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DIGNITY OF HUMAN PERSON
(Admonition no. 5)

St. Francis in his Admonition number five exclaims: “Be conscious, O man, of the wondrous state in which the Lord God has placed you. ...” (Gen. 1: 26). The story of creation of Human Person in the Book of Genesis is a meditation of the Biblical author on the dignity of man. Man is created in the image and likeness of God; it means that he is rooted in God, that he shares the divine life, reflects the divine in all his being and hence one can affirm a human is human only because of his ability to participate in the divine life principle. The glory of a human person is his origin in the divine being. But Francis again exclaims: “In what then can you glory? For if you were so subtle and wise that you had all knowledge and knew how to interpret all tongues and minutely investigate the course of the heavenly bodies, in all these things you could not glory.....”. Of course the human beings seek glory in these things, in abilities and talents, in achievements and laurels, in power and wealth and the like. As a result there is so much rivalry, hatred and unhealthy competition in the society. Since humans have not understood the mystery of their own being, they have categorized them from the very beginning into high and low, weak and strong, black and white etc. The “inequality” is a sin created by the human beings which has increased the sufferings of the humanity throughout the centuries and lowered the dignity of being a human person.

How can we restore the lost dignity? The answer of St. Francis is this: “In this we can glory: in our infirmities (2 Cor 12: 5) and bearing daily the holy cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Lk 14: 27). Francis would like to see the restoration of the dignity of man from spiritual perspectives, namely, in the capacity to sacrifice oneself for the other. Jesus Christ restored the lost dignity of man through laying down his life on the cross. Now his disciples should continue the process by embracing the same cross so that the humanity might be sanctified in and through them. It means that my personal glory consists in restoring the glory of the other. In dying we rise; in losing we gain – unless a seed dies, it cannot bear fruit. This is perfect Gospel logic. St. Francis is proposing nothing else but the principles of the Gospel.

- Br. Vincent Gabriel Furtado OFM Cap

Provincial Communications

1. The Declaration of St. Anthony's Province Goa

The ceremony of Declaration of the St. Anthony's Province will be held on 22nd May 2011 at 4.00 p.m. Let us join our brothers in Goa on this most auspicious occasion to greet them and wish them a brilliant future.

2. Priestly Ordinations

Deacon Br. Alwyn P. D'Silva is promoted to the Order of Priesthood. He will be ordained on 2nd March, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Koppa. We wish Br. Alwyn a fruitful preparation to receive the grace of Ordination.

The Ordinations of rest of our deacons will take place in the month of May. In preparation for the Ordination the Deacons will do their retreat in Rishivana, Ranipura at Mangalore from the 25th evening of April to 1st May evening 2011.

3. Appointment of Br. Alwyn D'Silva

Br. Alwyn D'Silva will assist in the Assisi Press as Asst. Manager from 24th March, 2011. We wish him a fruitful ministry in the Press.

4. Promotion to the Ministry of Reader

The following brothers have been promoted to receive the Ministry of Lector: Bros. Sunil Thomas Cornelio, Vinoto Justin Sumi, Johnson Paul D'Mello, Ivan Melwin D'Souza, Vincy Ignatius D'Costa, Avinash Rodolph Rodrigues, Seville Antao, and Michael Albuquerque.

5. Ongoing Formation

Br. Arun Lobo has begun his studies in M.S.W. at Fordham University in New York. We wish him every success in his studies. His residential address is: **Blessed James Haddad Friary, 93 Park Terrace West. W 218th St. Inwood, New York 10034 – 1382 USA.**

6. Dates for Annual Evaluations

The dates for annual evaluations will be as follows:

- March 3, 2011 at 9.00 a.m. Promotions to solemn profession at DITh and at 3.00 p.m. meeting of the advisory board of formation.
- March 4, 2011: Comprehensive Exams at Kripalaya
- March 5, 2011: Promotion of III year brothers, Kripalaya
- March 7, 2011: Promotion of Novices and Postulants
- March 9, 2011: Promotion of Aspirancy Students at Ujire.
- March 10, 2011: Promotion of Initiation and I year PUC candidates at Assisi Nilaya.
- March 25, 2011: Promotion of Brothers in Post novitiate, Pothnal.

7. The Celebration of Final Vows

The preparation for Final vows shall commence on 31st evening of March, 2011 at FISI and end on 29th April, 2011. The Solemn Profession Ceremony shall be held at St. Anne's Friary on 3rd May, 2011 at 10.00 a.m.

8. St. Charles Lwanga Custody Uganda

The Brothers of St. Charles Lwanga Custody, Uganda will be venturing into a new presence in the Diocese of Arua which is situated in the Northern part of Uganda. We wish our Brothers all the best as they launch into the North.

9. Br. John Harry D'Souza returns to the Province

After one year of pastoral ministry in the Vicariate of Kuwait Br. John Harry D'Souza has returned to the Province. We welcome him back to the Province. He will be in the Provincialate till the announcement of his new appointment.

10. Inauguration of the New Offices of Vimukti in Ujire

Br. Vinod Mascarenhas has put up hard work and got ready New Office premises for Vimukthi at Lyla near Belthangady Town. The inauguration of the new office premises will take place on 8th March, 2011. Congratulations Br. Vinod and your team of volunteers for your strenuous efforts.

11. Blessing of the Infirmary

We are glad to announce that the long awaited Infirmary will be blessed and inaugurated on 12th March, 2011. There will be Eucharistic celebration at 10.30 a.m. followed by the blessing.

12. Transfer of land at Chikodi

After a long struggle we have succeeded to register the land at Chikodi in the name of Capuchin Friars Service Society through a gift deed – thanks to Br Cornelius Monteiro and all those who worked for the successful transfer of title deeds.

13. Registration of New Trusts

We have succeeded to register Dayalbagh Agricultural Training Institute as a Trust in order to bestow legal ownership to the land awarded by the government. Similarly another trust has been registered under the title "Capuchin Publication Trust" for the purpose of regularizing the ownership of Assisi Press and the Sevak.

14. Reminder Regarding Private Bank Accounts

The Province Statutes No. 72 declares that "No brother shall maintain a private bank account" (Cf. also Const. No. 65). If necessity demands that an individual account has to be maintained, prior permission from the Provincial Minister has to be obtained. The Provincial Definitory exhorts that this rule be strictly followed in the Province. If anyone has personal account, he should request for permission immediately with proper reasons.

15. The Civil Registration of Marriages

According to the new ordinance of the Supreme Court all Christian marriages are to be registered in the Registrar's office. The Bishops have given instructions on this new obligation. I request all the parish priests in the Province to follow these instructions and file the returns in office of the Registrar.

16. The Formation of Fraternities in the Christ the King Delegation

1. St. Francis of Assisi friary, Durtlang, Mizoram
 - Br. Santhosh Lobo : Superior and Parish Priest
 - Br. Stany D'Souza : Treasurer and Head Master

2. St. Pio Friary, Sairang, Mizoram
 - Br. Joel Rosario : Superior
 - Br. Victor Fernandes : Parish Priest, Head Master and Treasurer
 - Br. Ravi Rajesh : Scholastic

3. St. Francis of Assisi Friary, Mamit, Mizoram
 - Br. Alban D'Souza : Superior, Parish Priest, and Head Master
 - Br. Walter D'Souza : Scholastic

4. St. Francis Xavier Church, Kanhmun, North Tripura
 - Br. Vincent Monis : Superior, Parish Priest and Head Master
 - Br. John Zoduhsanga : Scholastic
 - Br. Prem Lawrence : Guest Member

5. St. Francis of Assisi Nivas, Kanchanpur, Tripura
 - Br. Felix Pinto : Superior
 - Br. Prasanna Kumar : Head Master and Asst. Pp at Gachirampara

6. Assisi Catholic Centre, Gachirampara, Tripura
 - Br. George Godwin : Superior, Parish Priest and Head Master
 - Br. Peter L. : Scholastic

17. The Formation of Fraternities in the Infant Jesus Delegation

1. Capuchin House, Dimapur, Nagaland
 - Br. Augustine D'Souza: Superior
 - Br. Cyril Pereira : Member (Studies)
 - Br. Richard D'Souza : Member (Studies)

2. St. Francis of Assisi Church, Lazami, Nagaland
 - Br. Yesudas A. : Superior, Parish Priest and Head Master
 - Br. Naveen Sequeira : Scholastic

3. St. Peter's Church, Atoizu, Nagaland
 - Br. Mathias Dias : Superior, Parish Priest and Head Master
 - Br. Anand S. : Member

4. St. Clare's Friary, Akuluto, Nagaland
 - Br. Vincent Serrao : Superior and Head Master
 - Br. Paul Inashe Sumi : Vocation Promoter

5. St. Joseph's Church, Choithar, Manipur
 - Br. Thomas K. : Superior, Parish Priest and Head Master
 - Br. Salvadore D'Cunha : Scholastic

18. Tribute of Gratitude to Br. Vincent Lobo OFM Cap.

Br. Vincent Lobo, the stalwart of Holy Trinity Province of Karnataka went to his eternal reward on 26th December, 2010. His funeral ceremony took place on the next day at Kripalaya where he had lived for 26 years. The Province remains indebted to Br. Vincent Lobo for his contribution to its growth from its inception in 1972 as a Definitor and Provincial Minister. He has spent his precious energetic years in Mangalore Diocese establishing the Assisi House, Sevak magazine, the Assisi Press and numerous SFO fraternities in various parishes. The Kripalaya study house in Mysore is his brain child where he lived with our formees giving them all the good example of a very good and worthy son of St. Francis through his commitment to prayer and to all the responsibilities assigned to him. May his soul rest in peace and may his memory be ever cherished by all, whose lives have been touched by him.

19. Hearty Condolences

We deeply mourn the death of Mrs. Natalia Fernandes, the beloved sister of Fr. Robin Victor D'Souza who passed away 5th February, 2011. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Fr. Robin and his sorrowing family members. May the departed person Rest in Peace.

20. Provincial Minister's Programme

February, 2011	
11	LAB Meeting in FISI at 3.00 p.m.
12	Provincialate
13	CEB Meeting at Saccidananda
14-18	Pastoral Visitation at DSA/ DITh
19-20	Provincialate
21-25	Pastoral Visitation at Kripalaya
26-28	Provincialate

March, 2011	
1	St. Anne's Friary: Vocation Promoters Meeting
2	Priestly Ordination at Koppa
3	AM: Evaluation, DITh; PM: Advisory Board Meeting
4	Kripalaya: Comprehensive Exam
5	Kripalaya: Evaluation of 3 rd year brothers
6	Monte Mariano
7	Evaluation of Novices and Postulants
8	Inauguration of Vimukti Office, Lyla, Ujire
9	Evaluation of Aspirants in Ujire
10	Evaluation at Assisi Nilaya
11	Visit to Trinity School, Shivally
12	Blessing of the Infirmary at Assisi House
13	Mangalore
14	Visit to Infant Jesus School-Construction site & Meeting
15-16	Provincialate
17	BFC Meeting at Saccidananda
18	Provincialate
19-20	Definitory Meeting at Saccidananda
21-24	Provincialate
25	Evaluations of Post Novices

21. Next Definitory Meeting

The next Definitory Meeting will be held on 19-20 March, 2011 at Saccidananda, Bangalore.

KINDLY BLOCK THESE DATES IN YOUR CALENDER

The **ANNUAL RETREAT** will commence on 22nd August, 2011 at 8.00 a.m. to August 26th August, 2011 till 6.00 p.m. at FISL, Bangalore. It is obligatory for all the Superiors, Directors of Formation and Social Cells and all Parish Priests. Others are also welcome. Theme: Franciscan Leadership.

FORMATORS CONFERENCE:

The Triennial Formators' Conference will take place at DITH from 21st October, 2011 evening to 23rd October, 2011 evening. All the Formators and the Vocation promoters as well as the Superior's of Formation houses will take part.

Date: 09 February, 2011

Place: Saccidananda, Bangalore



- Br. Vincent Gabriel Furtado OFM Cap
Provincial Minister

