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## PEOPLE WITH FRANCIS!

*Who We Are!*

*A column for your membership updates, events and activities of interest.*

### NEW MEMBER IN CANADA

A Big Welcome to the Reverend Canon **Alexander Asmah TSSF**, a member of the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis from Ghana in the African Province of the TSSF. Alex came to Canada in August of 2002 and continues his post graduate studies at St. Paul's University in Ottawa. Alex's email is [mauralex91@yahoo.com](mailto:mauralex91@yahoo.com).

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Walter Beazley TSSF** on his ordination to the priesthood in the Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia.

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## PEOPLE WHO WORK!

*Living and Moving in Love!*

Many of us live and move and minister in very different worlds still bringing the humble message of service and love in the spirit of Christ after the example of Francis of Assisi. The Rev. Alex Asmah has joined us for a while from one of those worlds that is very different from ours here in Canada. Alex comes from Ghana in Africa. He is married and has four children, a family who surely miss him while he studies here in Canada at St' Paul's University. Alex's wife teaches in a Junior Secondary School in Takoradi, Ghana.

Alex has studied in English and French schools and did his Licentiate in Theology work at St. Nicholas Theological College in Cape Coast, Ghana. He then did some advanced French Studies and Profound Studies in French at the University of Conakry.

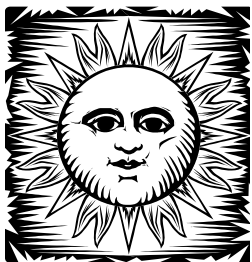
Alex has spent three years as a teacher, two of the years teaching French. Alex has worked as a college and school chaplain, a teaching assistant in Greek Studies at the St. Nicholas Theological College. Alex was ordained a deacon in 1987 and a priest later that year and has worked in several parishes and a cathedral in his home country. Alex also spent some time working in challenging conditions as a missionary in Senegal and Guinea. Alex has been honoured with awards from his area debating club, and cited by the British Ambassador to Senegal and Guinea for his church work there.

Alex was installed as Canon on December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1997, and he became a professed member of the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis in the African Province on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2001.

Alex describes his homeland as peaceful and fruitful. Ghana is on the West Coast of Africa and is covered by Tropical Rainforests where they grow lots of cocoa beans.

Alex is presently working on a master's program in Pastoral Theology exploring the connections between the language and culture of the people in his country with the Christian traditions and message.





## PEOPLE OF SPIRIT!

### Brother Sun, Sister Moon

by Donovan for the Franco Zeffirelli movie "Brother Sun, Sister Moon" on the early years of Francis' life.

Brother Sun, and Sister Moon  
I seldom see you, seldom hear your tune.  
Preoccupied with selfish misery.

Brother Wind, and Sister Air  
Open my eyes to visions pure and fair  
That I may see the glory around me.

I am God's creature, of God I am part.  
I feel God's love awakening my heart.

Brother Sun, and Sister Moon,  
I now do see you, I can hear your tune.  
So much in love with all that I survey.



## PEOPLE FOR JUSTICE!

### FRANCISCAN CANADIANS MAKE PEACE

**ISSUE: JUSTICE, PEACE & THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION  
COMMISSION (JPIC)**

JPIC is a new commission that was struck and given its mandate at the October 2002 Chapter Meeting of the TSSF. The Commission's job will be to hold before Chapter and the Third Order the ministries for justice, peace, and the integrity of creation as expressions of the Second and Third Aims of the Order in the Principles of the Third Order; to seek out and celebrate, through publication the living examples of such witness and ministry in members of the Third Order; and, to bring before Chapter such policies and programs of the ministries of justice, peace, and the integrity of creation as may be appropriate for adoption by Chapter, or commendation to the membership of the Order, or otherwise recognized or celebrated.

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