## THE BLACK BOX TREASURES (#27)

There is an interesting term called the "black box theory". It speaks about an object which can be analyzed in terms of its input and output, but there is no knowledge of its internal workings. Many of us probably don't know that in our Archives here in Rome we have more than 200 black boxes. Some of those treasures have seen the light of day in many publications, but there are still others waiting to been seen...

## (The Brazilian Queen's hands #27)

Today's newsletter is a very special one. It is exactly one year ago that the first edition of the "Black Box Treasures" was published. During this past year I have shared with you some neat "treasures" from our Archives in Rome. Choosing the materials I had in mind the fact that our Congregation is indeed international. So it was crucial

for me to present you with documents from different sectors of our community and from different times. Two languages, English and Polish in which the newsletter was prepared, have reached as many CRs as was possible. Moreover, the bulletin was sent not just to our members, but also to the Sisters of the Resurrection and to some lay people. Obviously because of the limitation of those two languages our brothers from the South American Region were somehow excluded. So I'm happy to announce that that is going to change in 2019. Thanks to Vicar General Fr. Evandro Miranda Rosa, who among his other responsibilities, has offered to translate the bulletin . The newsletter is also going to be published in Portuguese beginning with this 27th edition. Moreover, Fr. Evandro has already translated a few of the first editions of the BBT and those will be sent to the brothers shortly.

So in today's newsletter we move to Brasil. Probably the first Resurrectionist who visited this great country was Fr. Jerome Kajsiewicz. It had been quite a journey...

In 1865 Father General Jerome Kajsiewicz decided to visit the Mission in Canada from there he went to the USA and in November of the same year began his journey to Brazil. "Why did Kajsiewicz decide to embark on the long, risky, journey from New York to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil? The trip from New York lasted 27 days,( longer and farther than to Europe). He had two purposes in mind: one, to collect funds for the [newly forming] Polish College, the other to investigate the proposed Polish colony sponsored by the Brazilian government" (Iwicki J., *Resurrectionist Charism*, 261).

During his journey while in Brazil Fr. Jerome also had the chance to meet with Emperor Pedro II and his wife, Teresa Cristina. Fr. Paul Smolikowski, C.R., in the history of the Congregation, recounts details of the audience and mentions quite a unique concern which had troubled Fr. Jerome before he went to see with the Queen...

So today I would like to share with you two pages from the manuscript of Fr. Paul where he tells the story....

Feliz Ano Novo 2019!

## (Paul Smolikowski, C.R., History of the Congregation (manuscripts ACRR 31650), 29. 35-36)

Fr. Kajsiewicz spent so much time on the ship sailing to Brazil. It took 27 days! It was an arduous and hard journey. Moreover, as he noted "the idea of not being able to celebrate Mass for more than twenty days, and even on All Saints' and All Souls' Days, is not comforting. But I have to offer it to God as a sacrifice" (29).

In the morning of December 14, Fr. Kajsiewicz was presented to the King and Queen of Brazil. "When I was ushered into the Queen's presence, he says, I thought that I would meet just with the Queen, but I was wrong. Then I was a bit perplexed as to the customary etiquette of kissing the Queen's hand. I had not kissed a woman's hand for 30 years, from the time I had received the cassock, with the exception of my elderly mother's. Only her hands my priestly mouth had touched. Thanks to God's grace there was a win-win situation: I bowed low to the Queen, but she did non extend her hand, therefore my bow was enough. I soon presented her with the purpose of my journey. The Queen was gentle. Even more, as a religious person she was very kind in front of a priest. She pondered some questions without going deeper into the matter. She asked about my life in Rome and if I knew when the new bishop would arrive. I politely thanked her for the audience and after I bowed low once I repeated it at the threshold of the chamber. Then I left.

While meeting with the Emperor I told him precisely of the goal of my journey. "When exactly, my dear Reverend, did you serve in the military?" he asked. I had to tell him in which corps, and where and when I was wounded. Then he asked me about my travels to Poland, to Bulgaria etc... It lasted for an hour. Finally, he asked "What exactly is the purpose of your travel?". I repeated what Fr. Semenenko had said about preparing clergy for ministering in Poland, about the lack of funds, about our hopes in finding some help in Brazil etc. "You have chosen a bad time, my dear Reverend" but he added "Eh bien, j'aurai le plais d'y contribuer" (Well, I will have the pleasure of making a contribution). I thanked him and I left.

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diatem w hvötkosici o celu mojej podvory. Cesanowe kyla grame, 36. wigcej pourien, jakø orobe viengea uprejng bywa de hapriena; ale re ogvanienssa sig na pyhaniael: ay mienhand a Rymie, jak drugo, cry wien hier projedie nory bishup bernambaco its. nie wchosge wylab predmiotre, podighowalen ra lasheror poduchanie i po grebotim uklonie powtononym jence w progu kournaty, odredig Cesanomi opomichialens doktedniej cel mojoj podvory. " Widy Mosi Kripe, res stury a wojska," pouriedia. Musiaten nue opouriedie a jakin korpusie, golie, i jak rochsten vormyn. Spyhet poken erym wieles podrónowal? a Polow, Poulgoral etc. Trwala to dobrz godi. ng, novencie spyla: " pourédie, mij kriere, jaki waring al horjej possing?" - Vowhongten o mysli Djea I. prygodo monia kaptonio He Polski, o miedostateernyel fundamed, o kraje, a nadici enale. sienia pomoeg a branglie. idd. n W michonystug pors mybrales sig Moi i knope " ale absings :.. Sh bien, j'auvai le plaisir d'y contribrer." Possighows en i arguissem eig "/ Po kej ausgenegi , laurg Ten, pine, jui tedy mojg pragvynang iebrang-juren publia. nyn hvertonen. Kerdy took nymaga tu naprid nie malago mysilema, bo niever tueba pryfic ver i dragi, a ra herdyn va. sem waxam jakly a Tarini. Jak adonsiely pochodi kilka godin, to jui poten na vente Dria do nicrego. Lapreddry do jednego pana " He milosei P. Moga i seminorgun - pine - wynndriten sig pongémie, siedrage no miejou siedem godin presto, i rozma. wiejge 2 atvadreniens; bono mowil po francuska, a odpouradano mi po portugalsku." Poken jui sig nynengt kego ostatniego jørgte