

PROPER LITURGICAL CALENDAR OF THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CAPUCHIN

Letter of Promulgation

(Prot. n. 00517/02)

To the major superiors of the Order

Dear brothers,

With this letter I promulgate the *Calendarium proprium Ordinis Fratrum Minorum Capuccinorum* which the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments approved in a decree dated 6 July 2002 (Prot. n. 1350/02/L).

With this letter of promulgation the new liturgical calendar proper to our Order takes effect immediately, replacing the one approved in 1971 (see *Analecta OFM^{Cap}* 87 [1971] 147-149). The revision of the Capuchin calendar was made subsequent to the revision of the General Franciscan Calendar (*Calendarium Proprium pro Familiis Franciscalibus* [OFM, OFMConv, OFM^{Cap}, TOR]), approved by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments in a decree dated 12 December 2001 (see *Analecta OFM^{Cap}* 117 [2001] 297-300).

The Capuchin Proper Calendar includes 32 celebrations proper to our Order: 4 feasts, 10 obligatory memorials, and 18 optional memorials.

Besides the *feasts* of St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen (24 April), St. Felix of Cantalice (18 May), and St. Lawrence of Brindisi (21 July) – which were already included in the previous calendar – the celebration of St. Veronica Giuliani (10 July) has been upgraded to a *feast* to express the close fraternal bond which exists between ourselves and the Capuchin Poor Clares.

All the other canonized Capuchin saints are celebrated with the rank of obligatory memorials. All the blessed of the Capuchin Order and the Capuchin Poor Clares are celebrated with the rank of optional memorials.

Individual provinces and other circumscriptions of the Order, with the required approval, may add celebrations other than the ones specified in the *Calendarium Proprium pro Familiis Franciscalibus* (OFM, OFMConv, OFM^{Cap}, TOR) and in the *Calendarium Proprium Ordinis Fratrum Minorum Capuccinorum*. Similarly, the rank of celebrations of particular significance to a province or region may be upgraded, provided that the liturgical norms are always observed.

Apart from this right of the jurisdictions of our Order, it is my hope, as I have expressed at other times, that as far as possible, the various branches of the Franciscan Family in individual nations and regions collaborate in preparing a common calendar based on the Universal Calendar of the church and on the *Calendarium Proprium pro Familiis Franciscalibus* (OFM, OFMConv, OFM^{Cap}, TOR).

Along with this letter I am sending a copy of the approved calendar in Latin. As soon as the vernacular translations are available the general secretariat will send them to you. The calendar will

be published in the *Analecta Ordinis* both in its Latin text and in the main vernacular languages of the Order.

The approval of the calendar will allow us to take review the liturgical texts of the celebrations, integrate them and eventually update them. This work, which the general curia will begin shortly, will call for the collaboration of other brothers of the Order who will be contacted through their respective provincial ministers or through the presidents of the conferences.

Imploring the protection of our sainted brothers and sisters on each and everyone of you, I remain fraternally yours.

Br. John Corriveau, OFM Cap.
General Minister

Rome, 21 July 2002, Feast of St. Lawrence of Brindisi