



FRATRES ORDINIS PRÆDICATORUM
CURIA GENERALITIA

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Dear Dominic and James and all the brothers of the provinces,

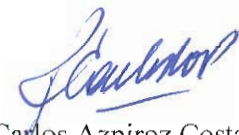
This morning I received word of the sad death of our Brother Chrys McVey. For me personally, and for all in the General Curia, we are shocked to have received this news and deeply saddened by the death of a brother who has collaborated so closely with us for the past six years. Indeed, Chrys was not only a Socius, but a gentle and wise brother who gave himself joyfully and totally for the well being of the whole Dominican family. He was a wise and prudent councilor and a confidant to many.

Chrys was deeply committed to inter-religious dialogue as we so well know from his many years in Pakistan and by the investment he made in this area while working in the curia. He was very instrumental in the Truth in Love Commission, and the Journee Romaine, among other important projects. In addition, Chrys was deeply committed to collaborating with the Dominican Family. His spirit was all embracing, responding to requests all over the world in order to release the charism of Dominic that rests uniquely in the different branches of the Order. His spirit was truly magnanimous. As a brother here at Santa Sabina, he was always gentle, welcoming, and willing to support everyone.

Most importantly, when Chrys entered the Order, he truly gave over his life for the mission of the Order in a very radical way. He spent his entire priestly life in Pakistan which was always very close to his heart, even while here in the Curia. He thought of the vice-Province, prayed for it, and desired its well-being. Indeed, the Pakistani Dominicans will have an intercessor in heaven. Upon finishing his service here at the Curia, he was delighted about his new assignment at St. Joseph's in the Village and embracing the new missionary venture of returning to his native place. He is a credit to St. Joseph Province and an example to us all.

We are very grateful to your two provinces for the gift of Chrys McVey to the General Curia for six years. May he now behold the face of God which he so well reflected among us.

Your brother in St. Dominic,


fr. Carlos Azpiroz Costa, O.P.
Master of the Order