Mr. & Mrs. Heinz Himmels** – for accommodating the three members of the executive in your home and for making their stay there so fruitful and interesting.
- **Mr. Johannes Lagleder, Mr. & Mrs. Hans Sporer** – for organising the day in Neuburg and for receiving them into your wonderful homes.
- **Dr. & Mrs. Heinrich Hirmer** – for the wonderful Holy Mass and meeting in Weiden and for showing us such warmth in your home.
- **Mrs. Mechthilde Hirmer** – for the amazing Zulu song, which she sang with 2 friends at the end of Holy Mass in Weiden.
- **Mr. & Mrs. Weiß at Erding** – for the hospitality shown by you in organising the overnight accommodation, the food and refreshments for the meeting and the transport on the following day.



Blessed Gérard's Care Centre & Hospice  
receives beds from the U.S.A.





Brendon Beaumont, Sebastian Hofmann, Nkosinathi Dlamini (in the truck), Fr. Gérard and some helpers offloading the beds at Blessed Gérard's Care Centre and Hospice in Mandeni.

Our member, Mr. Michael Perigo, who lives in the United States of America and works at a hospital, saw the opportunity to send some second hand hospital beds to us for use in Blessed Gérard's Care Centre and Hospice. Mr. Perigo arranged for the

beds to be transported to New York where the Catholic Medical Mission Board had agreed to sponsor the shipping of the container, with the beds in, to Durban, South Africa. The South African Receiver of Revenue also very kindly allowed us to import the beds free of any duty or taxes. The shipping agent was also kind enough to donate their services free of charge.

Thank you to Mr. Perigo, the hospital, the Catholic Medical Mission Board and Bridge Projects for the donation, the hard work and generosity involved in getting the beds to us.

## Members' News

Congratulations and may God bless you



**The bishop of Eshowe,  
Mansuet Dela Biyase**

on the occasion of your 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as a Bishop and your 40<sup>th</sup> Jubilee as a Priest. Also for being awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Zululand.



**Dr. Albrecht Count of Rechberg**  
on your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and a very sincere thank you for your support and encouragement over the years during your association with our Brotherhood.



**Brother Aloysius Roets O.S.B.**  
May God bless you on your Deacon's ordination on 6 December 2000.

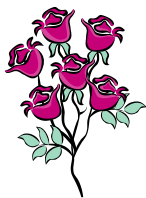


**Dr. Peter Martinez**  
on receiving the M.K. Vainu Bappu Gold Medal of the Astronomical Society of India for "exceptional contributions in the area of stellar pulsations and in the promotion of astronomy on the African continent." This is an international award made every two years.

**Mr. William Yeo** and Lientjie on the birth of their baby boy Edward Clive on 8 August 2000.

Sincere Condolences to

**Mr. Russell Spalding** on the passing of his dear wife and our member, Rosanne.



- Br. Wolfgang Frieser OSB (in 2000) on his 90<sup>th</sup>
- Gerard Thomas Coughlin (in 2001) on his 85<sup>th</sup>
- Maximilian Absmeier, Albrecht Graf Rechberg, Hilda Goodwin, Maria Pistor, Louis Leon Renaud (in 2000) and Raymond Edward Lagleder, Marie-Theres Gräfin Strachwitz, Ann L. Bateman, Mathilde Hellmich (in 2001) on their 80<sup>th</sup>
- Hans Spagl, Hans Neumann, Maria Meierdierks (in 2000) and Mary Edith Lagleder, M Terentia Pöschl, Hildegard Hochberger, Sr M. Aurelia Senser, Steven Harry Dunn, Peggy Irene Evans, Job Ngubane, Dorothee Wroblewski, Nomafa Anna Thusi, Anna Spielmann, Trevor Noel Thompson (in 2001) on their 75<sup>th</sup>
- Heinrich Weihs, Heinrich Wachter, Nadine Frfr. v. Redwitz, Ruth Ullrich, Friedrich Graf Strachwitz (in 2000) and Clara Sammarco, Anna Nast, Resi Huber, Eric Daniel Barth, Thembile Bonge Hazel Khuzwayo, Hermann Knecht, Michael Bauer, Otto Neumeir, Adelaide Mbokazi, Franz Schenk (in 2001) on their 70<sup>th</sup>
- Clementine Mbonambi, Gertraud Böhm, Johanna Mkhize, Mumsy Cabangile Dlamini, Johanna Dumazile Mkhize, Franz Haller, John Leslie Pieters, Anna Knecht, Margaret Rouillon, Margaret Ann Potter, Oswald Binner, Anton Steinegger (in 2000) and M. Thaddäa Bürger, Thomas P. Belson, Peter Freiherr von Fürstenberg, Elvira Sala, Gertrud Haller, Linda Neethling, Anton Vogl, Helmut Hartmann, Ferdinand Rouillon, Magdalena Mussack, Hermann Kirschner, Lucia Ncanana, Gerald Leslie Clark, Hanspeter Schlosser (in 2001) on their 65<sup>th</sup>
- Hartmut Ender, Annemarie Koch, Franziska Andritzky, Helga Krenn, Maria Michaelis Schaumann, Raymond Berchtenbreiter, Cyril Samuel Clark, Volker (Josef) Futter O.S.B., Eberhard Boltz, Manfred Schulz, Gisela Freytag-Russell, Dorothy Dlamini, Helmut Haas, Heinz Himmels (in 2000) and Sr Romualda Mzizi, Therese Jungsberger, Georg Rinnagl, Fr Severin Wilfried Pschorn O.S.B., Albertine Sprenzinger - Sporer (in 2001) on their 60<sup>th</sup>
- David Gutierrez, Ambrose Ngema, Günter Neuner, Gertrud Miska, Marianne Oschmann, Ursula Toohey, Norbert Pape, Ann Gaunt, Antonio Ingino, Marianne Herner, Josef Brunner, Helena Maria Beuchert, Rita Merkl, Dorothy Wynne, Barry Bradley, Eddie Stecker (in 2000) and Liselotte Rieger, Maria Carmina Aufiero, Michael Richard Weidling, Oscar Otto Johann Baptist Klemens Karl Graf von Ansembourg, Willibald Hofmann, Otto Wilhelm Claus Janitz, Helga Scheurer, Gail February, Margaret Mabaso, Bernhard Otto Seitz (in 2001) on their 50<sup>th</sup>



- Stephan Elster, Vernon Barnes, Jetro Zwelihle Qwabe, Mauritius Graf von Brühl, Bruno Maria Zimmermann, Brigitte Eder, Gudrun Kolb, Robert Bock, Giovanna Barbato, Vitus Siphoncube, Heidi Eisner, Sanet van Zyl, Antonio Carlos del Campo, Edmundo Pellizari Fiho, Racheal Makhosi Miles, Angelika Roß, Shona Dain Pieters (in 2000) and John Joseph Wrobel, Clair Cecile Sakir, Christine Rieder, Karl Sidney Schmidt, A.B Jacqueline Conradie, Alfons Stadler, Velisiwe Maureen Manqele, Rosa Scarano De Stefano, Riccardo De Stefano, Michael Eich, Mechthilde Hirmer - Lagleder (in 2001) on their 40<sup>th</sup>
- Claude Jacques Bidal, Anne Carol Marpole, Gugu Immaculatte Mdluli, Thomas Hertlein, Penelope Jane Greening, Leela Mayelall, Rasheed Kallen, Velenkosini Richard Mdluli, Yvonne Dudu Gumede, Renate Bailer, Monica Philile Zikhali, Collin Ntuli, Joseph James John Stanford, Aloysius Roets O.S.B., Mandla M Mngoma, Monica Phimle Zikhali, Nkosiyathanda Emmanuel Mthenjane (in 2000) and Nonhlanhla Mamizia Ndlovu, Leon Patrick Kalkwarf, Andrea Guggenbichler, Marina Mayer, Reena Cassim, Ananda van Niekerk, Priscilla S'duduziwe Dlamini, Qinisani Wiseman Zulu, Diane von Wrede, Fernando Blanco Dopazo, Silvana Bothur, Daniel de Jesus Ruiz Flores, Goodness Lynette Mathaba, Mama Y Nzama, Sibongile Madela, Thembisile Grace Mbokazi, Innocentia Tholakele Mbatha, Nonhlanhla Catherine Zulú, James Everett Grieder (in 2001) on their 30<sup>th</sup>
- Maureen Lethiwe Valencia Khumalo, Bernadette Weidling, Anastacia Theresa Geswindt, Mbali Faith Khuzwayo, Kim Curzon, Martina Fuchsl, Happiness Lindokuhle Mkhwanazi, Fredrick Peter Dunn, Joachim Schnurbus, Gizelle Terreblanche, Nonhlanhla Ellen Dube, Fortunate Slindile Kheth Mthembu, Silvia Helas, Carol Andile Biyela, Qhawukile Gcina Mkhize, Susanne Neckermann, Khumbulani Welcome Gumbi, Ellen Nonhlanhla Dube, Philisiwe Octavia Mabunda, Sindisiwe Promise Buthelezi (in 2000) and Dorothea Huber, Sebastian Hofmann, Louise Ann Wynne, Verena Schmidt, Audette Clark, Walburga von Ohnesorge, Magnificentia Zanele Sibisi, Thembisile Memory Dube, Zethu Sithembile Ngobese, Ayesha Badat, Kerry-Lee Sullivan, Siyabonga Wilmoth Mngoma, Simphiwe Teresa Dlamini, Sibonakaliso Petros Thabethe (in 2001) on their 21<sup>th</sup>

We welcome our new members:

Willibald Hofmann, Gertraud Böhm, Oscar Otto Johann Baptist Klemens Karl Graf von Ansembourg, Michela Diursu in Giliberti, Florian Hecke, Nelisiwe Desiree Mpanza, Sibongile Madela, Thembisile Grace Mbokazi, Rejoice Thobile Nxumalo, Innocentia Tholakele Mbatha, Mildred Phumzile Ngema, Celine Noluthando Khuzwayo, Mandla M Mngoma, Clementine Mbonambi, Emmerentia Ntombi Mbonambi, Elizabeth Jabu Biyela, Muzikayise Antony Mbonambi, Russell Spalding, Darryl E Blatzer, Brian Gabangaye Khambule, Prisca Mbali Miya, Sindisiwe Gumede, Monica Phimle Zikhali, Luciana Ceross, Thombi Audrey Mthembu, Elmar Haid, Peter Wagner, Gereon Adalbert Georg Pfister, Andreas Lang, Helena Maria Beuchert, Tim Stohrer, Michaela Bauer, Richard Michael Lerner, Martin Zwicknagl, Angelika Roß, Anneliese Moser, Alois Koch, Annemarie Koch, Angeli Ordon, John Ordon, Samuel Tom Mthembu, M. Benedikta Hauke, Katrin Neubert, Audette Clark, Helleine Mabongi Nokuthula Mchunu, Karl Uhl, Evan Lloyd Agnew, Silvia Helas, Alois Siphon Zikhali, Trevor Wynne, Sibusiso Christian Mlambo, Marco Neumüller, Giacomo Beschi, Felix Mallmann, Ilse Mallmann, Andreas Mallmann, Franziska Andritzky, Gerhard Merkl, Rita Merkl, Verena Schmidt, Dorothy Wynne, Markus Schlimm, Simone Schlimm, Roxane Page Wynne, Louise Ann Wynne, Eugene Mduduze Shange, Dumisani Michack Dlamini, Hlengiwe Immaculate Gumbi, Carol Andile Biyela, Lee Ché Wynne, Qhawukile Gcina Mkhize, Girly Nomusa Maphumulo, Simangele Gladness Nxumalo, **Praxedis Freifrau von Boeselager**, Felicitas Freiin von Boeselager, Nonhlanhla Catherine Zulu, Khumbulani Welcome Gumbi, Shaun Leonard Francis, Osborn Nkanyiso Ngema, Michael Richard Weidling, Bernd Hoehle, Miriam Grobler, Ellen Nonhlanhla Dube, Nkosingiphile Phakanyisiwe Biyela, Renate Bailer, Barry Bradley, Esther Roux Martinez, Wilburgis Helbich - Poschacher, Maximilian Absmeier, Maria Carmina Aufiero, Burkhard Hagemann, William Jones, Elena Heide Schmidt, Sibusiso Ian Babamkhulu Manamela, Fortunate Bongwiwe Mhlongo, Karlheinz Herberich, Susanne Neckermann, Flomina Thoko Buthelezi, Maxwell Xolani Khaba, Khulekani Dennis Ntshangase, Angelika Bader, Andrea Letzch, Bongumusa Nikeziwe Mgenge, Ladyfair Ntomizodwa Xulu, Philisiwe Octavia Mabunda, Gloria Makhosazana Buthelezi, Zandile Monica Bhengu, Nonhlanhla Ellen Dube, Beauty Zibuyile Ntshingila, Tholakele Sindi Ndlovu, Nonsikelelo Yvonne Nyawo, M. Thaddäa Bürger, Sebastian Hofmann, Dorothea Huber, Josefine Haid, **Michael Fürstenberg**, Liselotte Rieger, Agnes Thembi Mthembu, Silvana Bothur, Tomasz Mizera, Vitus Siphon Ncube, Elizabeth Nunu Mkhize, Francisca Nonhlanhla Kubheka, Gregorio Gagnon, Thulani Cyprian Khuzwayo, Stefan Michael Brech, Hartmut Ender, Antonio Ingino, Michele De Stefano, Daniela De Stefano, Luisa De Piano, Elphas Nkosinathi Mbokazi, Michele Sticozzi.



<b>Membership Statistics 1.12.2000</b>	<b>Active members</b>	<b>Donors</b>	<b>Spiritual Supporters</b>	<b>Total</b>
South Africa	338	93	37	<b>468</b>
Germany	36	185	82	<b>303</b>
USA	10	25	20	<b>55</b>
Italy	3	22	7	<b>32</b>
Denmark	0	1	13	<b>14</b>
Great Britain	10	1	1	<b>12</b>
Ireland	2	6	2	<b>10</b>
Austria	1	1	6	<b>8</b>
Canada	0	2	4	<b>6</b>
Australia	0	3	1	<b>4</b>
Belgium	2	0	1	<b>3</b>
Tanzania	0	0	3	<b>3</b>
El Salvador	0	0	2	<b>2</b>
Hungary	0	1	1	<b>2</b>
Seychelles	0	2	0	<b>2</b>
Brazil	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Switzerland	1	0	0	<b>1</b>
Kenya	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Japan	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Malta	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Mexico	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Netherlands	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Poland	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Argentina	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
Chile	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Finland	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Singapore	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
UAE	0	1	0	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>937</b>

NB: Active members outside South Africa are members, who have worked in South Africa as volunteers. These members keep their active status. Many of them continue to support us actively, e.g. through fund-raising and canvassing for membership.



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