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Friar Marco TASCA



Calendar of the Minister General

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- 8-13 St. Petersburg: Second part of the Ordinary Custodial Chapter
- 24-29 Rome: Session of the General Definitory

Letter of the Minister General Friar Marco TASCA to the friars of the Order

**Venerable Servant of God Veronica Antal,
Virgin and Martyr, Young Secular Franciscan**

“What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: ‘For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered.’ No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us” (*Rm* 8:35-37).

Our Order rejoices again over the upcoming beatification of the Venerable Servant of God, Veronica Antal. She was a young girl and a prominent member of the Secular Franciscan Order, who exactly sixty years ago, in northern Romania, had the courage to give her life in defense of her faith and the vow of chastity she secretly professed. This beatification is even more beautiful because she was raised in the faith by our Conventual friars in Moldavia. They ministered at both the parish of Nisiporești where she was born, and the parish of Hălăucești, in whose territory she was martyred.

The Venerable Servant of God, Veronica Antal, was born on December 7, 1935, in the village of Nisiporești, the first of four children of Gheorghe and Evei Antal. Veronica was baptized the next day at the parish church of Hălăucești, run by our friars who have been present in that area since the 13th century. After attending the village school for four years, she stayed at home to help her parents doing housework and working in the fields—as was customary in those days. Around

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the age of sixteen or seventeen, she enrolled in both the Secular Franciscan Order and the International Association of the Militia of the Immaculata. In a short time she became a fervent promoter of the spirituality of the Poverello of Assisi, as well as the cult of the Immaculate. She also wanted to consecrate herself to the Lord through the Institute of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi (also known as the Del Giglio Sisters), but this would not be possible for her, because at that time, all the religious orders in Romania had been suppressed by the Communist regime. She decided to offer herself to the Lord by making a private vow of chastity, and by beginning to live as a “sister” in a cell built next to her father’s house. She would pray for hours, especially for bishops, priests, our friars and the laity, whom the regime had already imprisoned by the thousands, under the false accusation of hatred and subversion against the social order. She visited the sick of her village, tending to their needs and consoling those who were suffering. But the source she drew upon for this life did not come from men, or from destitution, or persecution of the faith, but rather, from the Eucharist which she never failed to receive. Every morning, at 4:00 a.m., she began walking in order to attend the 6:00 a.m. Mass at the parish church of Hălăucești. She traveled with a group of friends and Franciscan sisters whom the regime had sent back to live with their parents. Veronica walked about fifteen kilometers [nine miles] round-trip, with the sole desire of communicating with her divine Spouse. Only after having refreshed herself with Jesus would she return and enthusiastically resume her prayers and her visits to the poorest of her town. She began and ended every day with Him.

The day of her supreme trial came on August 24, 1958. She was returning from Mass with the rosary in her right hand, pondering one mystery and then another, when she took a short cut through some fields in the hope of getting home sooner. She had walked about halfway when a young man from the village, his passions inflamed, attacked her, intending to steal the lily of her chastity. In her enormous effort to fight him off, she received forty-two stab wounds. She fell victorious on the battlefield. The killer placed another sign of victory upon her shoulders: a cross made out of corn stalks.

Some villagers found her the following morning, bearing all the marks of her struggle, and everyone cried out: “*the saint is dead!*” From then on, she was recognized in the minds and hearts of everyone as Saint Veronica.

The dark days of Communism prevented any regular road to promoting her fame of sanctity. However, help came from another Servant of God, the great witness of faith, Friar Anton Demeter, a Conventual Franciscan from the Province of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. in Romania. Although his persecutors left him confined to a wheelchair, he continued to carry out pastoral ministry for forty-seven years. During that time, he managed to keep Veronica’s memory alive among the people who had known her. He collected a great deal of testimony about her and presented her to the people as a model of faith and virtue.

Many people, especially young people, have since visited her tomb, now kept in the parish church of Nisiporești, where the rite of beatification will soon take place.

I like to think of this young saint as a little seedling that our friars have cultivated in the spiritual shade of our Seraphic Father St. Francis. She is the fruit of their fraternal and apostolic labors in Romania. However, she is also a catalyst for the rebirth of the Romanian Province; a Province with a large number of young friars. More than ever, they need powerful intercessors and models of holiness so that they might realize their own call with greater enthusiasm and evangelical zeal. Finally, I would like to conclude by giving a nod of gratitude to the many witnesses of the faith, and of the Franciscan vocation, that the Romanian Province has given to the Church and our Order. Among them are Friar Iosif Petru Maria Pal, one of the co-founders of the Militia of the Immaculata; the Servant of God Friar Martin Benedict, a celebrated physician and a friar of holy life; and the Servant of God, Friar Anton Demeter, who, despite being confined to a wheelchair for most of his life, still served, imparting God’s word and consolation to all who came to him from every part of Romania.

Let the Lord be praised and honored for all these true witnesses of the Gospel, and may their intercession and example of life inspire even greater desire for holiness among the Friars Minor Conventual.

Prot. N. 600/18

Rome, September 1, 2018

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATE, PLACE AND PREPARATION PROCESS

FOR THE 2019 ORDINARY GENERAL CHAPTER

Dear brother Minister Provincial / Custos, Peace and All Good!

We have just celebrated the 2018 Extraordinary General Chapter, a time during which we lived and prayed together and revised the text of the Order's Constitutions, thereby contributing to the revival of our life, mission and prophetic vision in the Church following the example of St. Francis. With the consent of the General Definitory, and on its behalf, I would like to give you some information about the celebration of the 2019 Ordinary General Chapter.

1. Date and place of the General Chapter. Having taken into account the preferences expressed by the Capitulars, we have established that the celebration of the General Chapter **shall start on Saturday, May 18, 2019** (as an indication, the closing date will be Tuesday, June 18, 2019). The Chapter will start at the Sacred Convent in Assisi and will continue (May 28) at the Sanctuary of Merciful Love in Collevalenza, Perugia, Italy.

2. Works of the Chapter

A. First of all, we invite all the friars to *invoke the Lord's blessing on the Chapter*. May the Holy Spirit, the "Minister General" of the Order, guide the Chapter's preparation and celebration.

B. Chapter work. The Chapter will be carried out according to the instructions of the *Directory for the Celebration of the General Chapter* (Gen Stat. no. 96).

(a) *Evaluating and planning the life of the Order.* The General Chapter is called to make an assessment of the life of the Order (an evaluation of the 2013-2019 Six-Year Plan and of the motions approved in 2013) and to define the priorities for the next six years, in particular, to work on the guidelines for the **2019-2025 Six-Year Plan of the Order** and any specific motions.

(b) *Reports.* According to the instructions of the *Directory for the Celebration of the General Chapter* (Gen. Stat. no. 96) only the following reports (Gen. Stat. 117, §3) will be read in full in the lecture room: (a) the *Report of the Minister General*, which is an expression of the Government of the Order. It is therefore drafted with assistance from the Assistants General and input from the Federations; (b) the *Report of the Procurator of the Order*; and (c) the *Report of the General Econom.* All of the other reports called for in no. 117 of the General Statutes shall be presented in summary form. This may be followed by the possibility of briefly discussing the contents with the individual speakers. All complete reports shall be sent in advance.

(c) *Specific topics to be discussed* Unlike Provincial and Custodial Chapters, the General Chapter cannot be divided into two parts. Therefore, it is up to the Minister General with his Definitory to prepare the list of topics to be discussed in the Chapter. As the General Statutes require, "*The topics [shall be] presented in sufficient detail in an instrumentum laboris; which should be sent at least two months before the Chapter so that the voting members may arrive at the Chapter duly prepared for it*" (Gen. Stat. 108 §2).

Approval of the General Statutes The 2019 Ordinary General Chapter is called to carry out the revision of the General Statutes in the light of the changes made to the Constitutions, approved by the 2018 Extraordinary General Chapter, and confirmed by the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies

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of Apostolic Life. The Executive Committee for the Revision of the Constitutions (CERC) has for some time circulated the draft of the General Statutes among the Federations. CERC will revise the text after taking into account the observations made by the Federations and the decisions made by the 2018 Extraordinary General Chapter.

Other specific topics As indicated in no. 108 § 1 of the General Statutes, a request made to “all the Ministers Provincial and Custodes to send to the government of the Order proposals concerning topics to be treated in the General Chapter. Individual friars also can propose topics”.

3. Preparation process for the Chapter

A. With this letter, I hereby ask the Ministers Provincial and Custodes to send their **proposals for topics** to be discussed at the General Chapter (Gen. Stat. no. 108 §1) to the General Secretariat – segrgen@ofmconv.net - **by December 15, 2018**. I remind you that even individual friars can propose topics. The proposed topics must be presented following a three-part outline, showing: (I) the motivation for the proposal; (II) motion or motions (even as an alternative) formulated in a precise juridical manner; (III) any observations about the motions. One should bear in mind that there must be a limit on the number of topics presented in the Chapter, so they can be adequately discussed. This is especially true since this Chapter must also proceed with the necessary revision of the General Statutes. In particular, the experience of doing Chapter work has taught us that it is good to clearly indicate what issues must absolutely be addressed in Chapter and what issues the Chapter can delegate to the Minister General with his Definitory as part of the mandate for the six-year term.

B. Furthermore, I ask each Province, Custody and Delegation to **present their report by December 15, 2018**, following the guidelines attached to this letter.

C. The Area Assistants General will then proceed to summarize the reports received. This summary will be presented to the Federations by **January 15, 2019**, for their evaluation.

D. Any additions or clarifications that the Federations deem appropriate to make, must be sent to the Area Assistant General by **February 11, 2019**.

E. The reports received will be merged into the Minister General’s report, which should be prepared by **March 16, 2019** together with the *Istrumentum laboris*.

We thought it was appropriate to communicate this information to you immediately and we also look forward to any suggestions or recommendations you may have for the successful celebration of the Chapter.

We must insist that you comply with the deadlines indicated so that we may adequately prepare for this Chapter.

We thank you for your attention and for making your contribution to promote the successful outcome of the next General Chapter.

Fraternally yours in the Lord and in our Father St. Francis,

Fraiar Marco TASCA, *Minister General*

Friar Vincenzo MARCOLI, *Secretary General*

Prot. N. 601/18

Rome, August 30, 2018

To the MINISTERS PROVINCIAL AND CUSTODES OF THE ORDER
At Their Sees

TOWARDS THE 2019 GENERAL CHAPTER

To summarize, the preparation process includes the following deadlines:

1. **August 30, 2018**, the *circular letter* is sent out *announcing the 2013 General Chapter and the preparation process*.
The *outline for the reports* of the Major Superiors and Delegates of the Federations is sent out.
2. **November 16, 2018**, the formal *announcement of the General Chapter* set to begin May 18, 2019, in Assisi-Collevalenza, is issued.
3. **December 15, 2018**, the *reports of the Provinces, Custodies and Provincial Delegations* are sent to the General Secretariat (Curia generale OFMConv. Piazza Ss. Apostoli, 51, 00187 Roma, Italia – segrgen@ofmconv.net) with a copy sent to the Area Assistant General.
4. **December 15, 2018**, the Ministers Provincial, Custodes or individual friars send their **proposals for topics to be discussed at the General Chapter** to the General Secretariat (Curia generale OFMConv. Piazza Ss. Apostoli, 51, 00187 Roma, Italia - segrgen@ofmconv.net).
5. **January 15, 2019**, each Assistant General sends his respective Federation a *summary of relevant reports* he made about that Federation.
6. **February 11, 2019**, each Federation sends its respective Area Assistant General any *additions or clarifications to be made to his summary*.
7. **February 11, 2019**, the reports called for in no. 117 of the General Statutes are sent to the General Secretariat.
8. **March 16, 2019**, the *Minister General's report*, the *other reports* and the *Istrumentum laboris* are published.
9. Saturday, **May 18, 2019**, the General Chapter begins at the Sacred Convent in Assisi and continues at Collevalenza.



■ ACTS OF THE GENERAL DEFINITORY



Session July 9-14, 2018

At its session held at the friary of the Twelve Holy Apostles, in Rome, the General Definitory:

- approved the minutes of its meeting held May 14-18, 2018;
- was updated on some changes in Provincial Custody of the Orient and the Holy Land;
- was updated on the procedure for signing agreements concerning the Inter-Franciscan Community of Emmaus, in Palestine;
- listened to and commented on the report of the General Visitor, Friar Carlos TROVARELLI, Assistant General for the FALC, at the end of his general canonical visitation
 - to the Provincial Custody of Our Lady of Coromoto in Venezuela,
 - to the Province of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe in Brazil;
 - listened to the report of the General Visitors, Friars Maurizio DI PAOLO and Wojciech KULIG at the end of their visitation to the Province of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. in Romania;
- listened to the reports on the visits made by the Assistants General to various Jurisdictions:
 - from the Assistant General for the AFCOF, Friar Tadeusz ŚWIĄTKOWSKI on the occasion of:
 - the Custodial Chapter of the Provincial Custody of St. Anthony of Padua in Ghana, (June 18-22, 2018);
 - from the Assistant General for the CEF, Friar Miljenko HONTIĆ, on the occasion of:
 - the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the formation house in Schwarzember, Germany (June 30 - July 1, 2018);
 - the annual CEF Federation Assembly (Roman, Romania, May 21-25, 2018);
 - the second part of the Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the Province of St. Jerome in Croatia (Zagabria, May 14-16, 2018);
 - the second part of the Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the Province of St. Joseph in Slovenia (Ptuj, June 18-20, 2018);
 - the ceremony for the reopening of the friary in Würzburg, Germany, after its recent restoration (June 28, 2018);
 - from the Assistant General for the CFF, Friar Jude WINKLER, on the occasion of:
 - his meeting with the Provincial Custos of the Provincial Custody of Blessed Agnellus of Pisa in Great Britain-Ireland, (London, England, May 29, 2018);
 - the celebration of the second part of the Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation in the USA (Mesilla Park, New Mexico, June 4-7, 2018);
 - the celebration of the second part of the Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the Province of St. Joseph of Cupertino in the USA (Castro Valley, California, June 11-14, 2018);
 - the celebration of the second part of the Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the Province of Our Lady of the Angels in the USA (Buffalo, New York, June 18-22, 2018);
 - the celebration of the second part of the Ordinary Provincial Chapter of the Province of St. Bonaventure in the USA (Northbrook, Illinois, June 25-28, 2018);
 - from the Assistant General for the FALC, Friar Carlos TROVARELLI, on the occasion of:
 - the second meeting of the Communities of the Order present in the Brazilian States of Bahia and Paraíba (Salvador, Bahia, Brazil, May 21-25, 2018);
 - from the Assistant General for the FAMC, Friar Benedict BAEK, on the occasion of:
 - his fraternal visit to the mission in China (Luonan, May 24-30, 2018);
 - his fraternal visit to the Province of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. in Japan (Tokyo, June 3-8, 2018);

- from the Assistant General for the FEMO, Friar Jacek CIUPIŃSKI, on the occasion of:
 - the meeting of the FEMO Major Superiors and Delegates at the 2018 Extraordinary General Chapter (Niepokalanów, Lasek, Poland, May 21, 2018);
 - his fraternal visit to the friars of the mission in Kazakhstan (Astana, June 12-17, 2018);
 - his fraternal visit, made together with the Vicar General, Friar Jerzy NOREL, to the Provincial Delegation in the Ukraine (June 18-24, 2018);
- from the Assistant General for the FIMP, Friar Joaquín AGESTA CUEVAS, on the occasion of:
 - the celebration of the second part of the Custodial Chapter of the Provincial Custody of the Orient and the Holy Land (July 2-6, 2018);
- met with Friar Agnello STOIA and Mr. Matteo PERFETTI for discussion and an update on the goals and plans of the “Bynode” Association;
- with members of the CERC present, Friars Valentín REDONDO, Timothy KULBICKI, Victor MORA and Zbigniew KOPEĆ, was updated on the preparation of the 2018 Extraordinary General Chapter;
- agreed on the timetable and preparation process for the 2019 Ordinary General Chapter;
- with the three members of the General Financial Office present, the General Econom, Friar Nicola ROSA; the Exactor General, Friar Wojciech KULIG; and Legal Representative of the Order, Friar Maurizio DI PAOLO, dealt with various financial issues;
- granted approval to erect the Friary of Our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley, California, USA;
- gave consent for the alienation of the Friary of San Giuseppe in Tempio Pausania, Sassari, Italy;
- was updated on the Inter-Franciscan University Project
- was updated by the Postulator General of the Order, Friar Damian PĂTRAȘCU, on the causes of the beatification;
- defined the time and place for the General Definitory's spiritual retreat in 2019;
- was updated by the Vicar General, Friar Jerzy NOREL, on the program for the annual Inter Franciscan Day for friars living in Rome.
- considered some personal cases.

Sessions July 29 and August 25, 2018

At its session held at the Centro *Ad Gentes* Retreat Center operated by the Society of the Divine Word in Nemi, Rome, the General Definitory

- planned the calendar of the ‘bilateral’ meetings, that is, between some members of the General Definitory and some Major Superiors present at the Extraordinary General Chapter, on specific themes;
- evaluated various hypotheses concerning the date, place, duration and ways of celebrating the 2019 Ordinary General Chapter and decided that the Chapter shall start on May 18th, in Assisi, at the Sacred Convent (sessions I-IV of *The Directory for the Celebration of the General Chapter*) and will continue, starting May 28, at the Sanctuary of Merciful Love in Colleva-lenza, Perugia, Italy (sessions V and VI).

Session September 24-28, 2018

At its session held at the friary of the Twelve Holy Apostles, in Rome, the General Definitory:

- approved the minutes of the meetings of July 9-13, July 29, and August 25, 2018;
- was updated by the Assistant General for the FEMO on the mission in Kazakhstan;
- was updated by the Assistant General for the FALC, on some changes in the Provincial Custody of Our Lady of Coromoto in Venezuela;
- was updated on the formal public ceremony for the inauguration and presentation of the “Bynode” Association (General Curia- Rome, September 17, 2018)
- was updated on by the Assistant General for the FIMP, on some recent events pertaining to the Province of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. in Romania;
- agreed upon the list of participants, the date and the program for the meeting of the General Definitory with the Ministers Provincial, Custodes and Provincial Secretaries who were elected in 2018 (Rome, General Curia, January 8-12, 2018);

- met with the General Visitors who conducted visitations to the five General Houses in Rome: for the Friary of St. Anthony at the Baths (Vigna), Friar Dominique MATHIEU; for the Friary of St. Bonaventure (Seraphicum), Friar Jarosław ZACHARIASZ; for the Friary of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe, Friar Dominique MATHIEU; for the Friary of St. Peter (Penitenzieria), Friar Roberto BRANDINELLI; and for the Friary of the Twelve Holy Apostles, Friar Luciano FANIN;
- met with the Minister Provincial of the Province of St. Elizabeth in Hungary-Transylvania, Friar Zsolt KALNA, and the Minister Provincial of the Province of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe in Poland (Gdańsk), Friar Jan MACIEJOWSKI;
- suppressed the Province of Hungary and Transylvania (effective October 28, 2018) and simultaneously transferred the friars and friaries of this Jurisdiction to the Province of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Poland (Gdańsk), on the same date, October 28, 2018;
- defined some organizational aspects of the 2019 Ordinary General Chapter: entrusted the *Coordinating Committee of the Six-Year Plan* (CCPS) and the *Executive Committee for the Revision of the Constitutions* (CERC) with the preparation of the General Chapter;
- appointed the Secretary General and the Recording Secretary and their collaborators, as well as the three Moderators for the 2019 Ordinary General Chapter;
- appointed the members of the Juridical Commission for the 2019 Ordinary General Chapter and agreed on the list of other friars to assist in the Chapter's celebration.
- listened to and commented on the report of the General Visitor Friar Joaquín AGESTA CUEVA, Assistant General for the FIMP, at the end of his general canonical visitation to the "Rioplatense" Province of St. Anthony of Padua in Argentina-Uruguay;
- listened to the reports of the visits made by the Assistants General to various Jurisdictions:
 - from the Assistant General for the CEF, Friar Miljenko HONTIĆ, on the occasion of:
 - his fraternal visit made together with the General Exactor, Friar Woiciech KULIG, to the community of Brussels and in particular to the Belgian friars who are members of the Provincial Delegation of Holland (Belgium, September 18-20, 2018)
 - from the Assistant General for the CFF, Friar Jude WINKLER, on the occasion of:
 - his fraternal visit to the Provincial Delegation of Vietnam, conducted in tandem with the Secretary General for Formation, Friar Louis PANTHIRUVELIL (AUGUST 29, 2018);
 - his fraternal visit to the Definitory of the Province of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe in South Korea (Seoul, September 7, 2018)
 - from the Assistant General for the FALC, Friar Carlos TROVARELLI, on the occasion of:
 - the Custodial Chapter of the Provincial Custody of St. Bonaventure in Brazil (São Luis de Maranhão, Brazil, September 10-14, 2018);
 - from the Assistant General for the FEMO, Friar Jacek CIUPIŃSKI, on the occasion of:
 - the inauguration of the new Altar of Perpetual Adoration and World Prayer for Peace Center, with the Minister General, Friar Marco TASCA, present (Niepokalanów, Poland, September 1, 2018);
 - the festivities for the 25th anniversary of the return of the friars to Russia and the 5th anniversary of the consecration of the Franciscan church in St. Petersburg (September 8-9, 2018);
 - the Ordinary Custodial Chapter of the General Custody of Our Holy Father St. Francis in Russia (St. Petersburg, September 10-12, 2018)
 - from the Assistant General for the FIMP, Friar Joaquín AGESTA CUEVAS, on the occasion of:
 - his meeting with the Provincial Definitory of the Province of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. in Romania (Bacau, September 19, 2018);
- with the General Econom present, Friar Nicola ROSA, dealt with various financial issues;
- took into consideration a particular request from the Province of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe in India;
- granted approval to erect the Friary of the Franciscan Martyrs at 2000 Kay Circle, Columbus, Georgia, USA, of the Province of Our Lady of the Angels in the USA;
- made collaboration for the FALC Federation novitiate houses binding, according to the procedures approved by the Assembly;
- approved a change in the Provincial Statutes of the Province of St. Bonaventure in the USA;
- expressed the favorable opinion of the Definitory to accept the parish of St. John the Evangelist in Chepseon, Kenya;
- suppressed the friary of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Iskenderun, Turkey, effective October 4, 2018;
- considered some personal cases.

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Franciscan Ecologists at the Vatican

■ Friar Stanisław JAROMI, OFM Conv. (REFA)

The beginning of July, 2018, was an important time for the Ecological Movement of St. Francis of Assisi (REFA) in Poland.

Representatives of the movement, along with other Catholic ecologists from all over the world, participated in a papal audience. Two REFA representatives, Mr. Kasper JAKUBOWSKI and Friar Stanisław JAROMI, OFM Conv., received the Pope's blessing to continue their activities. After their return to Poland, a new project was launched entitled "School for Leaders of Integral Ecology."

On July 5-6, 2018, an International Conference was held at the Vatican to mark the third anniversary of the encyclical *Laudato si'*. The Conference was entitled, "Saving Our Common Home and the Future of Life on Earth." The Ecological Movement of St. Francis of Assisi was one of twelve Catholic ecological movements present from all over the world. During the conference, the various movements presented their activities and projects, including the "School for Leaders of Integral Ecology."

More than 300 conference members took part in the papal audience with Pope Francis. In his address, the Holy Father asked for new candidates for this special mission. The Pope reflected on the call that St. Francis of Assisi received in the church of San Damiano: "Go and repair my house, which, as you can see, lies in ruins." The Pope asked that the candidates see that today, the "common home" of our planet is also in ruins. These candidates should listen with their hearts in order to hear "the increasingly desperate cries of the earth and its poor, who look for our help and concern." They must also recognize the Pope's project to foster an integral ecology and to reconstruct harmony in relations with God, other people and nature, while maintaining one's own spiritual ecosystem, bringing hope to others and continuously promoting ecological conversion.

The REFA "School for Leaders of Integral Ecology." project was inaugurated during a workshop held July 6-11, 2018, in Grzybów, Poland. Twelve adults from different parts of Poland took part (some came with their families). The workshop worked on defining what courses of action REFA will take next year. We are inviting Christians to participate in these activities in order to create a network of leaders who will promote integral ecology in Poland.



Friar Stanisław JAROMI
with the REFA members
at the Vatican

Nemi: End of the Extraordinary General Chapter

■ Friar Aurelio ERCOLI, Chapter Chronicler

Now that the 201st Extraordinary General Chapter for the revision of the Constitutions has concluded, it is time to summarize the work that was done and give some statistics on the Chapter assembly.

112 confreres gathered at the *Ad Gentes* Center in Nemi-Rome; 83 had voice (with voting rights) and represented the 49 Jurisdictions of the Order. The rest were auditors or were working for the Chapter secretariat as communications officers, translators, interpreters and liturgical animators. Three commissions worked to ensure that the Chapter was carried out properly: the Central Commission, the Juridical Commission and the Presidency Council. The preparation of the *Instrumentum laboris*, however, was the work of the Executive Committee for the Revision of the Constitutions (CERC) and the International Committee for the Revision of the Constitutions (CIRC). 791 votes were taken in the course of accepting the 231 articles of the final text of the renewed Constitutions. It should be noted that we voted paragraph by paragraph, wherever changes were made to the current Constitutions, and even where text had been taken out. Each time, a qualified majority of two-thirds of those entitled to vote was required.

The Chapter was officially opened by the Minister General, Friar Marco TASCA, on July 24, 2018, with the recitation of Evening Prayer and the singing of the *Veni Creator*. The following day, ritual duties were completed, in particular with the election of the Secretary General of the Chapter, Friar Timothy KULBICKI, and the Recording Secretary, Friar Emanuele RIMOLI.

Then, presentations were made by the members of the CERC, summarizing how they arrived at the *Instrumentum*, and addressing the main topics of the six chapters. The Capitulars were free to ask questions and make suggestions, thereby highlighting their positions.

Monday, July 30, was a spiritual retreat day. Our confrere, Bishop Roberto CARBONI, gave a reflection on the theme of discernment, indicating that fraternal dialogue was the main way to make decisions in the Holy Spirit.

After an additional day dedicated to discussion, voting got underway on August 1st. At first there were some technical difficulties to overcome, but then the work of the Chapter continued smoothly, especially due to the excellent functionality of the Chapter auditorium. Each Capitular was able to present his own *iuxta modum*, a modification of the text, or ask to resume discussion on a topic already dealt with. This meant a lot of work for the above-mentioned Commissions, who made sure that everything proceeded properly. Just as much commitment was required from the translators, who, at the end of the day, had to turn Italian texts into English, Polish and Spanish.

For nearly three weeks, the six Chapters of the new constitutional text were voted on and approved. For the most part, the *Instrumentum* was accepted, with a few exceptions where it was decided to stick with the current text. Discussion became livelier whenever the Capitulars had to decide between two options. One example of this occurred in Chapter I, with the Conventuals being listed among the clerical Orders of the Church.

On Wednesday, August 22, after the last votes were cast, announcements were made by Friar José Luis AVENDAÑO MONSALVE, the Custos of the Provincial Custody of Our Lady of Coromoto in Venezuela, and Friar Leo PAYYAPPILLY, the Minister Provincial of the Province of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe in India. They detailed the very difficult situations ongoing in Kerala (India) and Venezuela, and invited all the confreres to help. The next day was dedicated to the final editing of the text of the approved Constitutions. On Friday, August 24, a pilgrimage was made to the tomb of the Seraphic Father St. Francis in Assisi. The Capitulars also concelebrated Mass which included the novices making their first profession of vows.

On August 25, the final act of the Chapter took place: the approval of the entire text of the new Constitutions. In the Chapter auditorium, the Capitulars evaluated the progress of the work that had been carried out. They all stressed the goodness of the welcome they received and the transparency of the dialogue in the Chapter auditorium. Then, Friar Ryszard WRÓBEL, the General Delegate for Communications, spoke and offered some statistical data. Currently, the Order has 24 bishops; 2797 priests; 60 transitional deacons; 11 permanent deacons; 97 solemnly professed clerical students; 470 solemnly professed religious brothers; 492 temporarily professed; and 96 novices, all adding up to a total of 4047 friars.

Finally, the Capitulars thanked the Lord by singing the "*Te Deum*" during Mass, and the Minister General blessed everyone with the words of St. Francis: "May the Lord give you peace!"

■ GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FORMATION

Friar Louis PANTHIRUVELIL
Secretary General of the SGF



Assisi: Meeting with the Novices

■ Friar Emanuele RIMOLI

On Tuesday, July 10, 2018, the General Secretariat for Formation (SGF) dedicated the entire day to visiting the novitiate in Assisi.

The atmosphere was fraternal, welcoming and attentive. Friar Louis PANTHIRUVELIL, the Secretary General for Formation and Friar Emanuele RIMOLI, a member of the Secretariat, enjoyed meeting with the reconvened novitiate community

During his morning meeting with them, Friar Emanuele illustrated the theological vision of vocation and formation underlying the revised text of *Franciscan Discipleship*. In that text, formation is understood as growth in “Christoformity” an expression of the new life that has been dwelling in us since baptism.

Meeting with them again in the afternoon, Friar Louis showed the Franciscan perspective; he went over important passages from the life of St. Francis, and reread them in the light of the spiritual wisdom of St. Bonaventure (the triad of purification, enlightenment and union).

During both meetings, the novices asked plenty of important questions concerning the concreteness and usefulness of *Franciscan Discipleship*, concerning the idea of progressiveness in accessing the elements of Franciscan faith and spirituality and about first understanding one’s experience through typical Franciscan methods before pondering abstract theories.

Moreover, during the day, Friars Louis and Emanuele met with the two new formators, the Novice Master, Friar Francesco LENTI, and the Assistant Novice Master, Friar Giovanni NAPPO. The meeting was characterized by frankness, trust and transparency. The two formators shared their difficulties and talked about the graces they received during their first year in office.

We wish them, and their large group of novices, pleasant travels under the Father’s loving gaze.



The participants

GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR MISSION ANIMATION

Friar Jarosław WYSOCZAŃSKI
Secretary General of the SGAM



Brussels: Course for New Missionaries

■ Friar Jarosław WYSOCZAŃSKI

The English-language course for new missionaries began on September 3, 2018, in Brussels.

The “Our Lady of the Nations” Fraternity has welcomed eight new brothers (OFM, OFM Cap. and OFM Conv.) who are preparing for their missionary assignments in India (Assam); Sri Lanka; Australia; Malawi; Ghana; Turkey; and Papua New Guinea. The course began while the Secretary General for Missionary Animation was present, Friar Jarosław WYSOCZAŃSKI, OFM Conv.

The course was led by Friar Gianfrancesco SISTO, OFM, and was assisted by Friar John Peter VALLABADOSS, OFM Cap, and Friar Alphonse VAZHAPPANADY, OFM Conv.

The discussions were planned by various experts on different topics including: the History of the Franciscan Missionary Method; Ecumenical Dialogue and Mission; the Encounter with Islam in the Franciscan way; Franciscan Missiology; Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation; the New Evangelization in Europe; the Mission in Asia; the Cultures and Religions in Africa; the Fraternal Economy in Mission; and the Role of the Leader.

At the end of the course, a week is planned for a pilgrimage to Assisi and to Franciscan sites so as to inspire the missionary spirit and ardor of the Poor St. Francis. Friar Vincenzo MARCOLI once again spoke on Franciscan Missionary Theology.

The participants of our Order are: Friar Leonides MATEO, Friar Vincent Timothy NAVARRO (the Philippines), and Friar Vincent BANDA (Zambia).



The course participants

Rome-Assisi: Meeting of the Missionary Animators of Europe

■ Friar Jarosław WYSOCZAŃSKI

From September 12- 17, 2018, members of the European Missionary Animators (Gdansk, Cracow, Padua, Rome and Warsaw) along with eight members of the various European Jurisdictions, met in Rome, at the Fraternity of St. Maximilian Kolbe, and in Assisi, at the Sacred Convent.

The main topic of the meeting was the reading and revision of the “Directory for Missions”, starting from the new documents of the Church and of the Order. Welcoming the appeal of Pope Francis “to renew the ardor and passion for the *missio ad gentes*”, proposals were made to foster this renewal during the “Extraordinary Missionary Month” of October, 2019.

There was a discussion on collaboration among the Jurisdictions for greater solidarity, especially with respect to the preparation of social missionary projects, how missionary animation is carried out in Provinces, and on the mission of the National Missionary Center in Rome, Italy, and *Caritas Antoniana*, in Padua.

There were also moments of prayer and reflection. For the commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the priestly ordination of St. Maximilian KOLBE, a visit was made to the Basilica of Saint Andrea of the Marches, in Rome. At the end of the meeting, there was a pilgrimage to Assisi and to various Franciscan sites.



Some participants

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■ GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR JUSTICE, PEACE,
AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION

Friar Joseph BLAY
General Delegate for GPIC



Niepokalanów: Inauguration of the Altar of Peace

■ Friar Joseph BLAY, General Delegate for GPIC

On September 1, 2018, on the 79th anniversary of the beginning of the Second World War in Poland, as well as in the beginning of the fourth year of the month of creation, the altar for the World Prayer for Peace was inaugurated in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Niepokalanów, the friary founded by St. Maximilian M. Kolbe.

Pope Francis blessed this altar in the Vatican on Wednesday, August 29, 2018. This is the eighth altar in the world for the promotion of the Prayer for Peace.

The ceremony brought together six bishops and high-ranking people from Poland. The Minister General of Friars Minor Conventual, Friar Marco TASCIA, was present along with all the Ministers Provincial of the OFM Conv. Polish Provinces, many friars and lots of other people.

The Apostolic Nuncio in Poland, Salvatore PENNACCHIO, presided over Mass and the President of the Episcopal Conference of Poland, the Most Reverend Stanisław GADECKI, Archbishop of Poznań, Poland, gave the homily.

Messages from Pope Francis, the Polish President and the Polish Premier were also read, which underlined the duty of all people to work for peace. In turn, the Minister General said that this altar is entrusted to the friars, because by their example of prayer, people learn to pray incessantly for peace.



The Minister General in the Prayer for Peace Chapel

OFFICE OF THE POSTULATOR GENERAL

Friar Damian-Gheorghe PĂTRAȘCU
Postulator General



Romania: First Beatified Romanian Woman

■ Friar Virgil BLAJ, Provincial Secretary

The young Veronica ANTAL, a Franciscan tertiary of Romania and a martyr of purity, whose martyrdom in *odium fidei* was recognized by Pope Francis on January 26, 2018, was raised to the honor of beatification on Saturday, September 22, 2018, in Nisiporești (Neamț) Romania.

His Eminence Giovanni Angelo Cardinal BECCIU, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints presided over the Mass of beatification. The mass was concelebrated by several bishops: the Most Reverend Miguel Maury BUENDÍA, Apostolic Nuncio in Romania and Republic of Moldova; the Most Reverend Ioan ROBU, Archbishop and Metropolitan of Bucharest; the Most Reverend Gyürgy JAKUBINY, Archbishop of Alba Iulia; the Most Reverend Petru GHERGHEL, Bishop of Iași; the Most Reverend Josef Csabo PAL, Bishop of Timișoara; the Most Reverend László BÖCSKEI, Bishop of Oradea; the Most Reverend Alexandru MESIAN, Greek-Catholic Bishop of Lugoj; the Most Reverend Mihai FRĂȚILĂ, Greek-Catholic Bishop of Bucharest; the Most Reverend Gianfranco GIROTTI, Bishop and OFM Conv. Emeritus; the Most Reverend Aurel PERCĂ, Auxiliary Bishop of Iași; the Most Reverend Cornel DAMIAN, Auxiliary Bishop of Bucharest; and the Most Reverend Tomàs JÖZSEF, Auxiliary Bishop of Alba, Iulia.

Also concelebrating were: Friar Marco TASCA, the Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual; Friar Jerzy NOREL, the Vicar General; Friar Joaquín Ángel AGESTA CUEVAS, the Assistant General for the Federazione Inter-mediterranea Ministri Provinciali (FIMP) together with other members of the General Definitory; Friar Maurizio DI PAOLO, the Procurator General; Friar Damian PATRAȘCU, the Postulator



A moment during the Mass

General; Friar Teofil PETRIȘOR, the Minister Provincial of the Province of St Joseph in Romania; Friar Alfred PARAMBAKATHU, the General Assistant for the OFS; and about four hundred priests.

Also present were representatives of Congregations and Institutes of Consecrated Life; OFS members led by Tibor KAUSER, the Minister General; a delegation from the Romanian Orthodox Church; civil authorities, seminarians and over 10,000 faithful. Among the latter, were Gheorghe and Angela, the brother and sister of Blessed Veronica ANTAL.

There was a choir consisting of about 250 members which was accompanied by young instrumentalists from the Philharmonic of the Conservatory of Iași. Friar Cristian DUMEA was the conductor. A hymn dedicated to Blessed Veronica, solemn chants, and the “Missa de Angelis” highlighted the most important moments of the celebration. Over 350 young volunteers helped organize the event. The celebration was broadcast on three channels of National Television (TVR Iași, TVR 3, and TVR International), on the internet and by Radio Maria.

In his homily, Cardinal Giovanni Angelo BECCIU presented the figure of Blessed Veronica as a model of heroic life lived in service of the Gospel during a difficult time such as that of the communist regime, and as a model for the present time, when fidelity to the Gospel is challenged by a culture that does not always share Christian values. His Eminence invited young people to follow the example of the young Blessed Veronica and to ask for her intercession in order to give the world a beautiful testimony of Christian life.

At the end of the celebration the Bishop GHERGHEL took the floor and thanked all those present. Then the Minister General, Friar Marco TASCA, thanked the Province and the friars who accompanied Blessed Veronica on the path to holiness. He expressed his appreciation of her imagination and creativity in living daily, without criticism, a life of heroic and holy faith which was brought to completion with the crown of martyrdom.

After Mass was celebrated, the bust of Blessed Veronica ANTAL, which was placed in the courtyard of the church of Nisiporești, was blessed. The sculpture is very beautiful and deeply symbolic and was created by the Italian sculptor, Adolfo GIUSTI.

On the following day, Sunday, September 23, a Mass of Thanksgiving for the beatification of the Martyr, Veronica ANTAL, was celebrated by Bishop GHERGHEL. The Minister Provincial, Friar Teofil PETRIȘOR, the Postulator General, Friar Damian PATRAȘCU, about fifty priests and many faithful were present.

The feast day of Blessed Veronica Antal will be celebrated in the liturgical calendar on August 26th. Blessed Veronica ANTAL, pray for us! Blessed be God in his angels and in his saints!



Tomb of Blessed Veronica Antal

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The financial aid administered by the General Curia isn't the only circle of solidarity in the Order; in fact, there are commendable and exemplary solidarity initiatives, for example, between Mother Provinces and their Daughter Custodies or Delegations, or through "twinning" thanks to the involvement of groups, institutions and parishes.

We extend our thanks to you all!

■ AFRICAN FEDERATION OF CONVENTUAL FRANCISCANS

Friar Tadeusz ŚWIĄTKOWSKI
Assistant General for the AFCOF



Tanzania: Priestly Ordination

■ Friar Benson MAPUNDA, Custodial Secretary

On July 10, 2018, the Most Reverend Rogatus KIMARYO, Bishop of Same, Tanzania, ordained Friars Simon Daniel KESSY and Denis Dominick KUNAMBI to the priesthood.

The event took place at the Divine Mercy Parish and Shrine at Mwanga, Kilimanjaro.

With joyful hearts, the Conventual Franciscan Friars of the Provincial Custody of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe in Tanzania expressed gratitude to God for his tremendous blessings. As we celebrate the 30th anniversary of our presence in Tanzania, especially in the Diocese of Same where the first missionary from Poland arrived, two of our friars have been ordained priests at the Divine Mercy Shrine in Mwanga, Kilimanjaro. Friar Denis is a product of our witness at the Divine Mercy parish in Mwanga.

In his homily, Bishop KIMARYO reminded the newly ordained priests to truly be ministers of the people of God. He encouraged them to persevere in difficult moments but also to serve the people of God with love and charity. During our friars' ordination, the bishop also ordained two diocesan deacons to the priesthood. We wish all the newly ordained priests God's blessings in their new ministry. The friars of the Custody count all these events as blessings upon blessings.



The new priests with the bishop

Zambia: Solemn Profession

■ Friar Mathews KASONGO, OFM Conv., Provincial Secretary

**On Saturday, July 14, 2018,
Friars Elias Mutale CHIMFWEMBE and Francis MULENGA
professed their solemn vows amid great joy.**

The ceremony took place under the patronage of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and was held in the Franciscan parish of Kitwe, in Zambia's Copperbelt Province.

Both friars professed their solemn vows into the hands of their Minister Provincial, Friar Richard Francis CHIMFWEMBE. Friar Elias will complete his theological studies this year at Tangaza University College in Nairobi, Kenya. Friar Francis will complete his theological studies next year at the Seraphicum in Rome, Italy.

In his homily, the Minister Provincial spoke before the assembly of the faithful and reminded both friars that they were professing the solemn vows of chastity, poverty and obedience. They had not been employed nor assumed any particular office but instead, they responded to the voice of God and committed themselves to live the life of the Friars Minor Conventual. The Minister Provincial reminded the professing friars that their vowed life was not about their taste or desire; it was about our Order, the Church and our Province. He emphasized that they ought to be obedient, that they should obey the will of God in everything and obey authority at all levels: Church, Order, Province and friary. He told them they needed to live in active and responsible obedience. He re-echoed that through the vow of poverty, they were relinquishing their birthright of ownership. However, from now on, they would own everything in common and not as individuals. Even if they happen to draw a salary from their apostolates one day, that salary will not be theirs as individuals, it will belong to the community. He further stated that the vow of poverty entails also taking sufficient responsibility and care of our communal goods. Above all, the friars should live their consecrated lives in imitation of Christ. He cautioned them to avoid any kind of private ownership.

He reminded them that through the vow of chastity, they needed to embrace and live chaste lives for the sake of the Kingdom of God. We are celibate for the Kingdom of God. We are called to be pure of heart, and as such, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is vital in purifying ourselves from every stain of sin. He urged them not to compromise on chastity, but rather, strive to keep the vow of chastity through fervent prayer, contemplation of the mysteries of God and by becoming zealous in their apostolic activities.

He urged them not to presume upon their own strengths. He urged them not to be segregative in their relationships but to be respectful and courteous as they follow the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.

Last but not least, the Minister Provincial encouraged the professing friars to always rely upon prayer. He told them that in order to be effective friars, they must lay the foundation for prayer now and not tomorrow.



The newly professed cutting cake

Lanciano: A New Deacon in Burkina Faso

■ Friar Tadeusz ŚWIĄTKOWSKI

On July 22, 2018, a young man from Burkina Faso, Friar Joseph KADSONDO, was ordained a deacon.

The ordination took place at the Shrine of the Eucharistic Miracle in Lanciano, Italy.

The ordination was conferred by the Most Reverend Emidio CIPOLLONE, Bishop of the Diocese of Lanciano-Ortona, Italy.

Participants in the ceremony included Friar Franco RAPACCHIALE, the Minister Provincial of the Province of St. Bernardine and St. Angelo in Italy (Abruzzo); Friar Wiesław PYZIO, the Minister Provincial of the Province of the Immaculate Mother of God in Poland (Warsaw); Friar Tadeusz ŚWIĄTKOWSKI, the Assistant General for the African Federation of Conventual Franciscans (AFCOF), many friars from Burkina Faso and the two Provinces of Abruzzo and Warsaw, as well many clerical students from the Seraphicum college in Rome, where Friar Joseph studies.

The solemn liturgy was enriched by the active participation of a choir of young African singers who reside at various locations in Italy.

Friar Joseph completed his theological studies at the Order's college and began specializing at another university in Rome. He is the second friar from the mission in Burkina Faso to be ordained.

Thanks to the work of the General Curia and the generosity of different Provinces of the Order (as benefactors providing scholarships), various student friars are able to continue their studies in Rome. These students come from Africa (currently Zambia, Kenya, Ghana, Burkina Faso and Tanzania), Asia, Latin America and other areas where our Order is present. This arrangement has added a great deal of multi-cultural wealth to our Order.



The new deacon

Ghana: Beginning of the Novitiate

■ Friar Isaac FRIMPONG

On Saturday, August 4, 2018, four postulants from Ghana and one from Burkina Faso were vested in the habit to begin their novitiate in the Provincial Custody of St. Anthony of Padua in Ghana.

The vesting took place at the Divine Mercy Chapel at the Franciscan Valley of Prayer and Silence in Saltpond. The four postulants from Ghana were Martin Mensah BOAMAH, Samuel Awechena TANKIA, Moses Kodjo Sassou WALLACE, Isaac Manu ADOBASOM, while the postulant from Burkina Faso was Nicolas-Thierry KENOU.

The new novices were vested by the Vicar Custos of the Custody, Friar Eugene ANTWI-BOASIAKO. He later entrusted them to the care of their Novice Director, Friar Moses Kabenla ARTHUR and his assistant, Friar Stephen Oscar AMO NENYI.

On August 5, the new novices began their retreat with Friar Stephen as their retreat director.



The new novices

Zambia: Temporary Profession

■ Friar Mathews KASONGO, Provincial Secretary

On Sunday, August 5, 2018, seven novices from the Province of the Franciscan Protomartyrs in Zambia made their first temporary profession.

The ceremony took place at the Church of Immaculate Conception in Luanshya, Zambia.

Those professing were Friars Brian Kambani ZIMBA; Bwalya LUBUNDA; John Lengwe MUSONDA; Joshua McAngel MAGAWA; Albert CHISENGA; Alvin MUSAMBA and Peter KACHINGA.

They professed their vows into the hands of their Vicar Provincial, Friar Joseph KACHELEWA, with Friars Matthew MUMBA and Innocent MUBANGA present as witnesses.



The temporarily professed

On August 6, 2018, the seven friars went to the Rivortorto friary in Lusaka, to start their Franciscan and philosophical studies at the St. Bonaventure University College in Lusaka, Zambia.

Sincere gratitude to the Novice Director, Friar Ryan Chilambwe MUTAYOMBA and the Retreat Director, Friar William Abel KAPUNGA, for the sacrifices they made to serve these young men on their formation journey.

Ghana: Solemn Profession

■ Friar Isaac FRIMPONG

On Saturday, August 11, 2018, four friars from the Provincial Custody of St. Anthony of Padua in Ghana made their solemn profession.

The solemn profession ceremony took place at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Awoshie, Accra. Those professing were Friars Bernard Atsu NANEWODO, Derrick Amenyoo Yao BRESSEY, Eric Kwesi BOATENG and Francis Atobrah ADUSEI-POKU.

They professed their vows into the hands of their Vicar Custos, Friar Eugene ANTWI-BOASIAKO with Friars David Marian KWAW and Martino CORAZZIN present as witnesses.

The Vicar Custos later expressed sincere gratitude to their second Novice Master, Friar Giles ZAKOWICZ and his Assistant, Friar Francis ARYEE, for their tireless efforts and for sharing their experience.

Within a month, the solemnly professed friars will be moving to various formation houses to continue their theological studies.



The solemnly professed

CENTRALIS EUROPAE FOEDERATIO

Friar Miljenko HONTIĆ
Assistant General for the CEF



Germany: “Bildungshaus” 50th Anniversary

■ Friar Miljenko HONTIĆ

From June 30 to July 1, 2018, the 50th anniversary of the Bildungshaus Schwarzenberg formation house was celebrated at the Mother Help of Christians friary in Schwarzenberg, Germany.

The meeting began with what is commonly known as “Schwarzenberg Day.” Established twenty-five years ago by Friar Anselm KRAUS, Schwarzenberg Day occurs annually at the close of the formation year and brings together supporters, friends and benefactors of the formation house.

At the beginning of the program, there was a greeting from Friar Mateusz KOTYŁO (the Assistant Director of the formation house). A concert and testimony was delivered by the evangelical pastor (charismatic) Mr. Johannes Matthias ROTH and his daughter Christina Angela. In the afternoon there was group-work on the theme: “Saint Francis in Relationship,” along with some current topics in today’s world presented by friars of the Province. Mass was presided over by the current director of the formation house, Friar Andreas MURK. The day ended with a concert by the Blaskapelle Wachenroth Orchestra.

The second day began with Mass presided over by the Most Reverend Ludwig SCHICK, Archbishop of Bamberg, Germany. Before lunch, there was time for socializing with Germany’s Minister of Culture, Mr. Bernd SIBLER and the Assistant General for the *Centralis Europae Foederatio* (CEF) Friar Miljenko HONTIĆ. In the afternoon, there was a presentation on a charitable project supported by the Schwarzenberg formation house and its benefactors called “Mary’s Meals – A Simple Solution for World Hunger”. This is a project that supplies meals to schools in some of the poorer countries of the world. In fact, the Schwarzenberg formation house, in addition to its educational aspects, has developed a charitable dimension to help meet the various needs of the Order.



Some participants

The anniversary celebrations concluded with a solemn moment of thanksgiving to express gratitude to the closest friends and supporters of the formation house, which is located in the friary's cloister. Those present included Friar Bernhardin SEITHER, the Minister Provincial of the Province of St. Elizabeth in Germany; and Dr. Siegfried GRILLMEYER, the Director of the Caritas Pirckheimer Academy in the Archdiocese of Bamberg. In the end, Friar Andreas MURK, the Director of the Bildungshaus Formation House, gave a lecture on the meaning of formation in the context of the Franciscan charism and thanked everyone for coming.

Besides the friars of the Schwarzenberg friary, other participants included friars from the Province together with some friars from the Province of St. Joseph Spouse of Mary in Romania, and many friends and lay supporters of "Bildungshaus" and the Schwarzenberg friary.

Germany: Province Excursion

■ Friar Andreas MURK Provincial Secretary

For the second time, Friar Bernhardin M. SEITHER, the Minister Provincial of the Province of St. Elizabeth in Germany, invited the friars of his Province to go on a five-day excursion.

Last year (July 9-13, 2017) the friars went to Poland. This year- 2018- the destination was Austria. Together with Switzerland, it constitutes the Provincial Custody of St. Leopold and St. Nicholas of Flüe. This presence was erected by the German Province in 2016.

To strengthen relations and to learn more about the situation in Austria, the friars went to Vienna. Friar Steffen BEHR, the organizer of the trip, planned some guided tours, including the "Hofburg," the residence of past emperors, and the famous opera house in Vienna.

After three days in the Austrian capital, the friars moved on to Graz. On the way, they made a short stop in Neunkirchen, home to another Austrian friary. In Graz, the guardian, Friar Tomasz ZEGAN, showed the friars the great friary there. After a rich lunch, the twelve German friars toured the city. After a very joyful, fraternal evening, they returned to Germany. On the way, they made another stop, this time in Bogenberg, to a friary belonging to some Polish friars from the Delegation of the Province of St. Anthony and Bl. James of Strepar in Poland (Cracow).



A moment during the excursion

Belgium: Fraternal Visit

■ Friar Miljenko HONTIĆ

On September 18-20, 2018, the General Exactor Friar Wojtek KULIG and the Assistant General for the *Centralis Europae Foederatio* (CEF), Friar Miljenko HONTIĆ, visited the community of Brussels and the three Belgian friars who are members of the Provincial Delegation of Holland and live near Brussels.

The three Belgian friars, Friar Andreas VERSTRAETEN (78), Friar Remigius GELISSEN (87), and Friar Mark BRUSSELAERS (93) remain independent despite their old age. The General Exactor and the General Assistant for the CEF visited all three confreres and reviewed the current situation with them and plans for the future.

The two visitors from Rome also met with the community of Brussels and its guardian, Friar Daniel THEVENET.

The Custodial Definitory of France-Belgium, which was meeting in Brussels at this time, was availed upon for certain matters. All the members of the Definitory were present along with the Custos, Friar Jean-Francois M. AUCLAIR. The Community of Brussels and the Custodial Definitory discussed some financial matters related to the church in Brussels and assistance for the three Belgian friars.



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Argentina and Uruguay: Canonical Visitation

■ Friar Joaquín AGESTA CUEVAS, FIMP Assistant General and General Visitor

From the end of May until the end of June of 2018, Friar Joaquín AGESTA CUEVAS, the Assistant General for the Federazione Inter-mediterranea Ministri Provinciali (FIMP) and Delegate of the Minister General, conducted a general canonical visitation to the “Rioplattente” Province of St. Anthony of Padua in Argentina-Uruguay.

The Province is celebrating seventy years of existence. It started first as a mission of the Italian Province of Saint Anthony of Padua (Northern Italy—formerly the Province of Padua), then became a Custody and finally, starting in the 1990s, it became a Province.

The “Rioplattente” Province has about forty friars, the majority of whom are Uruguayan and Argentinian. The rest come from Italy and are among the oldest friars in the Province. The Province has eight communities: two in Uruguay and six in Argentina. The friars run seven education centers, with varying levels of responsibility. Next to these schools there are several parishes operating many outpost chapels that provide pastoral care to the poorest rural areas and to the suburbs of the big cities like Buenos Aires. The chapels are located in areas of true poverty and delinquency. The friars serve in these places with courage and dedication and are well-liked by everyone.

The Province is elated about the upcoming beatification of Friar Carlos De Dios MURIAS. He was assassinated during the military repression of the 1970s, along with Bishop Enrique ANGELELLI and two other companions. The Decree of Beatification has already been signed by Pope Francis.

The “Rioplattente” Province, like many Conventual Provinces in Western Europe and beyond, is experiencing a period of rethinking and necessary restructuring due to declining numbers and lack of vocations.

The witness and valuable missionary service of many friars from the old Province of Padua should be recognized. They gave their lives for the founding, consolidation and development of the Order in this land, a land rich with many human, social and spiritual possibilities.



The Visitor with the members of the Definitory

Colombia: Spiritual Retreat

■ Friar Fabián Alberto MARTÍNEZ ARAQUE

On July 2-6, 2018, the friars of the Provincial Custody of St. Francis of Assisi in Colombia gathered for a spiritual retreat at the “La Montañita” retreat center, in the town of La Estrella (Antioquia Department).

Friar Juan Miguel VICENTE VALTUEÑA, OFM Conv., was the director of this annual fraternal and spiritual event. He is a confrere from the Province of Our Lady of Montserrat in Spain. He led the friars in their spiritual exercises. Bringing to bear his experience in the consecrated life and in the academic world, he enlightened individuals and community alike with a meditation on the theme: “Encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of St. John”. Using this theme, Friar Miguel encouraged the friars to continue to respond promptly and generously to the plan Jesus has for each one of us.

On the last day of the retreat some time was set aside for prayer and fraternity with the postulants at the St. Maximilian Kolbe formation house. It was a pleasant and joyful experience, full of the spontaneity and happiness that is characteristic of young people.

We thank God for having given the friars the opportunity to meet in an atmosphere of fraternity, closeness, dialogue and joy, and to study his Word. It continues to guide us and illuminate our journey as consecrated men and Franciscans, in the various ways we live our charism in the Provincial Custody.



The participants

Brazil: Meeting of the Guardians

■ Friar Rafael NORMANDO, Provincial Secretary

On July 2-6, 2018, a “Meeting of the Guardians” was celebrated at the Franciscan Center for Evangelization and Culture (CFEC-ISB) in Brasilia, part of the Province of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Brazil.

The central theme of the Meeting was “The Guardian and Ongoing Formation: Guiding Fraternal Life.” The Meeting’s participants included all of the Province’s Guardians, Conventual and Mission Delegates, Formators, and Directors of Provincial Works. The Meeting’s preacher was Friar Ederson QUEIROZ, OFM Cap., President of the Conference of the Franciscan Family of Brazil (CFFB).

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On the first day (July 2), the Minister Provincial, Friar Marcelo VERONEZ, summarized the works carried out from the beginning of the four-year term until today (2015-2018). In the course of the five-day Meeting, Friar Éderson gave several lectures on the topic of formation and religious life. Also on the first day, after a speech made by the Minister Provincial, Friar Éderson presented a reflection on the characteristics of Franciscanism in a world that is constantly changing, based on five main points: Community, Faith, Fraternity, Minority and Structures.

On the second day (July 3), Friar Éderson spoke about the “Community of Jesus: Harmony in Our Life”, saying that Jesus, in leading the twelve Apostles, made fraternity and humility the basis of their union. Therefore, this should be the foundation of the Franciscan life as well. Every friar must live like Jesus. He must love and respect his brother with all of his characteristics and particularities included.

On the third day (July 4), Friar Éderson spoke on “Authority in Consecrated Religious Life,” reflecting on the example of Jesus’ humility towards the Twelve. After this reflection, the friars worked in groups in order to give their own reflections on the topics that had been covered so far at the Meeting.

On the fourth day (July 5), Sister Maria Vanderlane ARAÚJO, was invited to speak. She was from the Congregation of the Daughters of São Paulo (Pauline) and is a specialist in Catholic Communication. She spoke on “Communication and the Magisterium of the Church in Our Digital Age.” At 11.30 a.m. on the same day, the friars of the Province and those from the formation houses celebrated the birthday of the Minister Provincial Friar Marcelo VERONEZ. They gathered in the chapel at the St. Francis of Assisi Theology Seminary in Brasília. After Mass, the festivities continued with lunch for all the participants at the Seminary of Theology.

On the fifth and last day (July 6), the participants in the meeting worked on the main points of the reflection they developed in the groups, and afterwards, along with Friar Éderson, they summarized all the reflections that each group had made.

At the end of the meeting, Friar Carlos Alberto TROVARELLI, the Assistant General for the Federación América Latina Conventuales (FALC) gave a summary of all the topics that were dealt with, and encouraged the friars to follow Christ in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi.

Lastly, the Minister Provincial, Friar Marcelo VERONEZ, thanked the friars for working so hard on the topics discussed—topics which are very important for the Franciscan consecrated life.

Everyone thanked God for this event. Fraternal greetings to all from Brazil.



The guardians

Brazil: Solemn Profession

■ Friar Rafael PINHEIRO NORMANDO, Provincial Secretary

At 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 7, 2018, the Province of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Brazil celebrated the solemn profession of six of its confreres.

The event took place at the São Francisco de Assis Shrine in Brasília, Brazil.

Friar Carlos TROVARELLI, the Assistant General for the Federación América Latina Conventuales (FALC) was present at the celebration. He had just finished the first part of his canonical visitation to the communities of the Province.

The Mass was presided over by the Minister Provincial, Friar Marcelo José MARIN VERONEZ. There were several concelebrants, including the Vicar Provincial, Friar Mieczysław TLAGA; the formator at the theology seminary, Friar Luís Felipe Carneiro MARQUES; the Provincial Secretary, Friar Rafael PINHEIRO NORMANDO; Friar Bernardo Vitório da Silva NETO from the Brasília-DF community; Friar José Nasareno de Sousa SANTOS, who preached the retreat that the friars attended prior to making their solemn profession; and Friar Adailton BORGES GOMES JÚNIOR, a deacon from the community at Águas Lindas in Goiás State.

In addition to the celebrants, all forty-six friars from the Province's houses of formation attended as well as the families of the newly-professed friars and the faithful of the parish—about 300 people).

At the end of the celebration, the friars consecrated themselves to the Immaculate, asking God to help them follow Mary's example of fidelity to his Kingdom.

After the celebration, a festive lunch was served in the Theology Seminary for all those who had attended the ceremony.

The confreres who professed their solemn vows are Friars Geraldo LEITE DA SILVA JÚNIOR, Wagner DA SILVA FAUSTINO, Beneval SOARES BOMFIM, Paulo ARANTES RODRIGUES, Marcus O. FIGUEIREDO PINTO, and Maykon A. DE OLIVEIRA SILVA

We thank God for this great gift he has given to our Order.



The solemnly professed

Brazil: Custody of St. Bonaventure Marks 50th Anniversary

■ Friar Roberto Honorato REMÉDIOS, Vocation Animator and Formation Director

This year, 2018, marks the 50th anniversary of Conventual Franciscan presence in northeastern Brazil.

A program of celebrations began in 2017, when each friary celebrated a triduum in anticipation of the big celebration, scheduled for July 8, 2018.

The jubilee commemoration took place at the parish of Santo Antônio de Pádua in São Luís-Maranhão. Friar Francisco ARAÚJO SALES is the current pastor there. Mass was presided over by the Provincial Custos, Friar Clevis MAFRA DOS SANTOS. Concelebrating with him were Friars Alessandro PRETINI, Vicar Provincial of The Italian Province of St. Francis of Assisi (Central Italy); Angelo DI GIORGIO; Umberto FANFARILLO; and Olivier DE ALCANTARA COSTA. In addition, representatives from the other Brazilian Jurisdictions participated: Friar Nestor MARIN from the Province of St. Francis of Assisi (São Paulo), Friar Joveci José Oliveira FILHO from the Province of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe in Brazil (Brasília) and Friar Ronaldo Gomes DA SILVA from the Provincial Custody of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. in Brazil (Rio de Janeiro). All of the friars of the St. Bonaventure Custody participated, along with all their men in formation, members from other men's and women's religious congregations, and the faithful from our parishes in Maranhão and Ceará. In addition to celebrating the jubilee, the friars commemorated the witness of faith given by the first Italian missionaries who came to northeastern Brazil.

The mission of the Friars Minor Conventual, mainly in Maranhão State, began with the special invitation of the Most Revered Amleto DE ANGELIS, Bishop of the Diocese of Viana, Maranhão State. He asked the missionaries for help because his diocese was short of priests to carry out pastoral ministry and care for the poor.

The then Province of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul and the Seraphic Doctor St. Bonaventure, in Rome, responded to the Bishop's request. In 1967 with the approval of the Chapter, the Province sent its first two missionaries to Brazil. Then on October 25, 1968, a group of missionaries arrived in Brazil, composed of Friars Antonio SINIBALDI, Mario PALONI and Luigi D'ANDREA, all friars of holy memory.

In 1969 two more friars were sent: Alessandro PENNACCHI and Luis FELIPE. Another two friars arrived in 1971: Mario GUIDI and Giuseppe STACCONE. Friar Carmine DI MICHELE arrived in 1984 and, finally, Friar Carmine CASTIGLIONE of the Province of Abruzzo arrived in 1986.

All these friars were sent exclusively for pastoral and missionary service in the less developed regions of the diocese of Viana, the poorest diocese in Brazil.

At first, In May of 1970, the friars were concentrated in São Luís, the state capitol. In time, only Friar Antonio SINIBALDI remained there. Friar Luigi D'ANDREA (of holy



Those celebrating

memory) was sent to the city of Zé Doca (today the Diocese of Zé Doca), then he was made Bishop of the Diocese of Caixas, Maranhão State, on October 29, 1987. Friar Mario PALONI was sent to the city of Governador Newton Bello. Friar Edoardo RORI was sent to the city of Bom Jardim, where even today there is a friary. For many years it served as a house for aspirants. It was a place to host young people coming from the small neighboring villages, and even from distant places, who were discerning their vocation for the first time.

The missionaries did not have an easy life. There were big challenges: the very hot weather, the lack of resources and the care of numerous communities outside the city. Nevertheless, they worked hard, zealous and committed, as they brought the Gospel and the Franciscan life to all the people and places they visited. Thanks to the missionary work of these tireless friars and the example of their evangelical life, Friar Abdias MENDES RODRIGUES, one of the first native vocations, joined the Order and entered Conventual life in Maranhão. Today, Friar Abdias is a permanent deacon and collaborates in the pastoral activities of the Bom Jardim parish.

Through God's grace, and the witness of the friars in that area, more vocations joined: Friars Francisco SALES, Antonio CRUZ, Almir AQUINO, Francisco VALADARES, Clevis MAFRA (Custos) and many others. Today they form a group of twenty-seven, solemnly and temporarily professed friars.

Back in January of 1988, the Menino Jesus de Praga formation house opened in Cohama, in São Luís, Maranhão State. Its main purpose was to house the postulants and newly-professed friars of the Delegation. Friar Luigi D'ANDREA was then the Formation Director. In 1994, the friars came to Fortaleza in Ceará. There, they inaugurated the Beato Duns Scoto formation house. It was built to house newly professed friars who were studying theology. Friar Mario PALONI directed the Conventual presence in this area and oversaw the construction of the friary. Later, leadership of the friary was entrusted to the newly-ordained Friar Francesco SALES. He served as both formator and guardian.

Forty-six years after the Conventual Franciscan missionary presence was established in Maranhão and Ceará (1968-2014), the Delegation became the Provincial Custody of St. Bonaventure in Brazil. After four years of being Custody, we are now giving thanks to God for our fifty years of presence in Brazil.

Brazil: UCOB Course

■ Friar Luís Felipe Carneiro MARQUES, UCOB Coordinator

On July 8-20, 2018, the 31st Winter Franciscanism Course, hosted by the Union of Conventual Franciscans of Brazil (UCOB), took place at the São Francisco formation house in Brasília, Brazil.

Thirty post-novitiate friars from the three Brazilian jurisdictions participated, along with their formators, Friars Luís Felipe Carneiro MARQUES and Carlos Alberto de QUEIROZ.

This year, Friar Pedro SILVERIO, OFM Cap., guided the friars in deepening their understanding of the Rule of St. Francis of Assisi and his form of life. The friars also learned more about Franciscan Mariology with Friar José Pinto CARDOZO JUNIOR, OFM Conv. Friar José is from the Provincial Custody of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. in Brazil (Rio de Janeiro). During the second week, Professor Dr. Marco Aurelio FERNANDES taught the friars about the Franciscan Study for philosophy and theology introduced at the University of Paris, in particular by Alexander of Hales. Professor FERNANDES teaches at the University of Brasília and at our own São Boaventura Institute. During the last days of the course, Friar Marcos ROBERTO, OFM Cap., provided a deeper understanding of the life, rule and testament of Saint Clare of Assisi.

These were enjoyable and enriching days of study, prayer, relationship, fraternity, Conventuality and interculturality. It was also a good time for sharing in the diversity of Brazilian culture.

Finally, we thank the General Curia for its generous help.



The participants

Brazil: Formators' Meeting

■ Friar Franklin Antonio DURÁN ZAMBRANO

On July 16-20, 2018, a meeting for formators was held for eighteen friars who direct initial formation.

The meeting took place at the Senhor de Bonfim friary and post-novitiate house in Santo André, part of the Province of St. Francis in Brazil (São Paulo). These formators work in the postulancy houses and novitiates of various Jurisdictions within the Federación América Latina Conventuales (FALC). They include Mexico, Central America, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, Ecuador, Paraguay and Bolivia.

The FALC common formation project was founded in Medellín, in 2011, in coordination with the General Secretariat for Formation and the FALC Presidency Council. The formators met, mindful of the intentions of the founding Superiors, to gain a deeper, theoretical-reflective and experiential understanding of formation and thus enhance their mission as guides in the formation process.

The meeting aimed at understanding what essential elements were considered indispensable for formation. In other words, what were the “non-negotiable” elements of human and Franciscan formation, which must be present in any common novitiate proposal. These elements should also provide guidelines for a more qualified postulancy, thus helping one to continue on in the formation processes in the FALC Jurisdictions

Experts in psychology and spirituality further developed these themes, making the friars more aware of the human component. This is something formators are intimately aware of as they deal with the private and personal issues of the young people whom God has called. These youth are the sacred clay that formators must care for, responsibly and with compassion. In addition, the coordinating team of the meeting presented a well-made synthesis of one of the common Franciscan formation processes, with ideals designed and planned by all and for all, and that are bearing fruit in the formation field for the common novitiates in Colombia, Brazil and Mexico. It has taken years of effort, but it is giving formation in the FALC a more Latin American aspect.

The meeting took place in a fraternal and joyful atmosphere, with time for prayer, Mass, meals and discussions. At the end of the day, the friars got to learn more about the life of the Jurisdictions through photos and audiovisual material. In conclusion, the friars confirmed that improving formation is everyone's commitment in the FALC, walking together and supporting each other with enthusiasm and responsibility in taking up the work of formation in each Jurisdiction.

Finally, the friars visited the Basilica of Our Lady Aparecida, asking for Mary's intercession for the Conventual Franciscan family in Latin America.



The formators

We thank each of the Jurisdictions for their responsible and fraternal participation in this meeting. We especially thank the friars of the Province of São Paulo for their hospitality. Through their many small details, they made us feel at home from the beginning. Finally we would also like to thank the coordinating team of the meeting, the Secretary General for Formation and the FALC Presidency Council, for their great and demanding work at the service of the Order.

Santo André: Missionary Week

■ Friar Flávio Martins VENÂNCIO, Vocation Promoter

On July 14-21, 2018, a missionary week took place with youth from the city of Santo André in Brazil.

The participants included forty young people, two aspirants, two Missionary Sisters of Assisi and Friar Flávio Martins VENÂNCIO who is the vocation promoter for the Province of St. Francis of Assisi in Brazil.

The young people went from house to house, proclaiming the message of Jesus in the manner of Francis, bringing with them joy and peace. They also participated in a Mass with the friars from the common formation program of the Federación América Latina Conventuales (FALC). The participants also visited the local mental institution and the headquarters of the Militia of the Immaculata. There was also some traditional evangelization carried out in the town squares.

We thank God for his every blessing. We are grateful to him and joyful to be Franciscans. The Church is alive! The Church is young!



The participants

Brazil: Vocation Animation

■ Friar Roberto Honorato REMÉDIOS, Custodial Vocation Animator and Formator

On August 8, 2018, the Provincial Custody of St. Bonaventure in Brazil hosted a spiritual retreat for all the aspirants of the Jurisdiction.

The retreat took place at the beginning of the second semester of the formation year and was held at the Imaculada Retreat Center outside of São Luís, Maranhão state, Brazil.

The theme of the retreat was “The Fraternity in Francis of Assisi”, presented by Friar Gleison SILVA CONCEIÇÃO, OFM Conv. The retreat provided time for fraternal discussion, prayer, Eucharistic adoration, the reading of Franciscan texts, confession and Mass.

Recognizing the necessity of a spiritual retreat, for sharing and fraternal life, is of vital importance for the spiritual formation of a candidate for the postulancy. He must read, study and meditate upon the Word of God, both personally and communally (through *lectio divina* and the devout celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours). This is what will nourish the prayer life, spiritual life and community life of a future friar. He must also develop a profound sense of the sacred in these celebrations.

At the same time, regarding his spiritual life, the candidate must be able to cultivate moments of intimate and personal dialogue with God, and make this habitual, following the example of Jesus and his filial relationship with the Father. In this way, the aspirant can harmoniously combine liturgical and communal prayer with his personal prayer life.



The participants

Chile: Formation Week

■ Friar Jack GINTING

On September 3-7, 2018, the friars of the Provincial Delegation gathered at the friary of the Immaculate Conception in Santiago-Chile for a week of formation, as is done each year.

The theme of the meeting was, “The Church Going Forth”, which was inspired by the invitation of Pope Francis to the whole Church. Friar Roberto BRANDINELLI and Friar Alessandro ZOTTAREL, two friars of the Italian Mother Province of St. Anthony of Padua in Northern Italy, presented some Church documents that touch upon the theme. Documents of special note were *Evangelii Gaudium*, *Laudato Si’* and *Amoris Laetitia*.

At two different times, Father Eduardo PÉREZ COTAPOS, from the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts, offered some thoughts to help understand the situation of the Church in Chile. Father Álvaro CHORDI, a diocesan priest belonging to the movement of Small Christian Communities, spoke about the reality that today’s youth question the Chilean Church.



The participants

A layman, Sergio CÁRDENAS, led a tour of the Museum of Memory and Human Rights, where the victims of human rights violation, during the military dictatorship of Augusto PINOCHET are remembered.

The formation week was also an opportunity to reflect on the future of the Delegation and was a beautiful time to live fraternity and strengthen fraternal bonds among the friars. The 25th anniversary of the Religious Life of Friar Tullio PASTORELLI and Friar Giuseppe BELLINI was celebrated with joy.

On September 8th and 9th, the youth ministry leaders of our three parishes in Chile gathered to organize the next meeting of the Franciscan Youth, which will be held in Copiapó, from November 1-3, 2018.

Curitiba: Missionary Assembly

■ Friar Flávio Martins VENÂNCIO

On September 7 - 9, 2018, a missionary meeting took place in the São Francisco house in Curitiba, Brazil.

The aspirants and postulants, as well as the youth of our communities, were present.

Friar Valdevan CORREIA DE BARROS, a resident of the Missionary Commission, welcomed everyone and presented the program of the meeting.

Friar Leonardo MATSUO shared his vocation and mission here in Brazil, and on the same day, Friar Vasco CRÓCCOLI spoke of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation and of the various actions we can do as Franciscans. Friar. Thiago NATULINI also shared his missionary experience with the Capuchin friars which he undertook in January, in the Amazon. 24 year-old Fernanda LEAL spoke about her two-month experience in Mozambique. Finally, there was also a talk on the various missionary activities that young people do in our communities.

It was a very fraternal meeting filled with joy of being missionaries. The third mission of the Conventual Franciscan Youth, to be held in January of 2019, was also prepared. We have asked that God bless us and make us always happy in living this way of life.



The participants

■ FEDERATION OF ASIAN MINOR CONVENTUALS

Friar Benedict Seung Jae BAEK
Assistant General for the FAMC



Passabe: Opening of a “Quasi-Parish”

■ Friar Maximilianus SEMBIRING, Provincial Custos

After his homily at Mass, the Most Reverend Virgílio do Carmo DA SILVA, S.D.B., Bishop of Dili, Timor-Leste, addressed thousands of faithful, both locals and visitors.

He read a decree to them, signed it, and thereby established our mission presence in Passabe, East Timor, as a new “quasi-parish”.

Friar Benedict BAEK, the Assistant General for the Federation of Asian Minor Conventuals (FAMC) was present at this event on behalf of the Order. From June 13-30, 2018, he had been conducting a canonical visitation to the Provincial Custody of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. in Indonesia. The Custos, Friar Maximilianus SEMBIRING, and dozens of friars from the Kefamenanu community, were also present.

The bishop issued the decree on June 24, 2018, the Solemnity of St. John the Baptist. He first declared the “separation” of this missionary entity from its original parish of Oesilo. Then he established it as a new “quasi parish” (i.e. a community with all the faculties of the parish, even though it remains dependent on its mother parish. He went on to appoint Friar Corrado Hermenegildo Augusto NUNES, OFM Conv., as the new pastor and Friar Jose Alexander NITSAE FATU, OFM Conv., as the associate pastor. At the end, the Pastor swore his oath of office.

There are 10, 322 faithful in this new parish. The parish covers seven villages and many hectares of land.

After Mass, cake was cut, bottles of sparkling wine were opened and some doves were “liberated”. The celebration continued with dinner, dancing, and dances by the faithful.

It was only in September of 2017 that the presence of the Conventual Friars Minor was established here with a welcoming ceremony by the bishop, held in the same place as this latest celebration. The establishment of this presence in East Timor was mandated by a motion of the Ordinary Custodial Chapter, held in July of 2017.

Currently, this presence is a filial house of the friary of St. Anthony of Padua in Kefamenanu (West Timor, Indonesia). It is a community of three friars: the above-mentioned Pastor and his Associate and Friar Lucianus Benediktus SUNY, a religious brother.

Custody of the Philippines: Latest Events

■ Friar Daniel M. SUGATAN, OFM Conv., Custodial Secretary

Each August, Franciscans the world over celebrate a number of feast days.

The Provincial Custody of the Immaculate Conception and Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza in the Philippines likewise celebrated two events, in keeping with the special character of the month.

There was a ceremony to begin the FAMC novitiate year and a ceremony for the first profession of vows.

Both occasions were celebrated at the St. Joseph Friary Oratory in Tagaytay City and were presided over by the Vicar Custos, Friar Emmanuel GIVA JR.

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On August 1, 2018, six postulants were admitted to the common novitiate formation program of the Federation of Asian Minors Conventual (FAMC). Four are from the Philippines, namely Friars Anthony Joseph TANDUGON; Patrick Darcy NAGUIT; Alfred Martin DE CASTRO; and Rommel Marcos BALTAZAR. Friars Michael VINH and Dominic CHUONG are from the Provincial Delegation in Vietnam. The vesting ceremony was also attended by Friar Peter VU, representing the Provincial Delegation in Vietnam.

During the current four-year term, the FAMC common novitiate formation team is composed of the Novice Director, Friar Matthew FARAON and the Assistant Novice Director, Friar Anthony James PHAN.

On August 15, 2018, three novices from the Philippines, namely: Friars Matthias John Marson MONTERO; Camillus Felipe MADLOS; and Gregory Kenneth SALVA made their first profession of vows in the presence of the friars of the Custody. The profession was also attended by the immediate family members of the newly-professed friars, as well as representatives from local men's and women's religious congregations, benefactors and friends. The celebration ended with a simple meal.



The newly professed



The new novices

Indonesia: Initial Formation Events

■ Friar Maximilianus SEMBIRING, Provincial Custos

On Saturday, July 14, 2018, Friars Romarius Ireneo TARIGAN; Florianus Joni SAMAN; Yohanes KEFI; Richardus NATUN; Lodovikus Suban HAYONG; and Samuel SIMANGUSONG professed their solemn vows.

They make it into the hands of Friar Maximilianus SEMBIRING, the Custos of the Provincial Custody of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. in Indonesia. The ceremony was held in the church of St. Francis of Assisi in Padang Bulan, Medan-North Sumatra.

The Mass, and the feast that followed, were attended by many friars of the Custody along with the families of those professing and parishioners from “our” five area parishes.

This event also included the celebration of the 25th anniversary of religious life of two priests, Friars Marselinus Salem DAMANIK and Andreas Elpian GURUSINGA.

Two of the recently professed, Friars Lodovikus and Samuel, still have one more year of theological studies in order to complete their priestly formation and will remain in the formation house, while the other four have completed their studies and expect to be ordained to the diaconate in the coming months.

On Sunday evening of July 15, 2018, twelve young postulants were vested in the habit of the Conventual Franciscan family. The vesting ceremony was inserted in the celebration of Evening Prayer. The Provincial Custos presided over the ceremony which was held in the St. Anthony of Padua novitiate chapel in Tiga Dolok.

In addition, on Monday afternoon, July 16, 2018, there was a Mass for the temporary profession of seven novices. The profession ceremony took place in the parish church of St. Anthony of Padua in Tiga Dolok-North Sumatra. The novices have now finished their year of novitiate. There were nine novices at the beginning of the year, but two chose other paths for their vocation. The seven temporarily professed young men are: Friars Frederikus Siuk TEFNAIF; Servasius Nonon USTAKU; Ignasius Jonathan SITUMORANG; Jeremiah USSANAK; Robertus Crisanto SENA; J. Agung BATHARA; and Maurice Dicky NOBATONIS. The Mass, and the feast that followed, were attended by many friars of the Custody along with the families of those professing and many faithful from the parish.



The new solemnly professed

The Philippines: Solemn Profession

■ Friar Daniel M. SUGATAN, Custodial Secretary

On July 14, 2018, the Provincial Custody of the Immaculate Conception and Blessed Bonaventure of Potenza in the Philippines celebrated the solemn profession of Friars Basil Maria MATIAS and Bernard Angelito Maria ANUTA.

The ceremony was held at the St. Maximilian Oratory at Parañaque City, Metro Manila. The Provincial Custos, Friar Francis Victor MATEO, OFM Conv., presided over Mass and the Rite of Solemn Profession. In his homily, he highlighted the importance of sincerity and fidelity to the vows promised to the Lord into the presence of God's People. He challenged those who professed, as well as the friars, novices and postulants who were present, to continue to be simple and to persist in their following of Jesus as exemplified by St. Francis of Assisi. Then he asked the others, including the immediate family members, relatives, friends and benefactors, to pray for the friars and to encourage more young people to dedicate their lives to GOD.

Friar Basil has already finished his *Evangelium* catechetical course and will be *de familia* at the Immaculata friary in Novaliches, Quezon City. He will serve as a spiritual assistant to the local OFS fraternity and will assist in running the Klinika ni San Antonio ng Padua Misyong Medical, a charity clinic established and maintained by the friars.

Friar Bernard will continue to reside at the St. Maximilian formation House while undertaking theology studies. He will assist in animating the Militia of the Immaculata Movement.



The new solemnly professed

Indonesia: Priestly Ordination

■ Friar Gabriel SINGARIMBUN

On Saturday, August 11, 2018, Friar Yohanes Maria TANDO, of the Provincial Custody of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. in Indonesia, was ordained to the priesthood.

The ordination took place at the parish of Santa Maria in Tarutung-Northern Sumatra. The Most Reverend Anicetus Bongsu SINAGA, OFM Cap., Metropolitan Archbishop of Medan, laid hands upon and ordained Friar Yohanes along with three other deacons (diocesan).

Nearly two thousand faithful attended including lay people, religious and priests. Our new priest completed his studies at the St. John's School of Philosophy and Theology, Pematangsiantar, in July of 2017. He was ordained a deacon on January 25, 2018, again at Pematangsiantar. He is currently a member of the formation team at the Tiga Juhar postulancy house.



The new priest with the bishop and family members

Vietnam: Professions and Ordinations

■ Friar Jude WINKLER, Assistant General for the CFF

This past August 18th, 2018 four friars made their solemn profession of vows and three friars made their temporary profession of vows in the Vietnamese Delegation of St. Joseph of Cupertino Province in St. Nguyễn Dou Khang Parish in Thủ Đức, Hồ Chí Minh, Vietnam.

Friar Paul GAWLOWSKI, a member of the Definitory of that province, had been delegated by Friar Victor ABEGG, the provincial, to accept the vows of the friars.

Those making their solemn profession of vows were Friar Joseph NGUYỄN Nhân Văn, Friar Stephen TRẦN Tăng Nhu, Friar Joseph VÕ Cường Quốc, and Friar Joseph LÊ Vượng Văn. Those making their temporary profession of vows after completing their novitiate at the novitiate in Tagaytay, Philippines were Friar Joseph TRẦN Văn Đức, Friar Joseph VŨ Huỳnh Đức and Friar Joseph NGUYỄN Huy Quốc.

The celebrations for the delegation continued on August 30th with the ordination to the diaconate of Friar John Baptist ĐOÀN Thuấn Cao and Friar Joseph Cupertino



The newly professed



The newly ordained with friars and family members

PHẠM Nhung Văn and the ordination to the priesthood of Joseph Pio TRẦN Dương Văn, Friar Peter Giuliano Eymard HOÀNG Đông Thành and Friar Joseph Maria TRẦN Long Văn. The ordaining bishop was the Most Reverend Giuse NGUYỄN Tấn Tước, Bishop of the Phú Cường Diocese. This ordination took place in Son Loc Parish in Hồ Chí Minh [Củ Chi], Vietnam.

Present at the ordination were Friar Paul GAWLOWSKI, the representative of the provincial of St. Joseph of Cupertino Province, Friar Jude WINKLER, Assistant General for the CFF representing the Minister General, and Friar Louis PANTHIRUVELIL, the General Secretary for Formation (SGF).

Frs. Jude and Louis presented a short workshop to the Vietnamese friars in formation at St. Anthony Friary in Tỉnh Bình Duong, Hồ Chí Minh, on August 31 on the recently completed Extraordinary General Chapter and some formation issues in the Order today.

Indonesia: Formation Meeting for Pastors

■ Friar Maximilianus SEMBIRING

On September 3-5, the Ongoing Formation Committee of the Provincial Custody of the Immaculate Conception of the B.V.M. in Indonesia, conducted its annual formation meeting for pastors.

Eight pastors were present: Simon KEMIT – Delitua, Andreas GURUSINGA – Padangbulan, Paskalis SURBATKI – Tunggungan, David BARUS – Bandarbaru, Yohanes PADIYANA – Tigajuhar, Joseph PANDIA – Tigadolok, Fransiskus PURBA – Sukoharjo, Jakub BARUS – Jakarta. Three pastors were absent: Titus LIMNGARDI – Sasi Kefamenanu, Antonio RAZZOLI – Nunukan, and Augusto NUNES – Passabe.

The meeting was held in Ambarita Samosir, an island in the middle of the Danau Toba volcanic lake in North Sumatra. The friars arrived on the Sunday evening, September 2, 2018, and started the meeting on the morning of the following day. The meeting concluded on Wednesday, September 5.

Friar Peter AMAN, OFM, led the meeting in the main hall with lectures and discussions, both in small groups and with the entire assembly. Afterwards, he ended by presenting various closing reflections. In addition to the eight pastors, the members of the Ongoing Formation Committee and the Definitory were also present.

The theme of the meeting was: “Friars in Charge of Parishes are Sent to the Church as a True Evangelical Community”.



The pastors

The Philippines: Presbyteral Ordination

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On September 8, 2018 the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Friar Andrew Richard DATOY was ordained to the priesthood at the parish of St. Michael in Tangub City, where he was baptized thirty-seven years ago.

The parish belongs to the Archdiocese of Ozamiz which is located in the southwest of the Philippines, on the island of Mindanao. The ordaining minister, the Most Reverend Martin JUMOAD, DD, Archbishop of Ozamiz, emphasized in his homily the importance of liturgical prayer, pastoral visits, and evangelical service. He made mention of unhealthy tendencies and temptations, for both ordained ministers and parishioners in this regard. He also asked the newly-ordained to celebrate three Masses in honor of the Holy Spirit, our Blessed Mother and for the intention of all the souls in purgatory.

Those present at the ordination included sixteen friars representing all the communities of the Philippine Custody, diocesan priests, members of locally founded religious congregations of sisters, government officials, parishioners, and a few OFS and M.I. members.

After the ordination, lunch was served in collaboration with the parish community and the local government. This was highlighted by a grand cultural show of songs and dances by the Sinanduloy Cultural Troup organized under the leadership of the city's mayor, Atty. Philip TAN and his wife Dr. Jennifer Wee TAN. The next day, which was a Sunday, Friar Andrew celebrated his Thanksgiving Mass in the same parish. It was attended by the friars and many churchgoers. At the end of the Mass, those who attended kissed the hands of the newly-ordained priest, Friar Andrew.



The new priest

■ FEDERATIO EUROPAE MEDIAE ET ORIENTALIS

Friar Jacek CIUPIŃSKI
Assistant General for the FEMO



Kalwaria Paławska: Franciscan Youth Meeting

■ Marta GÓRKA FSM Spokesperson / Editorial Staff

**On July 22-28, 2018,
the annual “Franciszkańskie Spotkanie Młodych” (Franciscan Youth Meeting),
took place in Kalwaria Paławska near Przemyśl in Poland.**

Traditionally called “FSM”, the event was hosted by the Province of St. Anthony and Blessed James of Strepar in Poland (Cracow). This year, the young people enjoyed a week of leisure and reflection under the meeting’s theme, “Breath”, which directly refers to the Third Person of the Holy Trinity: the Holy Spirit.

Each year, the participants get to meet guests of honor. They could be role models for living the faith or models for dealing with the struggles of everyday life. This year’s guests of honor included the director Krzysztof ZANUSSI; the writer and evangelizer Father Rafał JAROSIEWICZ; the musician and poet Tomasz BUDZYŃSKI; the charismatic Marcin ZIELIŃSKI; the publicist Tomasz TERLIKOWSKI and the athlete Andrzej TOKARZ. They each spoke to the participants as a whole and also made themselves available for personal meetings with interested parties.

An important element of FSM is its paraliturgical prayer (devotions) which is appreciated and expected by all who come regularly to this event. Every year these prayers are led by the Franciscan Youth members. Each liturgy focused on one aspect of the Christian faith, to more deeply explore the mystery of the Holy Spirit.

The participants broke into fifty small groups to discuss and exchange opinions. Each group had about twenty members and was led by an animator.

In addition to the traditional elements of the meeting, the young people enjoyed some surprise attractions. Things that were on offer included participation in daily fitness training and other sports activities. There were also movies “under the stars”. Mainly, however, the young people spent their evenings at music concerts. Some of the groups they saw included: “Nie Ma Go Tu”, “Rock & Fire”, “Warszawska Orkiestra Sentymalna”, “Teatr A.”; and the musical ensemble “Fioretti” composed of the Franciscan clerical students at the post-novitiate in Cracow. The “Fioretti” celebrated their 50th anniversary this year. To celebrate the occasion, “Fioretti” put on a great final concert which everyone enjoyed. (To find out more, visit: www.fioretti.pl).

This year, 1124 people, from Poland and abroad, attended FSM.

“Franciszkańskie Spotkanie Młodych” is the longest running meeting for religious youth in Poland. The first meeting took place in the summer of 1988. Friar Ryszard WRÓBEL was the Meeting’s creator and would serve as its director for the next eighteen years. The focus then was on reflection, prayer and joy und the theme “With Francis and Clare”. The Meeting’s director for the next ten years was Friar Piotr REIZNER. During this period, the original theme changed to “The Messiah Project”. The current director is Friar Marcin DRĄG.

FSM is the high point of the “Franciscan Summer” – offering pastoral and Franciscan activities for young people over the summer vacation. It is promoted by the Province of St. Anthony and Blessed James of Strepar in Poland (Cracow). The organization of the event is managed on behalf of the Province by: “Biuro Franciszkańskich Spotkań Młodych” (FSM Office). To find out more, visit: www.fsm.franciszkanie.pl.

Vatican: Pope Francis Blesses Altar for Niepokalanów

■ from the Vatican

On August 29, 2018, Pope Francis greeted the Polish-speaking faithful during a General Audience in Rome: “I cordially welcome the Polish pilgrims,” the Pope said.

“Thank you so much for your prayers during my Apostolic journey to Ireland. Today, in a special way, I greet the Association of the Queen of Peace Community of Radom and the Franciscan Fathers from Niepokalanów. At their request, before this audience, I blessed the Altar of Eucharistic Adoration entitled the ‘Star of the Immaculate’. It will be installed in the Shrine of Niepokalanów (the friary founded by St. Maximilian M. Kolbe) which will thus become the eighth International Prayer for Peace Center. Adoring Christ while following the spiritual vision of St. Maximilian Kolbe, implore peace for your families, for your country, for Europe and for the whole world. I heartily bless you and your loved ones”.

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The Holy Father gives his blessing

St. Petersburg: Conventuals' Jubilee

■ Friar Nikolay DUBININ

On September 8-9, 2018, the Franciscan community of Russia celebrated the 25th anniversary of the return of the Friars Minor Conventual and the 5th anniversary of the consecration of the church dedicated to St. Anthony the Wonderworker.

The friars of the General Custody of St. Francis in Russia, together with guests from the various cities in Russia, Italy, Poland, Belarus and Kazakhstan, gathered at the friary in St. Petersburg.

On September 8th, a solemn Mass was celebrated with Friar Jacek CIUPIŃSKI, the Assistant General for the *Foederatio Europae Mediae et Orientalis* (FEMO), presiding. Those concelebrating included the Minister General, Friar Marco TASCA; the Custos of the

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General Custody of Russia, Friar Dariusz HARASIMOWICZ; the Rector of the Pontifical Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua, Friar Oliviero SVANERA; the Minister Provincial of the Province of the Immaculate Mother of God in Poland (Warsaw), Friar Wieslaw PYZIO; the Secretary of the Province of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe in Poland (Gdansk), Grzegorz KORDEK; the Rector of the major seminary, Mary Queen of the Apostles in St. Petersburg, Father Konstantin PEREDERIY; the Provincial Delegate in Belarus, Friar Antoni PAZHETSKI; and other priests.

In his sermon, the Minister General said, among other things, "Pope Francis said that 'each of us is a mission'. Let us think of the mission that the Lord gave to the Franciscan friars in Russia who came here twenty-five years ago to bless, support and liberate. Many different events happened during this period: some brought joy, some brought suffering. We are called to look at everything in the light of the Lord. It's important for us friars to accept the story that God wants to create with us, and not to decide our own history. Our task is to recognize the will of God. God says to Joseph, 'Do not be afraid, I am with you'. It is wonderful to believe in such a Lord!"

After Mass, Friar Nikolay DUBININ made a presentation about important stages in the history of the Franciscans in Russia, starting with the first mission which began in 1245. After this presentation, a few Friars, namely, Friars Waldemar MACKIEWICZ, Antoni PAZHETSKI, Lech BACHANEK, Ireneusz MIKOS and Dariusz HARASIMOWICZ, gave testimony about the Order's return to Russia in the 1990's. These early years have become for them an unforgettable experience of God's providence and a source of strength and support in religious life and in apostolic service.

On Sunday, September 9, a solemn Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated and presided over by the Most Reverend Celestino MIGLIORE, Apostolic Nuncio of the Russian Federation. The Nuncio thanked the Franciscans for inviting him to celebrate the anniversary of their return to Russia and warmly welcomed all those present. In his sermon, he addressed the history of the Franciscans in Russia, noting the year 1720, when the friars were entrusted with the care of the Catholic community of St. Petersburg. He also said that the strength and beauty of this Jubilee gives praise to the Lord for his saving and creative action. The Nuncio wished the friars spiritual and human maturity, and openness to people who are in material or spiritual need as well as those who suffer cultural poverty. He also invited the friars to accept their "minority" in the ecclesial context of Russia, where Catholics are very few. This condition, the Nuncio observed, does not make us rely on our own resources but on God, and on mutual brotherhood and solidarity. The evangelical style of life of the Franciscan charism has a salvific value and extends to the socio-cultural dimension, which affects people and can lead to changes in their lives.



Some friars
with the Minister General

■ FEDERAZIONE INTER-MEDITERRANEA MINISTRI PROVINCIALI

Friar Joaquín Ángel AGESTA CUEVAS
Assistant General for the FIMP



Elizondo: Fiftieth Anniversary of the Seminario Seráfico

■ Friar Gianmarco ARRIGONI

On Saturday, June 30, 2018, the Seminario Seráfico [Seraphic Seminary] in Elizondo, Navarra, Spain, hosted a celebration event to mark the 50th anniversary of its construction.

Participants at the celebration included the Most Reverend Francisco PÉREZ, Archbishop of Pamplona-Tudela; Friar Marco TASCA, Minister General; Friar Ángel Mariano GUZMÁN LUDEÑA, Minister Provincial of the Province of Our Lady of Montserrat in Spain; and Friar Joaquín Ángel AGESTA CUEVAS, Assistant General for the Federazione Inter-mediterranea Ministri Provinciali (FIMP).

Others attending were the last two rectors of the seminary, Friars Adriano ZORZI and Gianmarco ARRIGONI; the Vice Rector of the seminary, Friar Roberto PERETTI; the director of the high school, Friar Francesco ERVAS; one of the first formators in the Province of Spain, Friar Adolfo GONZÁLEZ GÓMEZ; and the Seminary's first Rector, Friar Giorgio CARRARO.

When we arrived in Elizondo, there were 180 alumni, some with wives and children, who were getting reacquainted with the friars. The friars were visibly moved because they had not seen some of their old students for thirty or forty years.

It is true that nothing remains of the middle and high school buildings; they were sold and apartments and villas were built in their place. However, the living stones remain: the youngsters that the friars helped to grow and to form.

Many have openly expressed gratitude for what they received in their formative years. There were some secular professors from the early days attending and some members of the non-teaching staff, in particular, the last two cooks. They had worked at the Seminary for almost twenty years.

It was a joy being able to get together. Archbishop PÉREZ expressed his gratitude for the educational work carried out by the friars at Elizondo and for their presence in the Baztan valley. After the celebration of Mass, the Minister General addressed some words of gratitude, in Spanish to all of the friars who followed each other doing educational work, and asked the young people to take advantage of what they received. Groups took turns watching a video of photo-memories which, for them, elicited reminiscences, various emotions and profound joy. What had been so lavishly bestowed upon these young people has remained in their hearts, and this has been of the greatest satisfaction to the friars.

Thanks to the GAZOLAZ family, which once hosted one of our communities, for hosting this event, and to former students Francisco Javier CIORDIA and Tomás LOYARTE for organizing it. May our prayers and best wishes be with those present as well those who are absent.

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Malta: FIMP Formators' Meeting

■ Friar Alessandro PERISSINOTO

After a year's delay, due to the many Provincial Chapters that took place in 2017, the formators of the Federazione Inter-mediterranea Ministri Provinciali (FIMP) went to the beautiful island of Malta and met in Birkirkara.

It is a city where the friars of the Province of Malta have a church, a communications center and a spiritual retreat center.

The meeting was held on July 16-20, 2018, in a friendly atmosphere, made even more so by the hospitality and attentiveness of the Maltese friars towards the meeting's participants.

A good number of formators were present. The Minister Provincial of Malta, Friar George ZAMMIT, started the meeting with some introductory comments.

The theme chosen for this year was: "Formation and Connection", since everyone can see that the digital world is leading us toward a momentous transformation, in fact it is modifying our perception of time and space. Our lifestyles, our way of thinking and acting, they are all changing. In short, we are faced with a real anthropological turning point. Therefore it seems important that we should be dealing with the challenges that these changes pose to our formation paths and to ourselves as well. Father Eric CACHIA, a Maltese Salesian who has also had experience in formation, helped the formators explore this subject with two reflections.

He first examined the theme starting with a sociological description of the youth world, referring to some English and American studies that compared the differences between different generations up until up to today and highlighting how important it is in formation to activate certain "processes". The fundamental task of the formator is to accompany; his role is to guide the experience of the young, to set off on their journey with them.

The second reflection was entitled "A Time to Be Renewed". Here he showed the importance of helping to recover young people's prophetic dimension, as Pope Francis has directed in his teachings.

At the end of each reflection, there was time for a question and answer period with Father Eric. Although the topic couldn't be covered exhaustively, it was still useful to start questioning and discussing it and to exchange opinions, ideas and formation methods regarding this and other aspects of formation.

Friar Louis PANTHIRUVELIL, the Secretary General for Formation (SGF), also attended the meeting. He pointed out some of the challenges in formation today, as experienced in the various Federations and Conferences of the Order, and he presented some basic guidelines for a Franciscan formation.



The formators

The program also included a day for a fraternal outing to the island of Gozo, and a pilgrimage to the Maltese people's most important national shrine, the Blessed Virgin of Ta' Pinu. The friars went on to visit a friary and church dedicated to St. Anthony of Padua. The fraternal outing ended in the afternoon with a brief swim in the crystal clear waters surrounding the island's coastlands.

Rome: Youth toward Assisi on the Banks of the Tiber

■ Friar Paolo FIASCONARO, Director of the FIMP Missionary Center

On Friday, August 17, 2018, a group of twenty young people from the 8th International "Youth toward Assisi" Meeting gathered on the banks of the Tiber River, to animate the Roman summer at the exhibition booth of the Franciscan Missionary Center.

It was an evening of celebration and evangelization among the masses. Every evening, people in search of relaxation and a healthy summer vacation stroll along the riverfront. The walkway features sixty exhibition booths and fifteen restaurants.

After spending five days in Assisi, a group of 350 young people speaking seventeen different languages arrived in Rome. They were accompanied by forty friars from the various Jurisdictions of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual. The group was divided into ten smaller groups and these subgroups went forth to animate some of the piazzas and churches of Rome. The young people stayed three days in the eternal city (August 17-19) and implemented the Meeting's theme which was "Made to Shine: The Beauty of Holiness".

A group of young Lebanese, Americans and Spaniards went to the banks of the Tiber accompanied by the General Director of the International Meeting, Friar Simone TENUTI, Friars Cristian AIOJOAEI and Michael LASKY, along with four clerical students of the Franciscanum (who had served on the banks for a month already). There, they performed songs and dances to express their joy at meeting the people and to share some Franciscan good cheer with them.

The people streaming along the banks every night were incredulous but enthusiastic as they approached the young people and the friars. They sensed the young people's message of simplicity and Franciscan joy; it was something which realized Pope Francis' goal for a "Church that goes forth."

One colorful aspect of the evening: the young people enjoyed that the Missionary Center booth was alongside the Medical Assistance booth, so a sign was made with big letters that said: "First Aid for the Soul and the Body".



The group of young people with the organizers

Vatican: A Franciscan's 56 Years of Service

■ Friar Paolo FIASCONARO, Press Secretary of the Friary of San Giacomo - Rome

On August 31, 2018, the apostolic service of our confrere, Friar Angelo D'ONOFRI ended.

Having served fifty-six years in the Roman Curia, he is today the oldest employee of the Vatican Secretariat of State.

Friar Angelo is a member of the former Province of Rome, today known as the Italian Province of St. Francis of Assisi (Central Italy). He began his service at age twenty-seven, on July 1, 1962. He had been ordained a priest one year prior. Having completed Missiology Course at the Propaganda Fide [Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples], he asked to leave for the missions. Obedience, however, called him elsewhere, when the then Procurator of the Order, Friar Gaetano STANO, assigned him to serve at the Secretariat of State.

For the last fifty-six years, he has played a rather delicate role in the Archive of the Secretariat, as an employee of the "Separate and Confidential Envelopes" Section, a position he carried out with the painstaking attitude of a faithful servant and custodian of a very precious heritage. Through his hands (using a pen more than a computer) have passed the records of all the staff of the Roman Curia, plus thousands of documents, letters and dossiers from the Vatican Dicastries, the Apostolic Nunciatures and the dioceses of the world.

Within the Secretariat, he was a member of various Commissions and was entrusted with the power of signature to validate the entry permits of priests and religious from all over the world coming into Italy. Always reserved, he was the silent guardian of many secrets. In 2005, at the age of seventy, he had reached retirement age, but the Pope held onto him for another thirteen years.

During his years of apostolic service, he worked for the administrations of six Popes: John XXIII, Paul VI, John Paul I, John Paul II, Benedict XVI and Pope Francis. He served under six Secretaries of State: Cardinals CICOGNANI, VILLOT, CASAROLI, SODANO, BERTONE and PAROLIN.

Today, Friar Angelo is 83 years old and enjoys excellent health. He currently serves as the house Economist for the friary of San Giacomo di Roma and is the custodian of the 17th century church of San Giacomo alla Lungara.



Friar Angelo D'ONOFRI

Rome: Mission on the Banks of the Tiber

■ Friar Paolo FIASCONARO Director of the FIMP Missionary Center

On September 2, 2018, the summer season came to a close for the Franciscan Missionary Center of the Federazione Inter-mediterranea Ministri Provinciali (FIMP) on the banks of the Tiber. This Roman summer event had begun on June 8.

The Center ran an exhibition booth which faced Tiber Island. Friars were present there every evening during the three summer months in keeping with the "Church going forth" among people (as requested by Pope Francis). They were present amid the "nightlife" lining the riverwalk, where people go for a bit of relaxation and healthy fun along the banks of the Tiber's flowing waters.

This missionary outreach has been strengthened by its five years of relating with people, through listening, dialoguing and being available to those who needed a word, or a meeting, or an appointment at our Center.

It was also an opportunity to make known the life, activities and pastoral care of our missionary confreres present in the forty countries around the world.

The people were also given a gift of a "Missionary Rosary," a brochure in three languages and a magazine that presents the different initiatives of the Center, such as, 'distance adoptions', various projects, the promotion of devotions, seminars and ways to donate.

Participating in the ministry this year were young student friars from the Italian Province of St. Francis of Assisi (Central Italy), the postulate in Osimo, the Franciscanum of Assisi, and also from the International College of Friars Minor Conventual in Rome (Seraphicum). Each group took turns participating in the ministry. Engaging in the concrete and direct pastoral ministry of “street evangelization” was an enriching experience for them.

There were several novelties during the evenings as several outside groups visited. There was a charismatic group, Victory of God, which sang songs and played music. Also, participants in the “Youth Toward Assisi” program were present and there were performances by a Mexican and a Bolivian Folk group. There was no lack of solidarity between the hundreds of the exhibitors, the fifteen caterers and the individuals donating to continue the adoption of a school in Uganda and the construction of a water-well in Zambia.

Romania: Religious Professions

■ Friar Virgil BLAJ, Provincial Secretary

On September 8-9, 2018, seven friars from the Province of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. in Romania professed vows.

Three professed solemn vows and four temporary vows.

On September 8, at the chapel of the Franciscan Theological Institute of Roman, Friars Emanuel Petrică BLAJ, Mihai CHERECHEȘ and Cristian-Petru PAL, professed solemn vows into the hands of the Minister Provincial, Friar Teofil PETRIȘOR, who presided over the Mass and the Rite of Profession.

Others present included members of the Provincial Definitory, rectors, formators and professors from the Institute, the pastors and assistant pastors of the candidates, other consecrated persons and a large number of faithful including the parents and relatives of the three newly professed.

On the following day, September 9th, at the church of Bogdănești in Bacău, Novices Marian-Maximilian BUTĂCEL, Narcis-Gabriel CRĂCIUN, Cezar DĂMĂTĂR and Răzvan-Emanuel PETRUȚ, concluded their novitiate year by professing temporary vows of one year into the hands of the Minister Provincial. About thirty priests celebrated Mass including the Novice Master, Friar Petrică-Augustin PĂTRAȘCU, together with other priests of the Province and Diocese of Iași. They were joined by parents, family members and friends of the four candidates, as well as a number of faithful from Bogdănești and neighboring countries.

The newly solemnly and temporarily professed friars will continue their philosophical-theological formation at the Franciscan Theological Institute of Romania.

We are grateful to God for the gift of these friars and invoke his blessing on their journey of conformation to Christ in the footsteps of the Seraphic Father St. Francis!



The newly professed

Romania: Spiritual Chapter

■ Friar Cristian CLOPOȚEL

The Province of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. in Romania recently celebrated a Spiritual Chapter in the city of Roman.

The Chapter was divided into two sessions. The first was held on June 25-26, 2018, with ninety friars participating. The second took place on July 2-3, with fifty-five friars participating. The theme of the Chapter was “The Lord Gave Me Brothers” (Testament of St. Francis no. 14).

Friar Giovanni SALONIA, OFM Cap., led the first group in basic reflections, while Friar Emiliano STRINO, OFM Cap., did the same for the second group. Their lectures explored three points: the ideal of Francis as interpreted from his writings, the obstacles that prevent us from living peacefully in fraternity and practical solutions to overcome fraternal difficulties.

On the long road to creating a fraternity that corresponds with our desire for happiness, we must learn to look with the eyes of faith in order to interpret the reality of community life. We do not focus on “how” a fraternity ought to be according to the way we understand it today—which Francis never spoke about. Rather, we focus on “how” we are called by God to be friars and to be a gift to one another, despite many difficulties. Major obstacles such as narcissism, envy and jealousy, which impede our being brothers, can be overcome with humility, by meditating on the fragility in one’s own life, by committing oneself to seeing one’s brother through the eyes of faith, aware that there is no truth without charity. One should always try to discover the affective value of the spiritual life. This road is long, but the grace of God is abundant.



The Capitulars

Kenya: Extraordinary Chapter

■ Friar Tadeusz ŚWIĄTKOWSKI Assistant General for the AFCOF

On July 16-19, 2018, the Provincial Custody of St. Francis in Kenya celebrated an Extraordinary Custodial Chapter, led by the Provincial Custos, Friar Kazimierz SZULC.

He was joined by friars from the Mother Province of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe in Poland (Gdańsk), namely Friar Jan MACIOJEWSKI Minister Provincial; Friar Leszek ŁUCZKANIN, Provincial Econom; Friar Robert KOZIELSKI, Provincial Secretary for Missions and Friar Tadeusz ŚWIĄTKOWSKI, the Assistant General for the African Federation of Conventual Franciscans (AFCOF).

Invited facilitators at the Chapter included: Friar Jude WINKLER, Assistant General for the Conventual Franciscan Federation (CFF); Friar Wojciech KULIG, General Exactor and Friar Robert LEŻOHUPSKI of the Vatican Penitentiary.

CHAPTERS

During the four days of focused presentations and debates, the thirty-eight Capitulars thoroughly discussed issues around the possibility of asking the Mother Province to support the Custody in its bid to become a new Province of the Order.

The work of the Chapter was arranged as follows: Using the Chapter hall, the three facilitators made presentations on issues that determine the erection of a Province, such as the spiritual reasons behind it and legal and economic conditions. Later, the friars developed those topics in group work. At the end, a debate took place in the Chapter hall.

As the Chapter came to a close, all of the Capitulars had expressed their will by voting on the motion presented. Their decision was then submitted for debate and being voted on at the Extraordinary Chapter of the Mother Province, to be held in Danzig, Poland, in November of 2018.

The Custody of Kenya was founded in 1984, established as a Delegation in 1989, and erected as a Custody in 2004. Currently, it has seventy-six friars (forty-two solemnly professed, thirty-one temporarily professed, three novices and nineteen postulants. All of initial formation is carried out in other African Jurisdictions, in accordance with a joint agreement made by the AFCOF and confirmed by the Minister General and his Definitory. Three of the friars affiliated to the Custody come from the Province of St. Maximilian M. Kolbe in Poland (Gdańsk). The remaining seventy-three are from Kenya.



The Capitulars

Brazil: Ordinary Chapter – Part I

■ Friar Carlos TROVARELLI, Assistant General for the FALC

In the diocesan house “Oasis” in the city of São Luis de Maranhão in Brazil, the first part of the second Ordinary Custodial Chapter of the Custody of St. Bonaventure in Brazil.

It belongs to the Italian Province of Saint Francis of Assisi (Central Italy), was celebrated on September 10-14, 2018.

The Chapter coincided with the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the mission in the State of Maranhão. Missionaries from the then “Alma Provincia Romana” in Italy officially founded the mission in 1968.

The Chapter was presided over by Minister Provincial, Friar Franco BUONAMANO with the participation of the Assistant General for Latin America, Friar Carlos TROVARELLI, and Friar Vittorio TRANI, the last Minister Provincial of the former Province of Rome in Italy. There were twenty-three friars present at the Chapter. As indicated in the Directory for the Celebration of the Chapter, the sessions were preceded by a day of retreat which was led by a Capuchin friar. All of the prepared reports concerning the life and mission of the Custody were read. Then the Capitulars divided into three groups to discuss the most important aspects of the reports.

During the third session, the Provincial Custos, Friar Clevis MAFRA DOS SANTOS, made his profession of faith. He had been elected and confirmed by the last extraordinary Provincial Chapter of the Italian Province of St. Francis of Assisi (Central Italy).



The Capitulars

During the fourth session of the Chapter, the Custodial Definitors were elected. They are: Friars Francisco Sales ARAÚJO (Custodial Vicar, first term), Roberto Honorato Oliveira DOS REMÉDIOS (Custodial Secretary, first term), Raimundo Valdo NOGUEIRA (second term) and Alessandro Rodrigues DA SILVA (first term). The Custodial Economist is Friar Josué Oliveira MESQUITA. He is not Definitory member.

The Custody has five friaries. Four of them are in State of Maranhão; three of which are in the city of São Luís and the other is in the city of Bom Jardim. The fifth friary is in the city of Fortaleza, State of Ceará. The Chapter studied the possibility of opening a new presence in the nearby State of Piauí.

Besides the blessing of the Jubilee, the Custody has been enjoying a vocational awakening which comes as the result of a renewed youth ministry over the last few years. For this reason, three of the five friaries of the Custody were dedicated as houses for receiving vocations and initial formation. Furthermore, the Custody carries out its mission in the populated urban parishes of São Luís and Fortaleza, the missionary parish of Bom Jardim. It carries out lay formation, does social work in São Luís, and performs Franciscan pastoral ministry (Franciscan Family).

The entire Chapter was celebrated in a fraternal, serene and optimistic atmosphere. The Custos and the whole Assembly entrusted to the Lord the new four-year term that started with the Chapter (2018-2022), and invoked the protection and intercession of the patron saint of the Custody, St. Bonaventure, the Seraphic Father Saint Francis and the Mother of God, Mary Most Holy. The celebration of the second part of the Chapter will be held November 5-9, 2018. At that time, the Capitulars will vote on the new Four-Year Plan of the Custody and elect new guardians, directors of initial formation as well as other positions.

Russia: Ordinary Chapter – Part II

■ Andrej BUKO Custodial Secretary

**On September 10-12, 2018,
the General Custody of Our Holy Father St. Francis in Russia
held the second part of its Ordinary Custodial Chapter.**

The Chapter took place at the friary of St. Anthony the Wonderworker in St. Petersburg, in the presence of the Minister General Friar Marco TASCA and the Assistant General for the *Federatio Europae Mediae et Orientalis* (FEMO) Friar Jacek CIUPIŃSKI.

During this second part of the Chapter, the friars approved the Four-Year Plan of the Custody and elected new guardians and heads of the Custodial committees. The following friars were elected as guardians: Friars Piotr Maria KARNIALIUK (friary of St.

Francis in Moscow); Nikolay DUBININ (friary of St. Anthony the Wonderworker in St. Petersburg), Andrej BUKO (friary of St. Maximilian Kolbe in Czerniachovsk) and Walde-
mar MACKIEWICZ (friary of the Assumption of the B.V.M in Astrakhan).



The Capitulars

Orient and Holy Land: Ordinary Chapter – Part II

■ Friar Lucian ABALINTOAI EI, Chapter Secretary

**On July 2-6, 2018,
the friars of the Provincial Custody of the Orient and the Holy Land
celebrated the second part of their Ordinary Custodial Chapter in Istanbul-Turkey.**

The Provincial Custos of the Orient and the Holy Land, Friar Anton BULAI, presided over this fraternal event. Also present were Friar Joaquín AGUESTA CUEVAS, the Assistant General for the Federation of Intermediterranean Ministers Provincial (FIMP) and Friar Teofil PETRIŞOR, the Minister Provincial of the Province of St. Joseph, Spouse of the B.V.M. in Romania.

The Capitulars reside in Turkey and Lebanon. Friar Maurizio DI PAOLO, the Procurator General of the Order, met with them and gave a spiritual introduction to start the work of the Chapter.

During the Chapter, Friar Dominique MATHIEU, who had not been present for the first part, was elected a member of the Custodial Definitory. He took an oath to carry out this service with dedication.

Important decisions were made during this Chapter for the life of the Custody. The Capitulars approved the Custodial Statutes and accepted various pastoral and charitable activities. They approved the management of some real estate and some issues regarding vocations and formation animation.

During Mass on the last day, some deceased friars were commemorated, in particular, Friar Alfons SAMMUT from the Province of St. Paul the Apostle in Malta, who spent many years in Turkey. He went to the House of the Father on June 28, 2018.

Also during that Mass, the new guardians took their oath of office. They are Friar Martin KMETEC for the community of Büyükdere (Istanbul-Turkey); Friar Iulian PIŞTA for Beyoğlu (Istanbul-Turkey); Friar Felician TAMAŞ for Sin-el-Fil (Beirut-Lebanon); and finally, Friar Iosif Florin PETRILA for the friary of Zahle (Lebanon).

PERSONAL STATISTICS

Professiones temporanae

Cust. prov. Angliae-Hiberniae

LOPEZ FIGUEROA Osvaldo Maria Guadalupe (2018-08-24)

Cust. prov. Ghanensis

ADUSEI Stephen, APPAU Kofi Evans, ARTHUR Ebenezer Kwabena, BUASU Desmond Puopelle, DONOU Benajamin Mawutor, KUSI Paul, YAW-KUMAH Prosper (2018-07-28)

Cust. prov. Indonesianae

BATHARA Joseph Agung, NUBATIONIS Maurice Diky, SENA Robertus Crisanto, SITUMORANG Ignasius Jonathan, TEFNAI Frederikus Siuk, USSANAK Jeremiah, USTAKU Servasius Snonon (2018-07-16)

Cust. prov. Kenianae

MATHIAS Albert Wambua, MUNYAO Gabriel Kyalo, OKEYO Moses Odiwuor, OMBWORI Charles Magangi (2018-07-26)

Cust. prov. Orientis et Terrae Sanctae

BABA MOSES Ocheni Johnmaria Fidelis (2018-07-28)

Cust. prov. Philippinae

MADLOS Camillus Felipe, MONTERO Matthias John Marson, SALVA Gregory Kenneth (2018-08-15)

Prov. Americanae S. Bonaventurae

GOODWIN Matthew, WARRER Jason (2018-07-15)

Prov. Americanae S. Ioseph a Cup.

NGUYỄN Joseph, TRẦN Joseph, VŨ Joseph (2018-08-18)

Prov. Aprutinae

DI RENZO Riccardo Leone, DI RIDOLFI Domenico Paolo (2018-08-24)

Prov. Croatiae

ČOLAKOVAC Franjo (2018-08-24)

Prov. Germaniae

SCHOLZ Markus (2018-08-24)

Prov. Hispaniae

LAMANA IBÁÑEZ Daniel (2018-08-24)

Prov. Italicae S. Antonii Patavini

BOSIO Alessandro Olindo, BOSISIO Andrea, GOTTARDI Roberto (2018-08-24)

Prov. Italicae S. Francisci

DI SEBASTIANO Emiliano, FILIPPUCCI Ettore, LIGGERI Roberto, REITANO Daniele (2018-08-24)

Prov. Mexicanae

ALCÁNTARA GOMORA Emmanuel, CALDERÓN SANTAMARÍA Fabián (2018-07-10)

Prov. Neapolitanae

DI BIASE Giuseppe, FIUME Luca Romano Maria, ROBUSTELLI Salvatore Maria (2018-08-24)

Prov. Polonicae B.M.V. Imm.

BRZESKI Artur, BURZEC Arkadiusz, DOROBEK Gabor, KMIECIK Grzegorz, LUBIŃSKI Paweł, PIĄTEK Krzysztof, SOBOLEWSKI Marcin (2018-09-15)

Prov. Polonicae S. Antonii

BABIK Paweł, GRESZTA Szymon, HNAT Mateusz, HOROVYY Serhiy, JĘDRAL Mateusz, KRZESZOWIEC Mateusz, MIESZCZAK Maciej, PASZAJEW Władysław (2018-09-22)

Prov. Romaniaae

BUTĂCEL Marian-Maximilian, CRĂCIUN Narcis-Gabriel, PETRUȚ Răzvan-Emanuel (2018-09-09)

Prov. Zambiae

CHISENGA Albert, KACHINGA Peter, LUBUNDA Bwalya, MAGABA Joshua McAngel, MUSAMBA Alvin, MUSONDA John Lengwe, ZIMBA Kambani Brain (2018-08-05)

Professiones perpetuae

Prov. Brasiliensis S. Max. Kolbe

ARANTES RODRIGUES Paulo, DA SILVA FAUSTINO Wagner, DE OLIVEIRA SILVA Maycon A., FIGUEIREDO PINTO Marcus O., LEITE DA SILVA JUNIOR Geraldo, SOARES BOMFIM Beneval (2018-07-07)

Prov. Zambiae

MULENGA Francis, MUTALE Elias Chimfwembe (2018-07-14)

Cust. prov. Philippinae

ANUTA Bernard, MATIAS Basil (2018-07-14)

Cust. prov. Indonesianae

HAYONG Lodovikus Suban, KEFI Yohanes, NATUN Richardus, SAMAN Florianus Joni, SIMANGUSONG Samuel, TARIGAN Romarius Ireneo (2018-07-14)

Cust. prov. Kenianae

WANJIKU Martin Mwangi (2018-07-15)

Cust. prov. Tanzaniensis

MARO Amadeus Cypriano (2018-07-26)

Cust. prov. Ghanensis

ADUSEI-POKU Francis Atobrah, BOATENG Eric Kwasi, BRESSEY Derrick Amenyo Yao, NANEWODO Bernard Atsu (2018-08-11)

Prov. Americanae S. Ioseph a Cup.

LÊ Joseph, NGUYỄN Joseph, TRẦN Stephen, VÕ Joseph (2018-08-18)

Prov. Romaniaae

BLAJ Emanuel-Petrică, CHERECHEȘ Mihai, PAL Cristian-Petru, (2018-07-26)

Cust. prov. Calabriae

CANINO Diego (2018-09-01)

Prov. Neapolitanae

RAVANNI Mario (2018-09-29)

Ordinationes diaconales

Prov. Polonicae B.M.V. Imm.

KADSONDO Joseph (2018-07-22)

Prov. Americanae S. Ioseph a Cup.

ĐOÀN John Baptist, PHẠM Joseph Cupertino (2018-08-30)

Ordinationes sacerdotales

Cust. prov. Angliae-Hiberniae

TOMAN Gerard Mary (2018-07-06)

Cust. prov. Tanzaniensis

KESY Simon Daniel, KUNAMBI Denis Dominick (2018-07-10)

Cust. prov. Venetiolae

MARTINEZ CANELÓN Juan Gregorio (2018-08-04)

Cust. prov. Indonesianae

TANDO Yohanes Maria (2018-08-11)

Prov. Americanae S. Ioseph a Cup.

HOÀNG Peter Giuliano Eymard, TRẦN Joseph Maria, TRẦN Joseph Pio (2018-08-30)

Cust. prov. Philippinae

DATOY Andrew (2018-09-08)

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DEFUNCTI [NOMEN]	DIES NATALIS	CIRCUMSCRIPTIO	DIES MORTIS	LOCUS	AETAS
CUBADDA Simone	1926-10-27	P. Italica SF	2018-07-03	Alghero, ITALIA	91
CAPRIOLI Antonio	1936-06-14	P. Italica SF	2018-07-05	Foligno, ITALIA	82
DE AGUIAR Camilo Lelis	1950-12-12	C.p. Brasil. IC	2018-07-19	Rio de Janeiro, BRASILE	67
KMETEC Janez	1952-05-06	P. Sloveniae	2018-08-07	Ptuj, SLOVENIA	66
MOROSINOTTO Giorgio	1931-09-02	P. Italica SA	2018-08-09	Camposampiero, ITALIA	86
MALANDY Stefan	1931-05-18	P. Pol. Danzica	2018-08-11	Darłowo, POLONIA	87
CARROLL Emmett	1925-08-31	P. Amer. OLA	2018-08-20	???	92
PASCUAL MIGUEL Juan	1933-12-17	P. Hispaniae	2018-08-21	Valladolid, SPAGNA	84
GALLAGHER Patrick	1940-03-15	P. Amer. OLA	2018-09-04	???	78
PIGA Claudio	1944-03-06	P. Italica SF	2018-09-26	Oristano, ITALIA	74
CARBONARI Lauro	1938-02-03	P. Italica SF	2018-09-27	San Benedetto del Tronto, ITALIA	80