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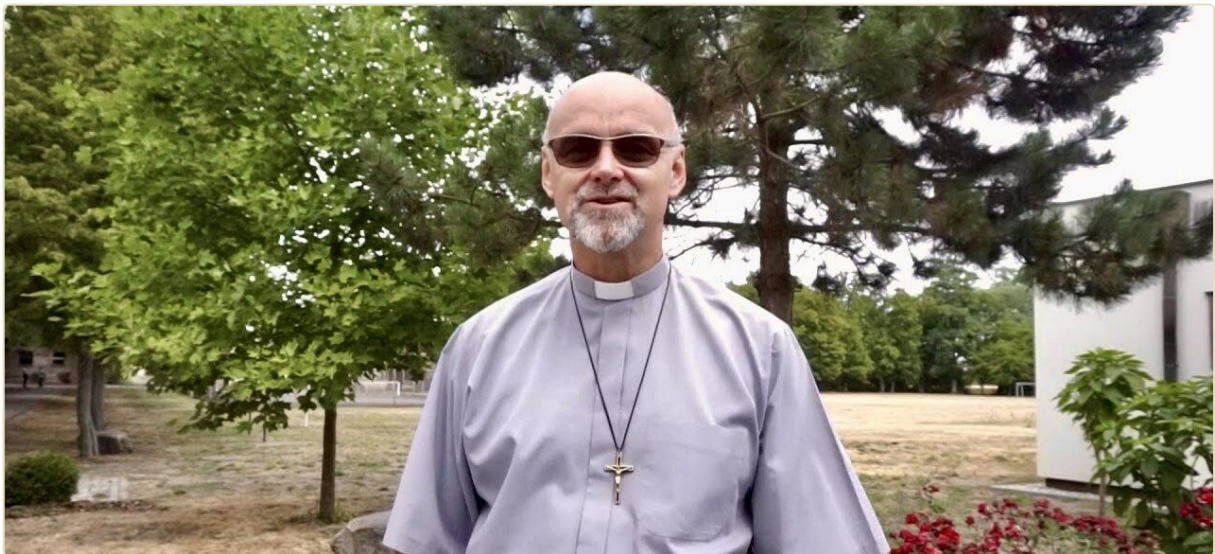
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Robert GRABKA, OMI In the heart of Gniezno, three young Oblates stood ready to start a new chapter. Fr. Adrian KOTLARSKI, Fr. Damian MAJCHERCZAK, and Fr. Bartosz KOŚLIK received their missionary crosses during the feast of St. Adalbert, patron Saint of Poland. [Read more →](#)

News from the Vatican



Pope appeals for international aid for Ebola victims in DRC (Photo: Vatican News)

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Pope appeals for international aid for Ebola victims in DRC By Devin Watkins As he prayed the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Leo XIV recalled the ongoing outbreak of the Ebola virus in the Democratic Republic of Congo. "In my prayers, I often remember the Democratic Republic of the Congo, particularly because of the spread of the Ebola epidemic, which is unfortunately claiming many lives," he said. [Read more →](#)



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Pope at Angelus: Let us not retreat into our convictions but be open to Christ

Pope at Angelus: Let us not retreat into our convictions but be open to Christ By Isabella H. de Carvalho In order to transform our lives and the world we must develop a personal relationship with Jesus and renew it every day, Pope Leo XIV said in his Angelus message on Sunday, August 23, in St. Peter's Square. "Let us seek not to retreat into our own convictions and religious certainties, but to... [Read more](#) →



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Sister in Ukraine: Bombs cannot break faith, will to live or desire for freedom By Sister Alina Petrauskaite and Svitlana Dukhovych "We go to sleep every day afraid, because we don't know when missiles or drones

will arrive. Every morning we thank God for having woken up, and every evening we give thanks because we are still alive. [Read more →](#)

Ongoing Missions

Pope Francis appointed Oblate Father Paweł Janusz Kubiak, O.M.I., as Superior of the Mission *sui iuris* of Turkmenistan on 22 August 2026, following the resignation of Father Andrzej Madej, O.M.I., from pastoral governance. Father Kubiak, who has served in Turkmenistan since 2023 and previously worked in Ukraine and Russia, was born in Poland in 1974 and ordained in 2001. [Read more →](#)



A New Oblate Mission: Ecuador! (Photo: OMI World)

Responding to the 37th General Chapter's call, the Oblate Province of Brazil has launched a new mission in Ecuador, deepening the Oblates' presence in Latin America. Fr. Antonio Pereira, OMI, Provincial of Brazil, Fr. Ednaldo, OMI, Provincial Treasurer, and Fr. Jassiel, OMI, recently visited Ecuador to assess the mission's needs and strengthen ties with the local Church. The visit followed a discernment process to prepare for this new evangelizing effort among the Ecuadorian people. May the Holy Spirit guide this missionary endeavor, fostering hope and fraternity through Mary Immaculate's intercession. [Read more →](#)

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