

## THE BLACK BOX TREASURES (#42)

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...

## (What did their walk say about our Founders? #42)

We are all different. We look different. We think differently, and we walk differently, yet at the same time we are united in our Resurrectionists' mission.

It is amazing what we can learn about a person, about their feelings, thoughts, hopes and dreams by simply observing them for a few minutes. Our body language can tell other people a lot more that we might hope it would. But what about our Founders? What was their body language conveying? We all have an idea about their personalities from reading their texts and by looking at their pictures. However, today I would like to share with you an interesting text about their so different personalities written by Fr. Karol Grabowski, C.R. (1836 -1888). In fact, his eyewitness

testimony is really fascinating. I would like to thank Fr. Maciej Gawlik, C.R. who found this fragment and sent it to me after his visit to our Roman Archives.

## (From the Memories of Fr. Karol Grabowski, C.R., ACRR 15458, 87-88)

Fr. Peter Semenenko is like the eagle of the Gospel. Fr. Hieronim Kajsiewicz like a soldier of Christ. The first one is an invincible scholar, the other is invincible in practice. Even physical strength was given to them by God according to their needs. Fr. Semenenko a man of poor health, is careful about everything that might harm his delicate body. He is thorough in thinking, never in a hurry, never impatient. When he praises someone, he does so with all his heart; when he rebukes, he does it with just one word because that is required out of love.

O. Kajsiewicz is like fire, so energetic. He can easily foresee the outcome of things that he tries to do and he eagerly runs to its finish. He is firm and persistent in action and faithful in religious life. In his relationship towards younger people, he can be a bit cold, yet gentle and firm in exhortation.

Even the way they walk is according to their dispositions and the different talents which God has given to them. Fr. Peter seems to always be dwelling in metaphysical spheres thus he appears as though he cannot even walk comfortably on this earth. He walks hesitatingly almost falteringly which gives the impression that he is not accustomed to walking among these worldly matters. Fr. Jerome is different. He walks with confidence and appears to be well grounded. His steps are firm and steady thus it would appear that he was created for action and hardship. In comparison the first of these two men is more concentrated on thinking and resolving spiritual issues, the second is bravely paving the way as a fearless and invincible guide.

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