



CPO VIII in all the languages

The letter of the General Minister at the conclusion of the VIII Plenary Council of the Order and the texts of the approved proposals are

available on our website in the seven official languages of the Order. Let us deepen our awareness of these texts.

A new Venerable for the Order

On January 21, 2016 Pope Francis authorized the Congregation for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree to recognize the heroic virtues of the Servant of God Arsenio of Trigolo (1849-1909), Capuchin of the Province of Lombardy and founder of the Sisters of Mary the Consoler.

The Servant of God was born in Trigolo, in the province of Cremona, on June 13, 1849. While still a boy he desired to serve the Lord, and convinced his parents to let him enter the seminary of St. Margaret in Cremona. Because of his goodness and speaking ability he was sent ahead of time—because of a lack of priests—to a parish and had to divide his time between study and pastoral care. On March 21, 1874 he was ordained priest and was sent to be assistant to the pastor in Paderno di Ossolario and then to Cassano d'Adda, where

he met the young Pasqualina Giuseppina Fumagalli.

With a desire to dedicate himself completely to God, he decided to become a religious, asking to enter the Society of Jesus. The bishop Geremia Bonomelli, who considered him a very good young man, begrudgingly accepted his request. The Servant of God began his novitiate at Les Alleux (France) on December 14, 1874, making first religious profession in 1877.

He made solemn profession in Venice the next year as spiritual assistant (operarius). In his apostolic service he was esteemed by all, especially the women's religious communities that had him for a retreat director and as someone who accompanied the interior life.

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Servant of God
Arsenio
da Trigolo
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Visit of General Minister to Pakistan



From April 24 to 29, 2016, accompanied by his interpreter Br. Fernando Ventura, the General Minister Br. Mauro Jöhri went to visit the friars of the Custody of Pakistan. Our presence in Pakistan is concentrated above all in Lahore and its surroundings, while the formation house for theology is in Karachi. The Custody, founded by Flemish friars from Belgium, today counts 29 friars in perpetual vows and just as many in temporary vows. It's a good hope for the future of our Order! On the 27 there was a visit with the students of the three schools founded and directed by the friars, which have over 3,500 students from kinder-

garten to secondary school. It was a very moving moment that illustrated very well the work done by the Belgian missionaries. They had understood that to create opportunities and development for the Christian population it would be necessary to promote education, and that's what they did. Pakistan is an overwhelmingly Muslim country and Christians and Hindus are a minority. The General Minister was able to move about the country without any difficulty and to meet all the friars and speak with them. May the good Lord bless our presence and the great country of Pakistan!

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Spanish & Portuguese Speaking Capuchins meet Brother Francis & Sister Clare



22 Capuchin brothers from Latin America and Spain participated in the Heritage programme conducted from 3rd to 21st April 2016, in Italy and particularly at Assisi and surrounding Franciscan places. Through visits, reflection, fraternal living and contemplation they were helped to encounter Brother Francis and Sister Clare. They were helped to update their wisdom in Biblical and Franciscan Spirituality, our Charism, Franciscan Anthropology, Discernment, Inner Journey, Capuchin History, Therapies to heal the past wounds and Contemplation for Holistic Integration. They were able to enjoy the fraternal spirit and universal brotherhood very much present during

these days of renewal. They had also the possibility to meet our General Minister Br. Mauro Jöhri, brothers from the fraternities of General Curia, Collegio San Lorenzo, and Via Cairolì from Rome; Assisi, Camerino and Frascati.

The animators, brothers Jaime Rey, Sidney Machado, Leonardo Gonzalez, Martin Torres and Charles Alphonse accompanied them. The participants were grateful to God and the Order for this opportunity to get back to their roots, heal and renew themselves. They wish that many brothers of the Order have similar experiences.

[Read more and see photos of the meeting on the website](#)





Earthquake in Ecuador

fr. Rodolfo Erburu - Missionario Cappuccino in Ecuador

A strong earthquake with a magnitude of 7.8 shook Ecuador on Saturday, April 16. It was felt on the whole coast and in the central zone of the Andes of Ecuador. Whole towns and villages were destroyed and large parts of the country are without electricity, telephone, and water. Fourteen thousand members of the security forces have been mobilized in order to help. The priorities have been the search for survivors and the distribution of food. International assistance has come quickly from Spain, Mexico, Colombia, and Chile, both in donations of food and in the work of technical specialists in the search for survivors. Help from other countries is on the way in the coming days. With the passing of the hours, in the midst of the suffering, it has been striking and beautiful to see the convoys of trucks with water, provisions, and machinery. From the depths of pain, solidarity has emerged as a ray of hope in the midst of despair.

How to help?

Both civil and ecclesiastical authorities have been involved in order to relieve the most urgent needs. Professionals are needed: psychologists, doctors, and religious priests, as well as volunteers who are able to dig and rebuild. For those who live outside of Ecuador, it is important to send messages that express solidarity, comfort, and closeness.

One of the first needs is the sending of medicines. The coming weeks will be decisive for the health of the victims: vaccines, insect repellent for adults and children, baby bottles, powdered milk, diapers, and food for those who are nursing. It is necessary to get to the small villages and groups of poor houses which have not yet received adequate help. A group of psychologists and teachers from CESMAG (Maria Goretti Higher Studies Center – Columbia) at the Capuchin University in Pasto, is working to accompany and assist the children during the long days

of inactivity, as are other professionals and groups of volunteers.

The Christian groups of the Capuchin brothers in Portoviejo have supported for many years a public soup kitchen for poor children with the help of the Capuchins of Spain. After the earthquake, despite having suffered damage to the walls, this soup kitchen continues to prepare 600 meals a day for those who have been hurt.

The Capuchin church in Portoviejo was heavily damaged and reconstruction will be necessary to make the building safe again. Money is needed to cover the immediate needs. The work of rebuilding thousands of homes is an unsustainable challenge that is beyond the capacity of the country. Everyone must lend a hand. We will move forward together resolutely, with perseverance and support.

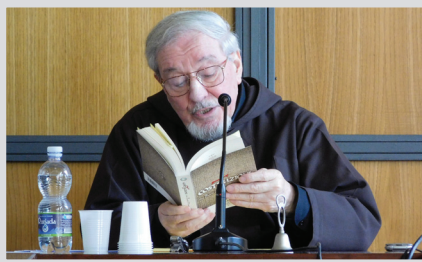
SERCADE (SERvicio CAPuchino de DESarrollo - Capuchin Development Service) has made a bank account available in order to receive help. In the coming days or weeks we will be able to set up the assistance concretely.

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Meeting of the Vice Postulators of the Order in Frascati



From April 11 to 13, the friary in Frascati welcomed the second meeting of the vice postulators of the Order. The theme of the meeting was “holiness and relics.” The speakers knew how to involve the participants with their reports. Introducing the agenda, the General Postulator expressed his gratitude to the Lord for the holiness that is always living in our Order and for the possibility of a second meeting together. The first report, by Fr. Ubaldo Terrinoni, a Capuchin of the Rome Province, was an introduction to the work, opening up the theme of holiness, helping the

participants to taste its beauty and importance. The next day, the two speakers caught the attention of the participants by means of their two reports. Fr. Zdzislaw Kijas, relator of the Causes of the Saints, developed the theological aspects of the cult of the relics. In the afternoon, Msgr. Robert Sarno, an official of the Congregation, illustrated the juridical aspects with great clarity. Everyone expressed great satisfaction with the meeting as well as for the fraternal welcome given by the local fraternity of the Capuchins in Frascati.

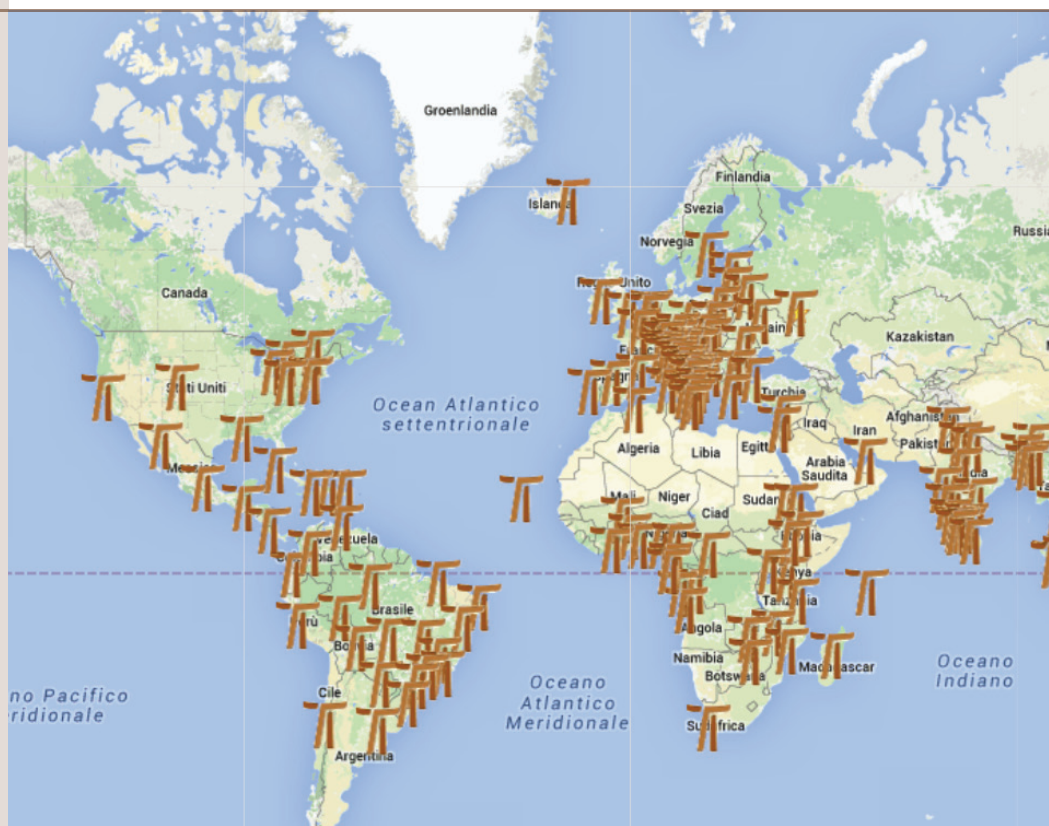
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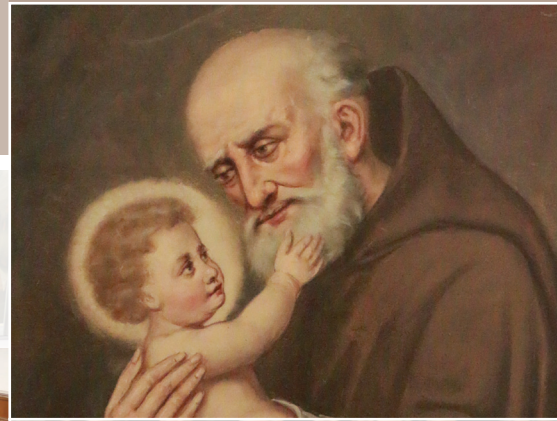
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We are Brothers

100 Italian lay brothers in Rome for the **500th** anniversary of the birth of St. Felix of Cantalice



On April 30, 2016, looking forward to the conclusion of the fifth centenary of the birth of St. Felix of Cantalice, the Roman Province and the Italian Conference of Capuchin Provincial Ministers ([CIMPCAP](#)) invited all the lay brothers of Italy for a day of fraternity and spirituality. The participation was very good and many friars came to Rome from all the Italian provinces, from the General Curia, and from the International College. The day began with a visit to the friary of St. Bonaventure where St. Felix lived for about forty years in his service of questing. Then the friars went to the friary of Via Veneto and were received by the General Minister, Br. Mauro Jöhri. Beginning with

his letter to the Order, *The Indispensable Gift of Lay Brothers for our Order*, he offered a report on the lay brother's vocation to consecrated life and on the beautiful life's witness that our brothers have given and continue to give. Br. Rinaldo Cordovani, Archivist of the Roman Province, illustrated certain details of the life of St. Felix. Much appreciated was the film produced by Tele Padre Pio, in which the witness and activity of some brothers was presented through interviews carried out during their daily service. The day concluded with the celebration of the Eucharist in the beautiful church of the Immaculate Conception, after which there was a nice lunch.

[Talk of the General Minister in Italian – Br. Mauro Jöhri OFMCap](#)



Franciscans International - April 2016

The International Board of Directors of Franciscans International (IBD) held its semi-annual meeting at the Geneva office of FI from April 22-25, 2016. Ruth Marcus, a lawyer from Malaysia and the newly appointed representative of the OFS, was welcomed to the Board. Doug Clorey, the previous representative of the OFS on the Board, completed his four year term as President. Joe Rozansky, OFM, was elected as the new President and Sr. Carla Casadei was voted to continue her service as Treasurer. Br. Benedict Ayodi, OFM Cap and Br. Jude Winkler, OFM Conv. retained their positions as vice president and secre-

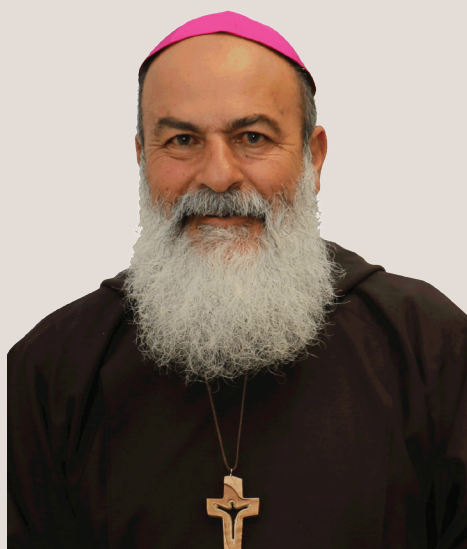
tary respectively. In September, Joe Rozansky finished ten years in Rome as the director of the OFM Office of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation; while there he also worked closely with the Roman VI, the JPIC group of the Franciscan Family. He has now returned to work in the formation program of his province, to which he has dedicated many years of his ministry.

The Board bid farewell to two staff members: Francesca Restifo who was the Director of Advocacy (stationed in Geneva) and Amanda Lyons who was the Director of the Americas Program (stationed in New York). The new Director of

Advocacy is Sandra Ratjen who recently began her responsibilities. The President's report spoke of the evaluation process underway to establish a sense of the current status of the organization in view of planning for the future. The present financial stability of Franciscans International allows for the possibility of taking a long term view of its activities and the possibilities for the coming years. Two areas discussed were the possible redefinition of the presence of Franciscans International in New York and the establishment of an Advisory Group of Franciscans interested in the promotion of JPIC issues at the UN.



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Angelo Pagano - Vicar Apostolic of Harar - Ethiopia

The Holy Father has appointed Vicar Apostolic of Harar (Ethiopia) Rev. Angelo Pagano, OFM Cap., pastor and project manager of the Capuchin Custody of Cameroon. He has already been assigned the titular see of Fico.

Rev. Angelo Pagano, OFM Cap.

Rev. Angelo Pagano, OFM Cap., was born on January 15, 1954 in Asmara (Eritrea), at that time part of Ethiopia, to Italian immigrant parents. Completing primary and secondary school in 1973, he obtained a diploma in construction. At 19, he returned to his family in Italy. At 25 he entered the Capuchins, whom he had known in Asmara. He made first vows on September 8, 1981 and solemn vows on April 14, 1988. On June 25, 1988 he was ordained priest. Immediately fol-

lowing, at his request, he was sent to Cameroon as a missionary.

Following ordination he had the following assignments: parochial vicar of the parish of Shisong, in the diocese of Kumbo (1989-1992); pastor of the same community (1992-2003); President of the Capuchin Conference of West Africa (1988-2000); First Custos when the Delegation of Cameroon was promoted to a Custody (1993-2000); member of the presbyteral council of the diocese of Kumbo (1996-2003); Vice Provincial of Ethiopia (2003-2009); Superior of the Custody of Cameroon (2009-2014).

Since 2015 has been Project Manager of the Custody of Cameroon, and pastor in Shisong.

[Information on the Vatican website](http://www.vatican.va)