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## International JPE Conference

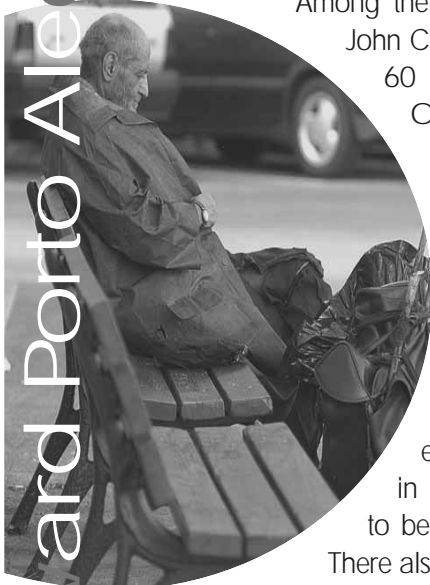
Toward Porto Alegre

The preparations continue for the International JPE Conference at Porte Alegre, Brazil from March 13-18, 2006. The theme of conference is: "Fraternal Life, Economic Justice, and the uprooting of Poverty".

Among the participants will be the General Minister, Br. John Corriveau, some General Definitors, and around 60 Brothers from the various conferences of the Order. During this week, there will be time for mutual fraternity with personal sharings as well as presentations by some experts. They will treat the topics: structures and mechanisms of poverty; economic justice and the uprooting of poverty in light of the social doctrine of the Church; the deepening of some dimensions of our Capuchin-Franciscan life taken from the challenges of poverty in the world; encounters with the reality in the local situation in order to arrive at some proposals-conclusions to be communicated in a simple way to the Order.

There also will be an opportunity for personal testimonies concerning our life and activity among the poor which might serve as models for the future life of our Order. The Conference of

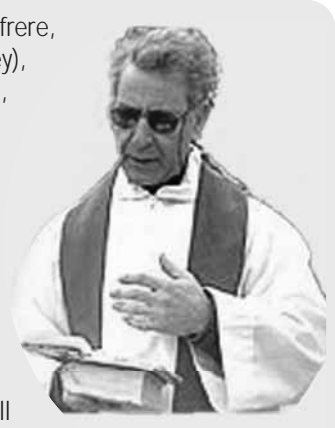
Porte Alegre will conclude a series of international assemblies organized by the Peace and Justice Office at Addis Abeba, Ethiopia ("Our Evangelical Fraternity in a multi-ethnic World"), and at Nagahuta, Indonesia ("Interreligious Dialogue in the context of diverse Fundamentalisms"). ●



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## Pain of the Holy Father at the killing of a priest in Turkey

Vatican City - In a telegram addressed to our confrere, Msgr. Luigi Padovese, Apostolic Vicar of Anatolia (Turkey), on the occasion of the assassination of the Italian priest, Don Andrea Santoro, in Trabzon, Turkey on Sunday, February 5th, the Holy Father highlighted the generosity and apostolic zeal with which the deceased priest had conducted his ministry "in favor of the Gospel and in service of the needy and marginalized persons". Likewise, the Minister General, Br. John Corriveau, sent a letter of condolences to Msgr. Padovese, in order to participate in this sorrowful moment with an expression of the closeness of the Capuchin Order and with an assurance of fervent personal prayer as well as that of the entire Order. ●

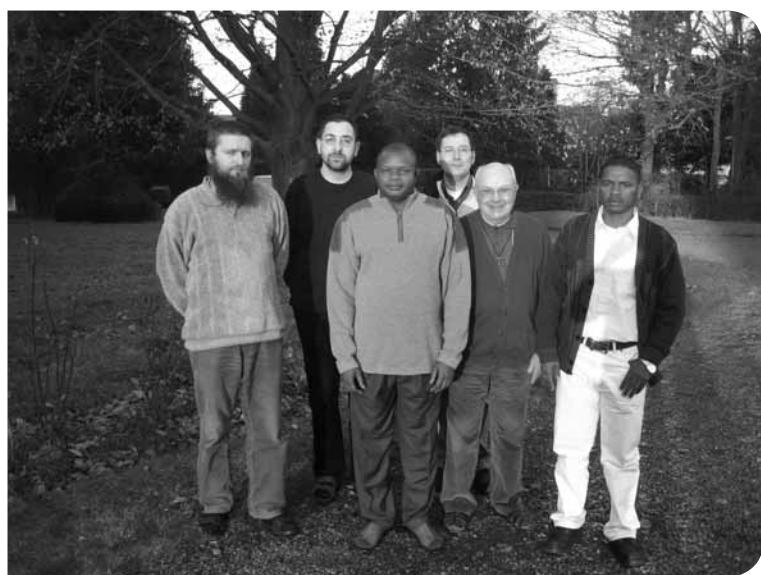


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## Common Preparations of the missionaries of the three Orders

**Belgium** - After the positive experience of the past year, a new group of missionary Brothers from the three Franciscan Orders (Minor, Conventuals, and Capuchins) began a formation program for the Missions in the Fraternity of "Notre Dame des Nations" in Brussels, Belgium. The group of new missionaries comes from Poland, Italy, Madagascar and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. All of the missionaries are designated for assignment in the missions of a French-speaking part of Africa of which three are Minors, four Capuchins and one Conventual. Also, the group of the presenters at the program are from three Franciscan Orders, who have ample experience in missionary life and formation. During the

three months of the program, the eight Brothers will assimilate the motivations for the missions from "ad gentes". They will also be introduced into life in an intercultural fraternity. They will deepen their Franciscan vision of



Fr. Georges Le Ray (Prov. of France), who is the coordinator of the formation program in substitution of Br. Arno Dähling. ●

## Changes...at Curia



Province of Krakow in Poland. In the month of February, likewise, Br. Antonysamy Arockiasamy returned to his Province of Tamil Nadu in India. He had been in Rome for three years in charge of the publication of the *Analecta OFM Cap.* We wish to extend our best wishes to both of them. Thanks, Brothers, for your service! ●

**Rome** - The change of two Brothers has influenced the life at the Curia in the past two months. At the end of January, after four and one-half years of working at the General Curia, each day taking the mail to the Post Office and doing other services in the Curia Fraternity, Br. Andrzej Szuszbier has returned to his



the missions and they will receive the essential instruments to begin their apostolic service in a diverse local church and culture. Among the formators for the first time, there will be a Franciscan missionary of Mary (FMM), which is a sign of the interest of the Franciscan family in this initiative. At the opening of the session this past January 9th, the General Secretaries of the Missions of the Minors and of the Capuchins (Br. Helmut Rakowski) were present. At the end of the period of formation, it is foreseen that the Minister Generals of the respective Orders will be present at the ceremony for the "missionary mandate". The Capuchins at Brussels are: Pawel Truskowski (Prov. of Warsaw), Lukasz Wozniak (Prov. of Warsaw), Freddy Tange Kaya (GVP of the Congo) and Modeste (Prov. of Madagascar).



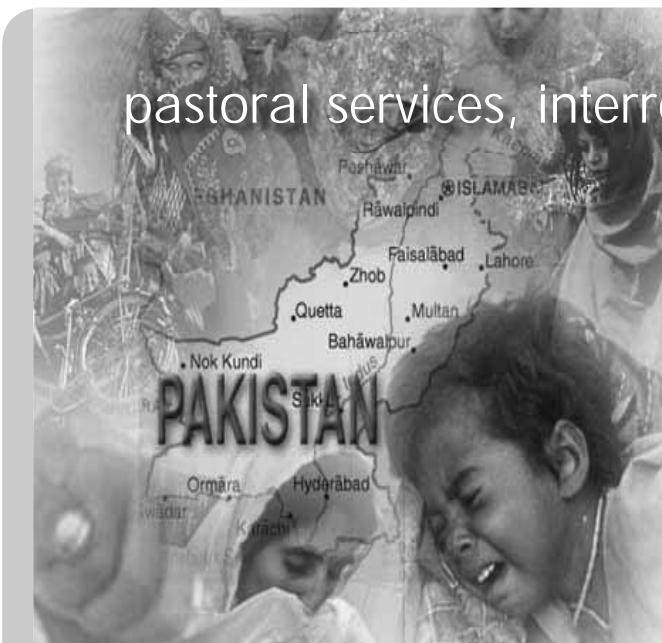
Revitalization of the Capuchin charism  
in the Church and in Italian society

Rome - Br. John Corriveau wrote to the Italian Minister Provincials: «It is urgent that we revitalize our Capuchin charism in Western Europe and to place the Order in a position to make a positive and qualitative contribution in the reevangelization of Europe... (and it is especially important)...to give attention to the elaboration of projects and more concrete political efforts, founded on a realistic appraisal of our strengths and regional possibilities» (Letter dated March 28, 2005). This is the task that the Minister General gave to CIMPCap in light of the General Chapter. From the positive experience of the Italian Capuchins' Chapter of Mats, which they celebrated at Assisi in October 2003, the General Definitors have proposed three regional chapters (North, Central and South), in which the Minister Provincials and their Definitors are called to confront the reality of their Province with this perspective and with the end of elaborating future projects. The fundamental task is to individualize the proper direction in order to advance faithfully our charism in an ever-changing world. This sense of renewal, of change and of a renewed hope is present also in other regions of Western Europe. The Conferences of Northern Europe have been redesigned in order to better reflect the new reality of the Order. The previous Conferences of EECC, PNVB, APEF and KDP have been united to form one new Conference, CENOC, which includes eleven Provinces from Ireland to Vienna. In France, there is now only one Province. There are intense initiatives with regard to the future form of our Capuchin presence in the German-speaking regions with the task of uniting the Provinces of North Tyrol and Vienna into one province of Austria along with a dialogue of the two Provinces of Germany. Recently, there was an initiative of a series of reflections concerning the redesigning of our presence in Spain. The General Definitory, thus, is convinced that the entire Order will be strengthened if the Provinces of CIMPCap will take an active roll in the process which has already begun in other regions of Western Europe. The three regional chapters are foreseen to take place in the month of February (13-16: Provincial Definitories of Southern Italy; 20-22: Provincial Definitories of Central Italy and; 26-28: Provincial Definitories of Northern Italy). ●



Capuchins in Pakistan  
pastoral services, interreligious dialogue, social works

Lahore (Pakistan) - "The Capuchin brothers of Pakistan have affirmed that "the sons of St. Francis of Assisi in Pakistan have taken on the task of bringing a message and a testimony of peace and of reconciliation into a society of violence and intolerance". Br. Francis Nadeem, the Viceprovincial of the Capuchins in Pakistan goes on to say that "in a situation which continues to witness scenes of interreligious tension and the emergence of fundamentalist groups, the testimony of the Capuchin brothers is simple and silent, it is humble and dedicated to an awareness of the themes of justice and of peace, of interreligious dialogue, with the formation of the young people, and with a commitment to education and to the field of health care". ●



## Capuchin Bill Henn receives "Sophia Award"

Washington, DC (USA) - On Sunday, February 5, 2006, Capuchin friar Bill Henn, OFM Cap., of the Capuchin Province of Saint Augustine was presented with the Sophia Award by the Washington Theological Union in Washington, DC. After the presentation of the award, Fr. Bill then delivered a discourse on the Status of the Ecumenical Movement. He is uniquely qualified to speak on this issue, for in addition to being a professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, he serves the Pontifical Commission on Ecumenism. Annually the faculty of WTU selects a recipient who, through writing, insight or ministry has made a significant contribution to an area of theology. It is called the Sophia Award because it is presented each year on the anniversary of the dedication of WTU's Holy Wisdom Chapel. Fr. Bill holds the distinction of being the first person to receive the award from a university or institution of higher learning outside of the United States. He is also the first alumnus of Washington Theological Union to have received the award. ●



## Practicum for archivists within the Franciscan Family

Roma - The School for Advanced Medieval and Franciscan Studies organized a practicum for archivists, reserving it to those who take care of the archives within the Franciscan family. The Practicum foresees an introductory course about the institutional structures and the legislation of the Franciscan family and then some presentations that will teach the story of how and what to do as an archivist. Likewise, there will also be theoretical and practical lessons with regard to the reorganization of an archive. The course will take place from November 20-24, 2006 from 15,25 to 18,50 in the School for Advanced Medieval and Franciscan Studies at the Pontifical Antonianum University in Rome, Italy. There will also be some visits to



other places of interest to archivists in Rome. In order to register for the course, one may get the registration form from the following address: <http://www.antonianum.ofm.org/scheda.zip> and mail it to "Scuola Superiore di Studi Medievali e Francescani" at the Antonianum before April 30, 2006. The course is free. Room and board are the responsibility of each participant. For those who desire it, a certificate of participation will be available at the end of the course. For other information, the applicant should contact the School for Advanced Medieval and Franciscan Studies at Pontificia Università Antonianum, Via Merulana, 124 - 00185 Roma Tel. +39.06.70373528 - +39.06.70373502. ●

## 10th edition of Summer Franciscan Courses in the French Language

Leon (France) - "Lord, what do you want that I do?". In order to respond to the voice of God, Francis and Clare engaged their freedom and will, two constituent gifts of a person created in the image and likeness of God. "Will and freedom, according to the Franciscan authors of the XIII-XIV centuries" will be the theme of the 10th edition of the summer Franciscan courses in the French language. Around 30 Brothers, Sisters from diverse Institutes (Minors, Capuchins, Poor Clares) are expected in Leon from August 21-29, 2006 for the summer courses in the French language. ●



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