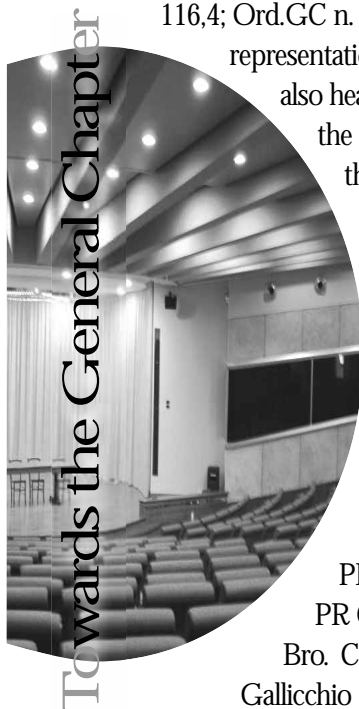




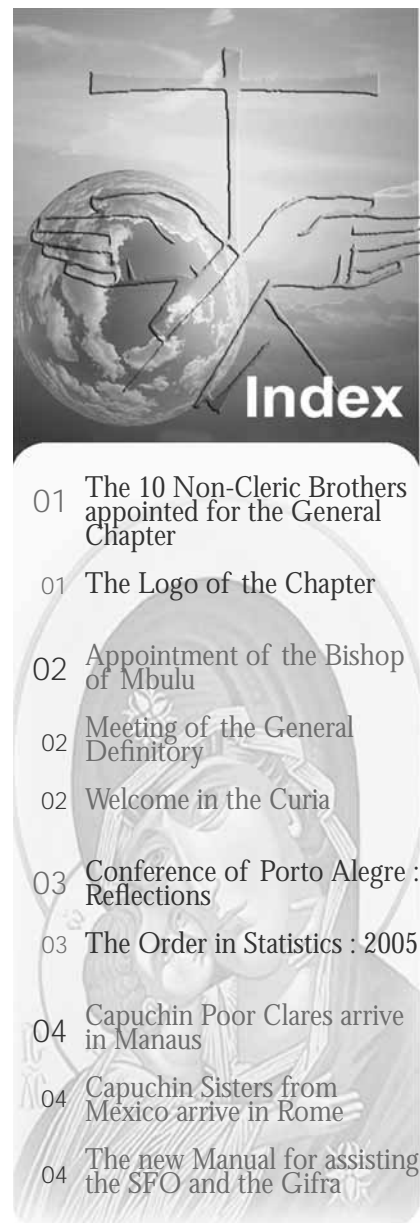
The 10 Non-Cleric Brothers appointed for the General Chapter

According to what had been decided by the 81st General Chapter of 1994 (cfr Constit. 116,4; Ord.GC n. 8/6), after having established the criteria of proportional representation of the non-cleric Brothers in the continents, having also heard the advice of the Conferences and held a straw ballot, the General Minister with the consent of his Definitory, in the Meeting of April 5, 2006, appointed ten non-cleric Brothers for the 83rd General Chapter.

The following have been appointed : For Africa : Bro Jésulad Penze Ngakefe (CONCAO, GVP of Congo); for North America : Bro. Robert Smith (NAPCC, PR Calvary); for Latin America : Bro. Isaias Francisco De Oliveira (CCB, PR Central Brazil), Bro. Jorge Macías De Céspedes (CONCAM, VP Puertorico); for Asia and Oceania: Bro. Martinian Njarackal (CCMSI, VP of Pavanatma); for Europe : Bro. Michael Hargan (CENOC, PR Great Britain), Bro. Miguel Anxo Peña González (CIC, PR Castiglia), Bro. Ladislav Tkacik (CECOC, PR Slovacchia), Bro. Crispino Valeri (CIMPCap, PR Abruzzo), Bro. Massimo Gallicchio (CIMPCap, PR Cosenza) ●



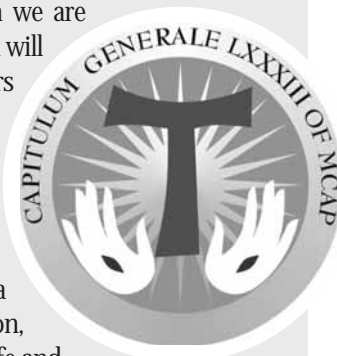
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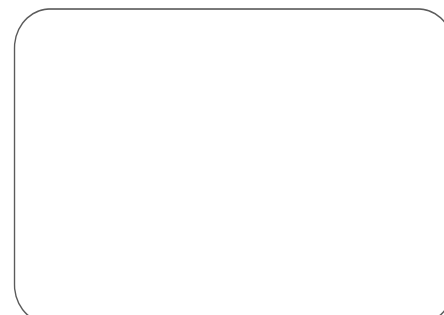
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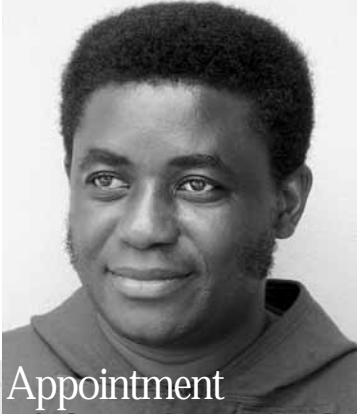
The Logo of the Chapter

Javier Arteaga R, assigned by Br. Evaristo Acosta Maestre, won the competition for the Logo of the LXXXIII General Chapter which was announced by the preparatory technical commission. Wholeheartedly we thank Javier Arteaga R. and Br. Evaristo for this artistic contribution which we are sure will give to the Chapter itself a particular note and will serve as a bond among the Chapter and the Brothers in the various Circumscriptions. The symbol and the design are placed on a circular form which evokes the emotive and natural aspect; it symbolizes the eternal lineament, the wheel of life, the eternal return, the form without beginning and without end, the idea of time, the past and the present. It is endowed with a symbolic strength of fertility. It is reunion, communion, fulfilment and nobility; it implicitly has the ideas of life and of movement. The circle is God and eternity; it is infinity and warmth, it is a spiritual reality ●



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Appointment of the Bishop of Mbulu

Vatican City : H. H. Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bro Beatus Kinyaiya as the Bishop of Mbulu in Tanzania. Bro Beatus was already Provincial Minister of the province of Tanzania; he was born on may 9, 1957, in Shimbwe, in the Diocese of Moshi. After his primary studies in Shimbwe, he went for his secondary schooling in the Seminary of Maua and Itaga. Then he joined the novitiate of the Capuchins in Kasita and made his perpetual Profession on June 5, 1988. He studied philosophy in Kibosho Major Seminary and theology at St. Charles Lwanga Segerea Senior Seminary. He received his priestly ordination on June 25, 1989. He obtained a B.A. and M.A. in History, Geography and Philosophy from London University. After his ordination, he exercised his ministry as Vice-rector and teacher at Maua Seminary (1989-1992); then for four years he was Rector in the same Seminary up to 1999 when he was elected Provincial Minister of the Province of Tanzania. At the same time, he was President of the Capuchin Conference for East Africa (EACC); he was also President of the Association of Religious Superiors of Tanzania (R.S.A.T). At present, he was in Rome for a sabbatical year studying Spiritual Theology at the Pontifical Antonianum University ●

Rome - From March 27 to April 7, 2006, the General Definitory celebrated its plenary meetings as programmed:

- The main items were related to the preparations for the coming General Chapter: the provisional programme and the main points of the agenda to be discussed; the appointment by the General Minister and his Definitory of the ten non-cleric Brothers as delegates for the General Chapter and the letter to be written to the Major Superiors and the Presidents of the Conferences in which these names were to be officially announced. The preparation of the General Minister's Report to the Chapter was also discussed.
- The Definitory renewed the International Commission of Economic Solidarity as follows :President - Vicente Kiaziku, General Definitor, Vicepresident - Manoel Delson Pedreira da Cruz, General Definitor; Members : Oliviero Bergamaschi (Ivory Coast), Jesús García Las heras (Ecuador), Francisco Barreto (N.E. Brazil), Francis Gasparik (New York-New England), David Francis Peramangalam (St. Thomas Apostle-Kerala), Hubert Calas (France), Krispin Nociar (Slovakchia), Domingo Añó Cebolla (Valencia), Ennio Tiacci (Umbria), Huub Boelaers (Holland), Othmar Noggler (Bavaria), Linus Fäh (Switzerland); Secretary : Luís Eduardo Rubiano, General Bursar (Colombia); Project Managers: Jean-Marc Boulé (Eastern Canada), Agapit Mroso (Tanzania), Carlos Tavares (Minas Gerais).

Meeting of the GERAL Definitory

- It was also decided to leave to the new General and Definitory to organise and fix dates for the forthcoming formation meeting of the newly-elected or appointed Ministers during 2006.
- It examined and approved the financial budgets of 2005 and the estimates for 2006 of the General Curia and of all the Houses and Institutions depending on the General Minister.
- Examined the numerous triennial reports, the summaries of the reports of the pastoral visits made by the Definitors and the Chapters celebrated and presided over by General Minister and Definitors ●

Welcome in the Curia



The General Curia recently welcomed in its family two new Brothers : The first is Bro. Reginald Mganga, of the Province of Tanzania, who after studying the italian language will serve as a porter.

The other is Bro. Piotr Komorniczak, of the Viceprovince of Ucraina, who had been called at the Curia to serve as assistant Vice-Secretary in the Office of Economic Solidarity. We joyfully wish these our Brothers to find their fulfilment among us ●



From all the participants

THANKS!

The Conference of Porto Alegre in Brazil was made possible not only thanks to the attentive preparation of the JPE Commission Director (Bro Tewelde Beyene) and the other Commission members (Aubert Bertrand, Wilson Dallagnol and others) but also to the availability offered by the Province of Rio Grande do Sul. In a special way, the delegates were surrounded by the Brothers who have done everything to make their stay in Brazil as pleasant as possible. Thanks also to all the Ministers, brothers and friends the world over who have offered prayers and encouragement.

Conference of Porto Alegre : Reflections

At the end of the International Conference of JPE held in Porto Alegre, the Communications Office asked the Brothers for comments on the progress of work done, on the experience of fraternity, what special remembrance the participants would carry home, and some immediate impressions. Here are some of them showing the experiences shared, the hopes, challenges and dreams of some of them (Part I).

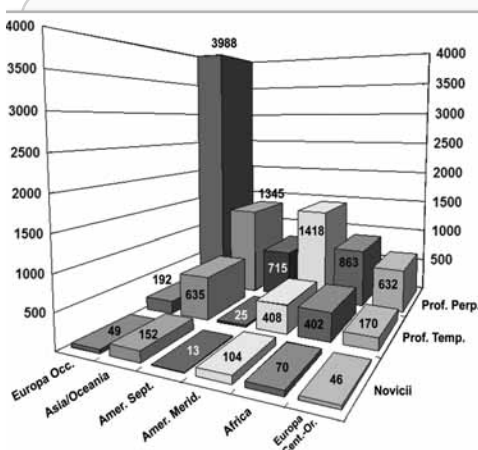
- The participation in the Meeting enriched me a lot and helped me to discover how the Gospel can help us overcome our "differences" and grow in the experience of a more united and authentic fraternity. Perhaps it is too early to acknowledge and comment on the fruits of the meeting and much more to understand its implications in our life and our social works. What is clear, however, is that we have been encouraged to move on to live a more fraternal economy where there is a global one; to live in solidarity where there is individualism; to live in communion with all creation, all of us being responsible for everything, open to hope in our gospel charism. Fredy Montalvo Marquez (VP Mexico)



- We are five Italian Capuchins sent by CimpCap who have participated at Porto Alegre in the Meeting organised by the Order's JPE General Commission. We enjoyed the fraternal environment and the good dynamic relationships, overcoming the difficulties of communication between the different languages and sensibilities. The five reports are a precious contribution to deepen what is being concretised and maturing in the Order in these last years as formulated in the various documents especially those of the PCO V, VI and VII. We can share with all that the insistent and urgent calls on the themes of justice, peace and the safeguard of the environment, show to the Capuchins not only a pastoral and social commitment but they also identify those elements which cannot be given up and which are part of our charism : that is the way to redeem and qualify relationships among us, with other people and with creation. We return home enriched by what we heard, by the fraternal experience lived, by the fraternal welcome given by our Brazilian Brothers especially those of the Province of Rio Grande do Sul. While the message sent to all the Brothers expresses the common will to work prophetically in our times in favour of the poor, the least and the emarginated, we wish that it will be a worrying stimulus of renewal which will be significant for the Church and the world (Delegates of the CimpCap) ●

The documents and the "daily life" of the Conference of Porto Alegre are still to be found on the internet at : www.ofmcap.org

The Order in Statistics : 2005



Rome - Once again this year the Statistics of the Order were elaborated in time and updated up to December 31, 2005; the details will be published in full in the coming issue of ANALECTA. The total number of Brothers in the Order reached 10,793. The Postulants are 729, the Novices 434, Temporary Professed are 1,832, those Perpetually Professed 8,961, Permanent Deacons 8, Bishops 86, Houses 1,614. Rio

Grande do Sul leads the Provinces with the greatest number of brothers having 377 religious; it is followed by the Province of Karnataka with 366, Venice 363, Lombardy 354, St. Joseph-Kerala 348. The smallest in number are : Province of Austria with 30 and Central Canada with 22. Italy remains the country with the largest number of Brothers, that is 2,561. The greatest number of Novices are found in India (110), Brazil (67) and Italy with 66 ●



Capuchin Poor Clares arrive in Manaus

Manous (Brazil) : Six Capuchin Poor Clares “Sacramentarie” arrived on the outskirts of Manaus : two are from Mexico and four from the Philippines. This decision was taken to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the presence of the “Sacramentarie” Poor Clares in the Asian Archipelago where they had arrived 25 years ago from Mexico. They wanted to enrich the local church by having two sisters from the original monastery. At Manaus there are already ten girls who would like to join them and start the way in their special consecration to God. In the whole of the Amazonas, there is only one monastery of contemplative sisters: the Benedictines of Itacoicara. The Capuchin Poor Clares have two monasteries: one in Flores da Cunha (Rio Grande do Sul) and the other in Macapà, the capital city of the State of Amapà. The “Sacramentarie” Poor Clares are a branch of the Capuchin sisters who are dedicated to perpetual adoration in their churches, day and night ●



Rome – On March 18, 2006, six Capuchin Sisters originating from two monasteries in Mexico arrived at the Garbatella in Rome, to help that community. Before they left for Italy, they underwent

a course to study the Italian language and deepen their knowledge of Italian customs and culture. We all appreciate the generosity shown by the Mexican monasteries in sending these six good Sisters ●

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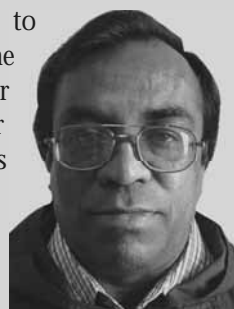


The new Manual for assisting the SFO and the Gifra



Rome - A new Manual is being printed by the Conference of General Assistants of the SFO to help the Spiritual Assistants so that they may help more deeply their members and be more in line with the history and the spirit of the SFO which they serve. The book will serve as a help for all those who want to journey on the spiritual path of the SFO from its origin till the present day and explains well the role of the Assistant.

This new Manual will be given to all the Spiritual Assistants of the SFO and those responsible for Franciscan Youth Groups. For further information and enquiries please contact Bro. Irudaya Samy, General Assistant SFO, writing to: ofmcap@ciofs.org ●



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