

# HOLY TRINITY CAPUCHIN PROVINCE

## KARNATAKA, INDIA

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Saccidananda, Capuchin Provincialate, P.B.No.1060, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560 010

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### THE EUCHARIST AND THE ROLE OF THE SPIRIT

#### (Admonition no. 1)

**T**he first admonition of St. Francis of Assisi is on the subject of Eucharist and how a friar minor should approach the exalted mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ. The argument of Francis is that Eucharist is a reality which has to be grasped and approached only through the presence of the Spirit. The spiritual realities basically transcend the tangible and sensible, and meaningless from empirical point of view. Hence he refers to the mystery of God himself, who lives in accessible light (1 Tim 6:16), whom no one has seen (Jn 1:18) and only in the “Spirit” we can experience Him as divine and holy. Even the incarnation is meaningful only for those who are empowered by the Spirit. Those who “see and believe according to the Spirit” can see and believe Jesus as the Son of God. From rational point of view Jesus is merely a human person like any other human being in the world.

The same argument is continued regarding the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. The bread and wine is a sacred reality, sanctified by the words of the Lord only for those who “see and believe according to the Spirit”. Similarly the words of Jesus Christ, “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life (Jn 6.55) are to be accepted in faith. Those who do not welcome and possess the Spirit, become dull of heart; those whose heart is hardened by reasoning, cannot “recognize the truth and believe in the Son of God”. (Jn 9: 35).

Francis then admires the humility of Son of God who deigns to come down on the altar in the form of bread and wine every time the priest celebrates Eucharist. As the disciples saw Jesus in flesh but believed and accepted him as the

Son of God, so now we see the bread and wine but believe them to be “the most holy Body and Blood living and true”.

A friar minor should learn to see the mysteries of faith ‘according to the Spirit’. The Spirit of God should pervade his life and enlighten his intellect and orientate his reasoning. Only then can the Eucharist be a source of life and spring of energy and motivation to be a true witness of the Gospel in the world.

-Vincent G.Furtado OFM Cap.

## **Provincial Communications**

### **1. New Superiors of St. Anthony’s Province Goa.**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2011 General Minister Br. Mauro Johri erected the new Province of Goa dedicated to St. Anthony. While sending best wishes to all Friars of Goa, we congratulate the new team headed by Br. Estevao Rodrigues and assisted by Br. Paul Alvares, Br. Clayton Fernandes, Br. Orfin Menezes and Br. Simon Rico Fernandes. We invoke God’s choicest blessings on them.

### **2. Best wishes to the New Superiors.**

We have new superiors in many other circumscriptions in India and abroad. We send to all of them Greetings from our Holy Trinity Province.

Br. John Barla	-St. Fidelis Province, North India.
Br. Michael Fernandes	-St. Bonaventure Province of Maharashtra
Br. Mathew Paikada	-St. Joseph’s Province, Kerala.
Br. Raphie Paliakara	-St. Thomas Province of Kerala.
Br. John Fernandes	-St. Francis Province of Kerala.
Br. Alphonse Charles	-Amala Annai Province, Tamil Nadu.
Br. Dominic Thirunilath	-Krist Jyohti, North India.
Br. Praveen Kumar Boyapati	-Mary Matha, Andhra Pradesh.

May God grant wisdom and understanding to all our new superiors to animate the brothers.

### **3. Superiors of St. Mary’s Province, New York -New England.**

It was a privilege for me to attend the Chapter of St. Mary’s for the third time. During the Chapter following brothers have been elected to lead the province:

Br. Francis Gasparik - Provincial Minister; Br. Michael Marigliano -Vicar Provincial; Br. Joseph Yakimovich, Br. Michael Connolly, Br. James Peterson - Definitors.

#### **4. Ordination of 25 Deacons at DITH.**

The solemn and magnificent ceremony of the Ordination of 25 Deacons in DITH /DSA Kengeri was held on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2011 by His Grace Most Rev. Bernard Moras. While congratulating the Deacons, we wish them a very fruitful period of ministry and a meaningful preparation for the priestly ordination. We also acknowledge the services of all the formators who trained these brothers and prepared them to be the ministers in the Church.

#### **5. Celebrations of Summer 2011**

We thank and appreciate all brothers who took pains and prepared well for all the celebrations of Priestly Ordinations, Solemn Profession, and Simple Profession etc. St. Anne's Friary as a part of the celebration of its platinum jubilee volunteered to take up the responsibility of final profession ceremony. Several others came forward in order to make the ceremonies really solemn and meaningful. May God reward you all who contributed their share.

#### **6. Br Vitus Prabhudas Pinto, Episcopal Vicar**

Bishop Peter Machado of Belgaum has appointed Br. Vitus Prabhudas Pinto as the Episcopal Vicar for Religious in his diocese. He will be residing in Dharwad and doing his additional ministry to the Religious of the Diocese of Belgaum. We congratulate Br. Vitus on his new appointment and wish him very fruitful ministry in the Diocese.

#### **7. New Appointments**

Br. Paul Sequeira after rendering very dedicated service in the Assisi Press for four years goes to Holy Family Fraternity in Brahmavar. He has requested a lighter responsibility. He will be engaging himself in pastoral activities in the parish.

#### **8. The Triennial Meeting of Formators**

The triennial meeting of all the Formators will take place from October 21 (evening) to 23 (evening), 2011. All the formators have the obligation to participate. Please keep yourself free.

#### **9. The TALLY courses**

The treasurers who have not attended the Tally course are requested to do so on the following dates: 6 and 7 August 2011 at Darshan College Bangalore. Those who participate, please inform Br Chetan or Br. Veerus of your arrival.

## **10. The Chapter of Mats**

The Chapter of Mats or the Assembly of all solemnly professed brothers will take place from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of April 2012. Following tentative time table has been approved by the Definitory

**11<sup>th</sup> A.M.** - Capuchin Presence in the world today: in put session followed by discussions.

**11<sup>th</sup> P.M.** - Human Formation: input session followed by discussions.

**12<sup>th</sup> A.M.** - Fraternity: Role of Local Superior -in put session followed by discussions.

**12<sup>th</sup> P.M.** - Financial Administration: in put session and discussions.

**13<sup>th</sup> A.M. - 13<sup>th</sup> P.M.** - Discussions on the future of the province.

**13<sup>th</sup> P.M.** - Ministries – short reports from the Commissions and discussions

There will not be any preparatory commission. If there are any suggestions for the Chapter of Mats they can address them to the Provincial Definitory.

## **11. Ravi Ashram : Banakal**

The long awaited renovation of the Ravi Ashram Banakal was finally completed and the new block was inaugurated on 28 June , 2011. Now that there are good six rooms and comfortable atmosphere for fraternity life with a reading cum recreation room, the friars are welcome to visit the Ashram and spend a day in the cool climate of Malnad.

## **12. Pastoral visitations**

The pastoral visitations of the following fraternities will take place as follows:

<b>July 2011:</b>	11- 14	St. Anne's Friary, Mangalore.
	22	St. Anthony's Fraternity, Hosanagar.
	23- 24	Asha Kiran, Bhadravati.
<b>August 2011:</b>	7 -8	Infant Jesus School Fraternity, Chikmagalur.
	8 - 9	Ravi Ashram, Banakal.
	11- 12	Prem Nivas, Gangondanahalli



- **Smart Classes:** Our School Ministry is marching forward with new innovations. We have succeeded to install Smart Class Programmes in most of our schools. Modern audio-visual technology is being made use to impart knowledge and make learning more interesting. Congratulations to the Executive Secretary and all those who are implementing the programme.

## **17. Financial Administration**

- **The following budgets have been approved**  
Assisi Vihar, Karwar, St. Fidelis Friary Farangipet, DITH Kengeri, Shanthi Nilaya Itarsi, Vianney Sadan Bhopal, Asha Kiran Bhadravati, Dayalbagh Ujire, Shanthi Sadhana Kengeri, Kripalaya Mysore.
- **The following fraternities have not yet submitted the budgets**  
Prem Nivas Bangalore, Holy Family Friary Brahmavar, St. Joseph's Friary Honnavar, Anugraha Bidar, Assisi Nilaya Moodubelle, Trinity Vihar Perampally, Ravi Ashram Banakal.
- **FCRA: New Rules**  
The Central Government has promulgated new rules for FCRS accounts according to which prior permission has to be sought to transfer money from one registered body to the other.
- **The Annual Auditing**  
To help us and to simplify the annual auditing the auditors are coming to Saccidananda. We need to respect the dates given by them and communicated to the individual fraternities. The treasurers should do the job promptly and keep ready the accounts. We have arranged the Tally Programme courses – please become familiar with it.
- **Request for Receipts**  
All the treasurers are once again reminded to send the receipts of the amounts received from provincial curia to the provincial treasurer. This is the best way you can help us to help you again.
- **Audited balance sheets.**  
All the fraternities and other departments are auditing their accounts but the audited balance sheet does not reach the provincial curia. As

you complete now the auditing, remember to send the copy of the balance sheet to the Provincial Treasurer.

- **Persolving Mass Intentions for Gen. Curia and Missions.**

Please fill in the slip sent to the individual fraternities and return it to Provincial Treasurer.

### **18. Condolences**

Mr. Peter D'Souza, the beloved father of Br. Anthony D'Souza (Ujire), expired on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2011. His funeral took place on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2011 at St. Francis Assisi church, Nainadu. Our hearty sympathies to Br. Anthony and all his family members.

### **19. Next Definitory Meeting**

The next Definitory Meeting will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of September 2011 at Saccidananda, Bangalore. Your suggestions are welcome.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER**

**The Annual Retreat of 2011 will take place in FISI on following days:**

**August 22, 9.00 a.m. to August 26, 6.00 p.m.**

**All Superiors, Directors of formation as well as all the Parish Priests and JPE commission members shall attend the retreat obligatorily. Others are also welcome to attend with prior information to the Provincial Secretary.**

**Arrival: August 21st evening or latest by 22<sup>nd</sup> 8.00 a.m. 2011.**

### **20. Provincial's Programme:**

#### **July 2011**

1 - 9	Provincialate
10	9.00 am: LAB meeting FISI
11 - 17	St. Anne's Friary Mangalore

18 - 21	Provincialate
22	Visitation: Hosanagar
23 - 24	Visitation: Asha Kiran
25 - 26	Provincialate
27 – 30	KRCR meeting, Bangalore.
31	Provincialate
<b>August 2011</b>	
1- 5	Provincialate
6	St. Anne's Friary
7 - 8	Visitation: Infant Jesus: Chikmagalur
9	Visitation: Ravi Ashram
10 - 21	Provincialate : (Eye operation).
21 - 26	Annual Retreat in FISI, Bangalore.
27 - 31	Provincialate.

Date: 4 July, 2011  
Place: Saccidananda, Bangalore

Br Vincent G. Furtado OFM Cap.  
**Provincial Minister**