

The Presence of the Spirit

(Admonition No. 12)

The time after the Ascension of the Lord was a period of expectation for the disciples of Jesus Christ. They were aware of the promise made by the Lord that He would send the Paraclete, the Counselor who would reveal to them the whole truth of all his teachings. When the Spirit actually descended upon them, all that Jesus said became true. Since the outpouring of the Spirit on them, the disciples attributed all that they did and performed to the presence of the Spirit in them.

Coming to the life of a Friar Minor, how does he show the presence of the Spirit in his life? In the admonition number 12, Francis answers this question. “The servant of God may be recognized as possessing the Spirit of the Lord in this way: if the flesh does not pride itself when the Lord performs some good through him ...” We can ask, when does the flesh take pride in itself? It takes pride in itself when it attributes all the good done, to itself and not to the grace of God.

All of us do good, all of us desire to do good; all of us also expect that others should acknowledge the good done by us, appreciate us, be grateful to us, praise us so on and so forth. What will be our response when such a thing does not happen? Or something contrary happens - instead of appreciation, we get only the blame. If we become moody and unhappy in such circumstances, it is a clear sign that the Spirit of God is not at work in us, but only the flesh. St. Francis would tell us that we need to change our attitude. As servants of God, we need to attribute all good that we do to God himself and to the presence of His Spirit in us. This Spirit empowers us and inspires us to do good and if our flesh takes pride in it, it cannot be a virtue but our own selfishness. The paschal mystery that we proclaim beckons us to die to our selfish ego and rise to the new life in the Spirit. As we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, we are reminded to invoke the Spirit and to aspire ardently to possess Him.

- Br. Vincent Gabriel Furtado OFM Cap

Provincial Communications

1. Result of the Referendum for Direct Suffrage:

Out of the 168 ballots sent out from the Provincialate, we needed to get back 75%, i.e. 126 ballots for a valid referendum. We received only 102 ballots. Hence the referendum did not get through. The existing procedure of conducting the Provincial Chapter, namely the delegate system, will be continued.

2. Promotions

- a. ***The following Brothers from DITh have been promoted to the Order of Diaconate:*** Bros. Raymond Lalramthlenga, Roshan Lobo, Joseph Coelho, Darel Fernandes, Richard Kadiwal, Anil Sunil D'Souza, John Bosco Gonsalves, Joy Mathias, Prakash Pinto, Santhosh Naveen D'Souza, Jason Fernandes, Lancy Noel Rebello from Holy Trinity Province and Bros. Roswin Pires and Xavier Mariano D'Souza from St. Antony's vice Province, Goa. We congratulate them and express our gratitude to all the Formators who prepared them.
- b. ***The following Brothers have been promoted to the Second year of Theology:*** Bros. Praveen Vincy D' Souza, Joel Lopes, Anil Silvano Fernandes, Vijesh Ioyed Menezes, Divya Karunesh, Roshan Herald D'Souza, Arun Fernandes, Prashanth Noronha from Holy Trinity Province and Br. Richard Travasso from St. Antony's vice Province, Goa.
- c. ***The following brothers in Fraternity Experience have been promoted to the First year of Theology:*** Bros. Salvadore D'Cunha, Andrew Jayaraj, John Zoduhsanga, Peter Lalrammuana, Amar Anthony Lobo, Prashanth Walter D'Souza, Naveen Joseph Sequeira, Praveen Stephen D'Souza, Preetham R. Mendonca, Prakash M. Colaco, Ravi Rajesh Serrao, Paul Karun Mascarenhas and Frolic Fernandes. Br. Jacob D'Souza has left the Capuchin Order for good.
- d. ***The following Novices from St. Charles Lwanga Custody, Mirembe, Uganda have been promoted for simple profession:*** Bros. Kiyemba Emmanuel and kibikka Matia.
- e. ***The following Brothers from Post-Novitiate have been promoted to Philosophy in Kripalaya:*** Bros. Praveen Fernandes, Martin Rodrigues, and Christopher Rodrigues from Holy Trinity Province and Br. Jerry Fernandes St. Antony's Vice Province, Goa.

f. *The Following Brothers from Philosophy have been promoted:*

- **From first year to second year:** Bros. Kiran Jossy Monis, Vivek Kumar, Chetan D'Souza, Roshan Sequeira and Ullas Kumar and Santhosh J. Castelino from Holy Trinity Province and Bros. Neville Mascarenhas and Mariano Lourenzo from St. Antony's Vice Province of Goa.
- **From second year to third year:** Bros. Sushant Godri Lobo, David Kaito Sui, Jeevan George Veigas, Francis Wilson D'Souza, Joel Jason Lobo, Rahul D'Souza, Michael M. Menezes, Avil Manoj Rosario, Joy Wilson D'Souza, Jason Rassel Pais, Edwin Rakesh D'Souza, Mevin S. Monteiro, Derick Paul D'Souza and Jeevan Walter D'Souza from Holy Trinity Province and Bros. Jose D'Souza, Jibson J. Alves, Alden A. Faleiro, Rosario Colaco and Ashwin Omega Fernandes from St. Antony's Vice Province, Goa.

g. *The Following Brothers from Aspirancy are promoted to Postulancy:*

Bros. Balraj C., Lawrence W. Rodrigues, Sunil, Nelson A. D'Souza, Sushan Cliton Pinto, Vincent Raj , Desmond Fernandes and Lester A. D'Souza.

h. *Following brothers from Orientation are promoted to Postulancy:* Bros. Lawrence Cordeiro and Samson A. Pinto.

i. *Following brothers from first year of Aspirancy are promoted to the second year:* Bros. Mari Balaswamy, Joywin Dias, Naveen D'Souza, Avil Fernandes, John Paul, Devasaya, Stalin R. D'Souza, Praveen Fernandes, Melroy J. Rodrigues, Santhosh Rodrigues, Ivan K. Lobo, Rolson D'Souza, Pratap David Carlo, Michael Das, Wilson Joy D'Souza and Joel Preetham Rego.

j. *Following Brothers from Orientation have been promoted to first year of Aspirancy:* Bros. David Ravi Kumar, Paulose B., Stanis Lopes, Antony M. Pradeep, Novics Alvin, Prathyaksha Louis, Lenzil Menezes, Jeevan Sequeira, Ashwil S. D'Souza, Joseph P. Olivera, Kevin D'Souza, Wilson Moras and Sanath J. D'Souza. (Regis Lalbiaklua, Peter Thangliana)

3. Dates of Inauguration of the Scholastic year

The last date to admit candidates to Orientation is 30 June, 2011. The vocation promoters should hand over the leaflet with the questions of "Family Background Study" duly filled in to the Chairperson of the Commission for vocation promotions. He will admit the candidates after the medical test. No request should be made for admission after 30 June, 2011.

The date to begin Postulancy is 5 June 2011 this year. The official date to enter the Novitiate is 1 May every year. The official date to begin the Post Novitiate Programme is 7 June every year.

4. Formation of Candidates from North East

The Provincial Definitory in keeping with the resolution arrived at during the meeting of the Assembly of the two delegates of North East, has granted permission to send their candidates to the Orientation and Aspirancy centre of Nirmal Custody of Assam situated in Shillong from coming academic year.

5. Novices from Krist Jyothi Province

Seven Novices from Krist Jyothi Province of Delhi will be joining our Novitiate Programme for one year beginning from 1 May, 2011. We welcome them very heartily and wish them a fruitful stay in the Novitiate.

6. Hospital Ministry

Br. Dominic Savio and Br. Vitus Prabhudas Pinto have come forward to render ministry to the sick. Accordingly Br. Dominic Savio is appointed to St. Ignatius Hospital in Honnavar. Since he has to undergo Open Heart Surgery, this assignment will be delayed.

Br. Vitus Prabhudas Pinto will take over the Chaplaincy of Lourdes Hospital in Dharwad from July 1, 2011. His address: Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Kelgheri Road, Dharwad – 580 008 Belgaum District.

7. Br. Noel D'Almeida to Kuwait

Br. Noel D'Almeida will go to the Vicariate of Kuwait as a pastor. He will be leaving on 17 May, 2011. We wish him a very fruitful ministry in the Vicariate.

8. Appointments

a. Christalaya: Br. Manohar D'Souza will take over as Superior of Christalaya from 12th June 2011. Br. Blaize Rodrigues will be the Vicar of the Fraternity and also Parish Priest of Chikkodi Parish from June, 2011. Br. Claude Mascarenhas will be the Vice Principal of the School.

b. St. Anne's Friary: Br. Prakash Lobo will be the Vicar of St. Anne's Friary from 15 May, 2011.

c. Priest in Charge Coove, Chikmagalur: The services of Br. Satish Kumar have been offered to the Diocese of Chikmagalur at the earnest request of the Bishop. He will be 'priest in charge' of the Holy Cross parish in Coove for one year.

d. Br. Vijay Kumar to Kripalaya: Br. Vijay Kumar will replace Br. Satish Kumar in Kripalaya Mysore.

e. Brothers in Fraternity Experience

The Following brothers have been promoted from III year Philosophy to Fraternity Experience. They have been assigned to the following fraternities:

Orientation/Dayalbagh	Br. Roshan Cordeiro & Br. Jawahar Cutinho
Provincialate/Saccidananda	Br. Elvis Santa Lopes
Moodubelle:	Br. Denis Miranda
Choithar:	Br. Johnson G. Fernandes
Akkuluto:	Br. James Furtado
Atoizu:	Br. Nagahoto Luke Shaqui
Kanhmun:	Br. Naveen Maxim Moras
Mamit:	Br. Simon Thangsianchina
Kanchanpur	Br. Stuwart P. Fernandes
Itarsi:	Br. Reethan Cuntinha
Bhopal:	Br. Wilsom Vijay Sequeira
Chikmagalur:	Br. Vinod Colaco
Trinity School:	Br. Salvadore G. D'Souza
FISI:	Br. Sharan Vincent Crasta
St. Anne's Friary/Assisi Press:	Br. Brayen Antony D' Souza
Vimukti -Ujire/Dayalbagh	Br. Marcel Rohan Lobo
Shiggaon:	Br. Anil Kumar Rayappa
Vimukti-Pothnal /Clara Vihar	Br. William Vincent Albuquerque

9. Pray for Br. Vineeth Francis Dhondu

On Holy Thursday some anti-social elements entered the Church after service presided over by Br Vineeth Francis. They came with swords to kill him. Providentially Br. Vineeth had just left the Church to bless a house. The thugs broke the glasses, destroyed the statues and vandalized the things inside the Church and left the place. We request your prayers for the safety of Br. Vineeth Francis Dhondu.

10. School Ministry

- The Anugraha primary school has received official permission from the department of Education through the efforts of Br. George Monis. We thank him for his strenuous efforts.
- The Auditor has approved our Online School Programme for all fees and collections. It will be implemented without any further delay in all our schools. Br. Chetan Lobo the Executive Secretary will supervise the implementation.

11. The Land problem of Chikkodi

Through the relentless striving of Br. Gerald Lobo the land problems are almost solved in Chikkodi. Now we have to regularize the school buildings. When that is done we can truly heave sigh of relief.

12. Financial Management

a. The auditing

The new programme of auditing in the Provincialate has been done to suit us and also to finish the complex procedure more efficiently. All the treasurers are requested to cooperate by providing the books of accounts and making themselves present whenever needed to help the auditors.

b. Courses on Tally accounting programme

From next year the auditors will accept our accounts ONLY in software called "tally accounting programme". Since it is a must for all treasurers to get acquainted with this programme, we organized a crash course on 13 and 14 April, 2011 at Darshan College. Unfortunately it was attended by only ten Treasurers. Those who participated appreciated the course very much. We thank Br. Veerus for his availability. To facilitate others, we are arranging TWO MORE courses: one on 2 and 3 July, 2011 and another on 6 and 7 August, 2011, both at Darshan College as there are computers readily available there. The course is obligatory for all treasurers. Please know that those who fail to attend and those who do not get acquainted with the programme cannot continue as treasurers. There will be a separate course for Deacons and then still another for theologians at DITH during the academic year. Br. Veerus will be the resource person.

c. Request for Monthly Returns

Providing monthly returns is an obligation binding on every Fraternity. At present only FIVE fraternities are sending it regularly and NINE fraternities irregularly. NINE Fraternities are failing totally to send any monthly returns. Please consider this as a special reminder to send the monthly returns on a regular basis.

d. Budgets 2011 - 2012

The Budgets of the following fraternities have been approved with some variations by the Provincial Definitory: (1) Trinity Mission: Shiggaon, (2) Darshan College, St. Anthony's PU College and Shanthi Nivas, (3) Infant Jesus School and Fraternity, (4) Clara Vihar, (5) St. Anthony's Friary, Hosanagar, (6) Christalaya Fraternity and (7) Anugraha School, Bidar.

e. Provincial Treasurer to North East

The Provincial Definitory has decided to send Br. Joachim D'Souza to our Two Delegations in North East to organize the financial and material management there. He will fix the dates in consultation with the Delegates.

13. The Jubilee of Br. Santhosh Menezes

The Vianney Sadan Fraternity in Nehru Nagar, Bhopal will honor Br. Santhosh Menezes who is rendering service there since a few months, on 25 April, 2011 on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of his Religious Profession. Please send your greetings and wishes.

14. Provincial Chapter New York

The Provincial Chapter of St. Mary's Province, New York takes place from 23 to 30, May, 2011. As I am invited, I will be away from the Province from 22 May to 16 June, 2011. On my way back I will be breaking my journey in Germany to visit some funding agencies and Provincial Ministers. Br. Dolphy Pais, the Vicar Provincial will be in charge of the Province in my absence.

15. Next Definitory Meeting

The next Definitory Meeting will be held on 20 and 21 of June, 2011 at Kripalaya, Mysore.

16. Provincial's Programme

May 2011	
1	Provincialate
2-3	St. Anne's Friary: Final Vows
4	Joseph Nagar: Ordination
5-9	Provincialate
10	Dayalbagh Ashram, Ujire
11	Agrar: Ordination
12	Bejai: Ordination
13-14	St. Anne's Friary
15	Holy Family Church, Brahmavar
16	Monte Mariano: Profession
17-19	Provincialate
20-22	Goa: Erection of the New Province
23-30	New York: Chapter
31	Germany

June 2011	
1-16	Germany
17-19	Provincialate
20-21	Kripalaya: Definitory Meeting
22	Saccidananda: PEC Meeting
23-25	Provincialate
26	Saccidananda: CEB Meeting
27-28	Provincialate
29	DITh: Diaconate Service



Date: 6 May, 2011

Place: Saccidananda, Bangalore

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