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Admonitions of St. Francis of Assisi – 4

THY WILL BE DONE
(Admonition II)

What was the sin of Adam according to St. Francis? In his admonition number two, he is quoting Gen. 2, 16 -17 and explains why Adam was wrong in eating the fruit of the forbidden tree. Of course, we know that Adam disobeyed God. But St. Francis affirms that Adam, first, “appropriated to himself his own will” and second, “exalted himself over the good things which the Lord says and does in him”.

The question is whether we are masters of our wills or do we have the power of self determination. We are gifted with the wonderful mental faculty called “will”. We can affirm and negate, judge and condemn as we want. To assist in this we have another faculty called “reasoning”. What was the reasoning of Adam when he “appropriated to himself his own will”? That he will be like God knowing good and evil; that he can compete with God by being like him; that he can even exalt over God by competing with him. It means that he can determine for himself what is good and what is bad. That is where the “self will” leads one to and self appropriation is the root cause of all sinfulness for St. Francis.

What is the other alternative? The only other alternative is to accept my will as a ‘gift’ from God and acknowledge the goodness of the donor and fulfill the purpose for which it is given. God has given us the power to will, with the sole purpose that we have to serve him and love him out of ‘free will’. He gives us the option to revolt against him and use our free will to go against him and to deny him. This is sin. But our God is benevolent: that he has given us the option to choose him using our freedom and recognize him as the Lord of our lives.

As religious we do more than that through our vow of obedience. We positively expropriate our will and surrender it to God’s will and recognize His will in and through the will of our superiors and obey them in faith. The act of faith lies in this, that we believe that God makes known to us His will in and through the medium of the superior. As religious we seek His will in all that we do and hence our constant prayer should be “Thy will be done”.

- Br. Vincent Gabriel Furtado OFM Cap

Provincial Communications

1. The New Superiors of the Delegation

The Provincial Definitory after consultations with the brothers concerned has appointed New Superiors to our two Delegations of North East India.

The New Team of Christ the King Delegation: Mizoram-Tripura- Silchar

Provincial Delegate: Br. Joel Rosario
First Councillor: Br. Vincent Monis
Second Councillor: Br. Victor Fernandes

The New Team of Infant Jesus Delegation: Nagaland-Manipur

Provincial Delegate: Br. Augustine Claude D'Souza
First Councillor: Br. Vincent Serrao
Second Councillor: Br. Paul Inashe Sumi

The new teams will take charge from 1st December, 2010. While congratulating them very heartily, we wish them a very fruitful and challenging Triennium with remarkable growth and development in all aspects of missionary life in the North East.

2. The Promotions to the Ordination

Br. Joslie D'Silva who was studying in Nairobi, Kenya belonging to the Custody of St. Charles Lwanga, Uganda, has been promoted to the Order of Priesthood. He will receive his Priestly Ordination on 30th December 2010 at 10.00 a.m. in the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Shirtady. We wish Br. Joslie D'Silva a very meaningful celebration of the Priestly Ordination and a very eventful missionary engagement in Uganda.

3. Diaconate Ministry

Our Deacons will commence their diaconate ministry from 15th of December, 2010 in the following parishes:

- Br. Royston: St. Antony's Church, FERMAI
- Br. Alwyn D'Silva: Our Lady of Lourdes Church, MAGUNDI
- Br. Vijay Kumar: Our Lady of Mercy Church, SAKLESHPUR
- Br. Deepak Fernandes: St. John the Baptist Church, KUMTA
- Br. Lancy Fernandes: St. Sebastian Church, PERMANNUR
- Br. Joel D'Souza: Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, MADANTHYAR
- Br. Sunil Dominic Lobo: Holy Rosary Church, KALLIANPUR
- Br. Roshan Rosario: St. Joseph the Worker Church, NEERMARGA
- Br. Rohan D'Souza: St. Jude Thaddaeus Church, PAKSHIKERE

We wish them a fruitful and enriching diaconate ministry and all best for all the preparations for the Priestly Ordination.

4. Following Brothers from DITh have been promoted to the ministry of Acolyte:

Bros. Raymond Lalramthlenga, Roshan Lobo, Joseph Coelho, Darel Fernandes, Richard Kadiwal, Anil Sunil D'Souza, John Bosco Gonsalves, Joy Praveen Mathias, Prakash Pinto, Naveen D'Souza, Jason Fernandes, Lancy Rebello, Roswin Pires and Xavier D'Souza.

5. The Formators Conference

The next Formators conference will take place on 21-23 October, 2011 at DITh. Br. Dolphy Pais the Chairperson of the Formation Commission will prepare the agenda after the consultations with the entire province through a questionnaire.

6. Higher Studies

Br. Henry D'Souza has been chosen by the Provincial Definitory for higher studies in Franciscan Spirituality in Rome from April, 2011. We wish him a very fruitful time in Rome. Br. Dancy Martis has got admission for B. Ed in St. Aloysius College, Mangalore. We wish him success in his studies as he moves to St. Anne's Friary as a student friar.

7. Br. Santhosh Menezes returns to the Province

Having rendered his services to the Diocese of Kohima at St. Joseph's College Jakhama, Br. Santhosh Menezes will be returning to the Province in February, 2011. We wish him cordial welcome back home.

8. The Assemblies of our Delegations

The assemblies of our two delegations went on very smoothly with lot of fraternal dialogue, sharing on our engagements and plans for the future. The Provincial Delegates, Br. Alban and Br. Augustine presented very elaborate and objective reports of all activities and undertakings in their respective mission areas. The progress is tremendous in both the missions. But there are some difficulties and obstacles which become more conspicuous due to limitations such as distances, road blocks, lack of water supply, power supply etc. But our brothers are courageous to accept all these challenges and are hopeful of going ahead with greater vigor and determination.

The salient features and important resolutions of the assemblies are as follows:

- a. To establish Capuchin House in Dimapur as the House of Philosophy for the entire North East.
- b. To merge both the Delegations in the course of time and have Silchar house as the administrative centre.
- c. To have common animation programmes like Retreats etc.
- d. To intensify Vocation Promotion
- e. To start Orientation House in Sairang for Christ the King Delegation.
- f. To send the candidates to Nirmala custody for Aspirancy/ PUC.
- g. To streamline educational ministry with Statutes, Provident Fund, Online administration etc.

- h. To streamline the administration of the newly registered Societies, with proper documentations, income tax permissions, F.C. accounts and consolidation of all accounts and assets.

Let me sincerely thank the Brothers for their hard work and spirit of sacrifice. The General Definitor too has concluded his visitation of the Delegations very recently and the reports received from General Minister are very positive. We wish our brothers a renewed commitment in their missionary engagement. The Province will contribute towards their ongoing formation by sending personnel for their spiritual programmes and administrative guidance.

9. The Consultation regarding the Universal /Direct suffrage

The chapter resolution regarding the consultation to conduct the future Provincial Chapter through direct/universal suffrage will be implemented in January, 2011. Please return the consultation paper without fail.

10. The Chapter of Mats

The Chapter of Mats will take place in April 11-13, 2012 at Deena Seva Ashram/DITH. The Provincial Definitory has decided to take five themes proposed during the Superior's Meeting as Agenda with short input sessions for each theme. Hence, there will not be extensive agenda prepared by a preparatory commission.

11. House of Contemplation

The Provincial Definitory has decided to establish a House of Contemplation in the Province which is our most urgent need. I will be taking this as the theme for the next visitation programme in order to arrive at a consensus regarding the place, structure etc., and also to motivate ourselves to make use of it with inner conviction.

12. Belfry at Prem Nivas

St. Anthony's Parish at Prem Nivas has planned a belfry for the Church. The Fraternity has also requested for a four wheeler (Maruti Omni). The projects will be executed with the local collections.

13. Greetings for Birthday and Feast Days

We request all brothers to see our Website www.karnatakacaps.com for birthday and feast day greetings. I request all brothers to initiate the custom of a short intercessory prayer during the morning or evening prayer for the intention of the celebrant. This month there are 31 Birthdays. Let me wish all of them many happy returns of the day.

14. Hearty Condolences

We deeply mourn the death of Mr. James Joseph, the beloved brother of Br. Basil Joseph; Mr. George D'Souza, the beloved dad of Br. Stany Roshan D'Souza; Mrs. Elsie D'Souza, the beloved Mom of Br. Stephen D' Souza (Regent at Itarsi) and Mr. Jeffery Felix Pereira, the beloved dad of Br. Abhilash Pereira (Postulant) who passed away in the month of October. We offer heartfelt condolences to these our brothers and their sorrowing family members. May the departed persons inherit the Kingdom of God promised to every good Christian.

15. Let us remember our brothers who are ill

Br. Stanly Coelho successfully underwent a surgery for double hernia at Kengeri. He is recovering fast. Br. Joel Pinto is improving in health. Br. Desmond Rebello will undergo a knee surgery on 20th December 2010. Let us remember all our brothers who are ill and undergo pain and suffering.

16. Christmas and New Year Greetings

Let me also hasten to convey my Christmas and New Year Greetings. May we all take time to reflect and interiorize the mystery of incarnation and celebrate it on 25th December in a meaningful way. May you all have a very fruitful New Year 2011.

17. Provincial Minister's Programme

December 2010	
1	Provincialate
2-15	Vice Province of Arabia: Visit to friars
16-18	Provincialate
19-21	Trichy, CCMSI Meeting
22-25	Provincialate
26	Dayalbagh Ashram, Ujire
27-30	St. Anne's Friary, Mangalore
31	Provincialate
January 2011	
1-4	Provincialate
5-9	Bellary; Clara Vihar, Pothnal - Pastoral Visitation
10-14	Provincialate
15	Holy Trinity Mission Church, Shiggaon: Pastoral Visitation
16	Belgaum: Meeting with Bishop
17-18	Christalaya, Chikkodi: Pastoral Visitation
19-21	Provincialate
22-24	St. Fidelis Friary, Farangipet: Pastoral Visitation
25-26	Dayalbagh, Ujire: Pastoral Visitation
27-28	Assisi Nilaya, Moodubelle: Pastoral Visitation

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Place: Saccidananda, Bangalore

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