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True Humility – II (Admonition XXIV)

The second aspect of True Humility highlighted in the admonition number 24 is “readiness to be corrected”. A truly humble person is open to corrections, does not get angry or upset when someone corrects him. He does not consider himself incorrigible or beyond all corrections. What does this mean with respect to self understanding? It means that he accepts himself as a finite human being, limited in his knowledge and capacities. Seen from another perspective, he admits that there are others, who are more qualified, more capable than himself; he is willing to consult them and ready to be admonished by them. Further, he knows and admits that he is fallible and culpable; that he can commit not only mistakes, but even blunders.

The external characteristic of such a person is “docility”, namely, willingness to learn, to form and train himself. Our Capuchin Constitutions therefore give an important principle of all formation: “Throughout his life every brother is at the same time the person needing to be formed and the one forming because everyone always has something to learn and to impart” (Const. No. 23: 3). Ready to be formed means, ready to be corrected, moulded and transformed. He accepts the authority of the ‘other’, mainly the Superior, on his life. His life is not a closed box but an open book.

The Lord Jesus Christ declared that his disciples should not ‘lord it over others’ but be servants of all. This is clearly another characteristic of a humble person. He does not consider himself better or higher than others, he does not hold on to his own stand/opinion stubbornly. He can discern when he goes wrong and when others hint at him – even indirectly - that he has gone wrong. He intuitively realizes that it is time to correct himself, change his stand and admit his mistake.

Nowadays, corrections are becoming very rare. In the schools, the teachers are forbidden to correct the students, punish them or even demote them. All are promoted –even those who do not appear for exams. In the formation houses, direct corrections are hardly possible. The formees are given instructions, most of the time, in general, in common and sometimes very indirectly. Therefore, if I wish to imbibe this noble virtue of humility, I should know that and learn to discern how others show my mistakes. I need to have a very subtle openness towards others and also a deep sense of self awareness to observe how others relate towards me. I should be highly sensitive to the feelings of others and remain always open to receive vibrations from others which declare that there is something wrong in me and it is time for me to correct myself.

- Br. Vincent Gabriel Furtado OFM Cap

Provincial Communications

1. The Vice Province of Goa

The General Minister Br. Mauro Jöhri will raise the Vice Province of Goa to the status of a full-fledged Province in the year 2011. The date of the erection of the Province will be announced soon. We congratulate the Brothers from Goa and wish them a bright future in living and bearing witness to Capuchin Charism in the State of Goa and in the Missions assigned to them. This will be the third child of Holy Trinity Province assuming adulthood and autonomy. The Mother can truly feel herself self-fulfilled and joyous, praising the Creator who alone is the giver of all growth and development.

2. New Team in Sri Lanka Delegation

The Provincial Definitory appointed following brothers to lead St. Pio Delegation, Srilanka for the next three years after due consultation with the brothers working in the Delegation.

Br. Norbert D' Souza - Provincial Delegate

Br. William Andrade – First Councillor

Br. Arun Kumar - Second Councillor

We hope and pray that the Mission of Sri Lanka will grow and develop under their leadership during the next Triennium.

3. The Chapter of Mats

The proposed Chapter of Mats will take place in 2012 during the second week of Easter. Exact date will be announced later one. (The Easter will be on April 8)

4. Zonal Recollections

The First Round of Zonal Recollections will commence from November, 2010. Br. Dolphy Pais will be the animator. There will be a conference, Eucharistic celebration and a Community Dialogue depending on the circumstances.

The tentative programme is enclosed in the circular. The Friars requested to cooperate wholeheartedly. Depending on the response, the second round will be organized from June, 2011.

5. In the bosom of the Father: Br. Tarcy Mathias

Br. Tarcy Mathias breathed his last on 14 September 2010 due to cardiac arrest in the hospital in Bologna, Italy, where he was admitted for a routine checkup. In 2008, as he was busy in the Pilgrim centre in Ephesus he got a sudden stroke and had to be moved to Bologna, Italy. He was taking rest in the infirmary of the Emilia Romagna Province of Italy. He worked as a professor of Canon Law in Kotagiri from 1961 to 1968 and then proceeded to the Missions in North India. He worked more than twenty years in Bhopal Mission and then opted to go to Turkey in 1997, where he did very well in the sanctuary of Mother Mary in Ephesus till the day he fell ill. He was 79 when he died. May his soul Rest in Peace.

6. Promotion to Diaconate

Br. Vijay Kumar, Br. Joel Rocky D' Souza, Br. Sunil Dominic Lobo and Br. Ivor Fernandes have been promoted for the Order of Diaconate. They will make their retreat in DITH and will be ordained Deacons on 6 November, 2010 at Kripalaya by Most Rev. Dr. Thomas Antony Vazhapilly, the Bishop of Mysore. We congratulate them and wish them a fruitful Diaconate ministry.

7. Promotions in Sri Lanka

Br. Rukman Rodrigopulle has been promoted to the Fraternity experience and Br. Kamal Rosan Fernando, Br. Canicious Lawson Pilly, and Br. Sebastian Arulanandan and Br. Tiron Jesus Fernando have been promoted to do their Simple Profession. Br. Nishshanka Perera will do six months course in Shanthi Sadhana, FISI.

8. Welcome to Br. Santa Lopes and Br. Henry Vas

Br. Santa Lopes is already in the Province and has taken up the responsibility of Dean of Studies and Treasurer in Kripalaya, Mysore after returning from France where he did his Licentiate in Philosophy. We congratulate him for his hard work in mastering a new language and getting qualified to be a formator. We wish him a very fruitful stay in Kripalaya as a formator and thank very specially for his initiative to organize the "Ensemble Agissons" along with Br. Alwyn Dias who are supporting our Social Service projects in Pothnal.

Br. Henry Vas will return to the Province in the month of October, 2010 after his two years of studies in Fordham University, New York on Justice and Peace. He will be a qualified resource person of the Province on the themes of Justice and Peace. He will take over the responsibility as Guardian of Dayalbagh Ashram and the Director of DATI from 1 November, 2010.

We remain grateful and indebted to the Provinces of France and New York for welcoming and supporting our brothers during their stay with them and looking after their physical and academic needs.

9. From Rome to Home: Br. Francis Furtado and Br. Joel Rosario

Br. Francis Furtado returns to the Province in October, 2010 after completing his Licentiate in Franciscan Spirituality and a year's course in Formation Pedagogy. We welcome him back home. He has opted to be a Missionary in Uganda and he will take up the responsibility as a Formator in the Custody of St. Charles Lwanga from January, 2011.

Br. Joel Rosario of the Delegation of Christ the King, Mizoram-Tripura, will return to the Mission after completing his studies in Missiology. We extend him a very cordial welcome back to the Mission. He will be a future resource person in the Mission. We wish him all the best.

We thank General Minister for supporting these two brothers during their stay in San Lorenzo.

10. Br. Fredrick Braggs returns to the Province

After serving in the Mission of Sri Lanka for a few years, Br. Fredrick Braggs returns to the Province. We thank him for his meritorious service to the Mission and we hope that with his rich experience in the Missions he will be able to engage in the new ministry of rehabilitation of Alcoholics in Asha Kiran.

11. Br. Silvano D'Souza returns to the Mission

Having spent some years in the Province, Br. Silvano D'Souza has opted again to return to the Uganda Mission. He will be moving to the Custody in the month of October, 2010. We wish him once again a very fulfilling and fruitful stay in the Custody of St. Charles Lwanga.

12. New Missionaries to Japan

On 10 September, 2010 Brothers Ajit Rodrigues and Vincent Praveen Kumar left for Japan to work as Missionaries. They have been welcomed in Tokyo by Br. Denis Fernandes. After spending a few days in Tokyo they flew to Okinawa to begin their Language Course. May God bless them as they begin their study of a difficult language like Japan. May we remember them as they start their life as Missionaries in the Custody of Japan that God may give them perseverance.

13. Appointments

- Ø Br. Cornelius Monteiro - Monte Mariano, Farangipet
- Ø Br. Silvano D'Souza - Uganda Mission
- Ø Br. Henry Vas – Superior of Dayalbagh and Director of DATI
- Ø Br. Prakash Lobo – St. Anne's Friary, Editor and Manager of Sevak
- Ø Br. Santa Lopes – Dean of Studies and Treasurer of Kripalaya, Mysore
- Ø Br. Fredrick Braggs - Asha Kiran, Bhadravati
- Ø Br. Satish Fernandes - Vicar and the Director of Vimukti, Pothnal
- Ø Br. Claude Mascarenhas - Director of Aspirancy, Ujire
- Ø Br. Charles H. Saldanha will return to Dayalbagh, Ujire in October after his well-earned rest in Ryshivana.
- Ø In the North East Mission, we have established the Mission House in Kanchanpur. Br. Felix Pinto and Br. Prasanna Kumar have moved to the new Mission House.
- Ø Br. Peter Fredrick D'Souza has been transferred from Dubai to Bahrain as Co-pastor.

14. Ongoing Formation

Br. Joe Francis and Br. Dancy Martis will do B.Ed. from this academic year as regular candidates. Br. Vincent Balraj will do B.Ed in IGNOU and Br. Vinod Mascarenhas will do graduation in Law from Vivekananda Law College.

The following brothers will do their Post Graduate studies: Br. Fredrick Braggs (M.Sc in Counselling), Br. Manohar D'Souza (M.A. in Literature) and Br. Satish Fernandes (MSW).

15. The Mission Secretary

The Provincial Definitory decided to have a Mission Secretary and not a Secretariat for time being. Accordingly, Br. Joe Francis has been appointed as the Mission Secretary of the Province. He will be constantly in contact with the Superiors of the Missions. Let me request all the Superior Regulars and Provincial Delegates to keep in contact with Br. Joe Francis and coordinate with him all the programmes and activities of the Missions and the Missionaries.

16. Congratulations to Br. Francis Vineeth Dondu

Br. Francis Vineeth Dondu has received the appointment as Vicar General of the Apostolic Vicariate of Anatolia, Turkey. Let me congratulate him very heartily and wish him everything best as V.G. of the Apostolic Vicariate.

17. The Assembly of St. Pio Delegation, Srilanka

The assembly of St. Pio Delegation, Srilanka went on very successfully at Novitiate House, Mawila. The Brothers organized every detail very meticulously and every one participated whole heartedly. The Delegation will extend Capuchin presence to the Tamil Area in collaboration with Tamilnadu Province.

18. The Assemblies in the Missions

The Assembly of the Delegation of Christ the King, Mizoram-Tripura will take place on 11 - 12 November, 2010 and that of Infant Jesus Assembly, Nagaland-Manipur on 17 – 18, November, 2010. Br. Joe Francis and myself will be attending both the Assemblies.

19. The New Presence in Kanchanpur, Tripura

Most Rev. Bishop Lumen Monteiro blessed and inaugurated the Mission house built in Kanchanpur. With that we have inaugurated our Capuchin Presence in Tripura on a permanent basis. Br. Felix Pinto is the Superior of the house and Br. Prasanna Kumar will be the Headmaster of the proposed St. Francis of Assisi School which will commence from January, 2011. A new School building is being planned. Let me congratulate and also thank Br. Felix Pinto who took a lot of troubles to purchase two acres of land and construct the Mission House in Kanchanpur. Please note the Address of our Brothers: St. Francis of Assisi Nivas, Urichera, Kanchanpur – 799 270 North Tripura.

20. The New Presence in Kanhmun, Mizoram/Tripura

The Bishop of Aizawl, Most Rev. Stephen Rotluanga was insistently pleading us to take over Kanhmun Mission for a period of five years as he had no diocesan priests to look after the mission. It has a school, around 60 borders and situated between Mamit and Kanchanpur. Since it is convenient for us to reach the place and Br. Vincent Monis agreed to accept the challenge, we have gone there in August, 2010 for a period of five years. Br. Vincent Monis will be helped by Br. John Zodusanga, the Scholastic. We wish them a fruitful stay over there.

21. The New School building at Akuluto, Nagaland

The New School building of St. Clare's School in Akuluto, Nagaland was constructed through the help of Swiss Province. We thank Br. Prem Lawrence for his hard work to get ready the school building. The New School building will be inaugurated by Br. John Antony during his Pastoral Visitation in November, 2010.

22. Missionaries in Holidays

Br. Maxim Nazareth from Ugandan Custody is in the Province for his well deserved holidays. Br. Francis Dondu from Turkey is also on holidays in the Province. We wish them pleasant and relaxing holidays. Please welcome and entertain them in your Fraternities.

23. Constructions in the Province

The Provincial Definitory has decided to resume the construction work at Infant Jesus School, Chikmagalur viz., the first floor and also to plan a Friary in the same campus. New Friaries are also being planned at Shivally and Chikkodi. Meanwhile a new presence will be planned in Kollegal Taluk by purchasing a plot of land as the Bishop has not permitted to establish Capuchin Friary in Madikeri. The Provincial Definitory has also formulated a set of policies for constructions in the Province, a copy of which is enclosed, for your kind perusal.

24. Budgets

The following budgets have been approved with alterations and clarifications wherever needed: St. Joseph's Friary, Lower Kasarkod; St. Pio Friary, Sairang; Kripalaya, Mysore and St. Anthony's Friary, Hosanagar and Vocation promotion budgets.

25. Capuchin Education Board

The Executive body of CEB was active during these days. The Secretary Br. Chetan Lobo worked hard to get the recognition for Pre-University Course. Br. Gerald Lobo helped him to get the recognition for B.Com. Br. Gerald Lobo has also succeeded to get the recognition for 6th and 7th standards in Sneha Jyothi School, Pothnal. The Provincial Treasurer was generous to find finance to purchase five buses for our schools in order to provide transport to our children.

26. Reconciliation Cell

The Provincial Definitory has re-christened the proposed 'Grievance Cell' as 'Reconciliation Cell'. As per suggestions received from the Fraternities, the Definitory decided not to constitute any stable and lasting committee for the purpose. On the other hand the Provincial Minister in consultation with the Definitors will constitute an ad hoc committee as and when needed, who will strive to resolve the crisis and bring about reconciliation in each case.

27. Court Cases

We have won, one of the court cases of Prem Nivas, Gangondanahalli, through the hard work of Br. Joachim D'Souza who was following it up from some years. At the same time we have lost another – hence we had to go to the Supreme Court.

The FISI (Shanthi Sadhana), case for compensation is becoming very complex. We request your prayers for a smooth ending of the case.

28. Br. Shanta Prakash leaves for good

Br. Shanta Prakash, who was in Shiggaon after his one year of Post-Novitiate course, has decided on his own to leave the Order for good. We wish him every success in his future engagements.

29. Seminars

The DITH and Kripalaya organized a full day seminar on "Religion, Power and Peace" for the brothers and neighbouring religious communities and the Provincial Treasurer organized a Seminar on "Finances and Taxes" for all Superiors and Treasurers. We congratulate the organizers and thank all participants for making the seminars a good success.

30. Reminder to Brothers

October is the month of Society Meetings. We have several Societies and Trusts in the Province. The secretary has sent the Agenda copies to all members. All of them are requested to attend the meetings without fail.

31. Hearty Condolences

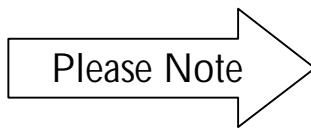
We deeply mourn the death of Mr. Alphonse D' Souza, the brother-in-law of Br. Henry Lobo and Mr. Antony Swamy, the beloved dad of Br. Sandeep B.A.(Postulant) who passed away on 17 September, 2010, and Mr. Estelisav Miranda, the beloved brother of Br. Marian Miranda who passed away on 22 September, 2010. 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.

32. Festal Greetings to all the Brothers

As we have already begun the Triduum for the Feast of our Seraphic Father, let me send warm greetings to all the Brothers in the Province for a blessed Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. May it be an occasion for us to renew our commitment to live his charism and to be true witnesses of the Gospel values which he lived and proclaimed in his life time.

33. Provincial Minister's Programme

October, 2010	
1	Sadbhavana, Annual Feast Day
2	Provincialate
3-5	St. Anne's Friary; Assisi Nilaya
6-13	Provincialate
14	CKSK, VCT meetings Ujire
15	St. Anne's Friary (a.m.); Monte Mariano (p.m.)
16	Golden Jubilee of SFO - Tallur
17	Udupi
18-23	Provincialate
24	CFSS and CEB meetings
25-31	Provincialate
November, 2010	
1-5	Provincialate
6	Diaconate - Kripalaya
7-8	Provincialate
9-14	Assembly – Mizoram
15-20	Assembly – Nagaland
21	Provincialate
22-23	Definitory Meeting – DITH, Bangalore
24	Provincialate
25	BCFSS Meeting at DITH, Bangalore
25-30	Pastoral Visitation – DITH Fraternity



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