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The Meeting of New Ministers 2016, Frascati, July 3-11. This training course was designed by the Order to provide the provincials and Custos, who are decision makers to receive a better understanding of what is meant by *“Called to animate the brothers”*. This animation course is the preferred approach for guiding and animating the friars, organising, administering and managing the various aspects of our Capuchin life to achieve diverse goals demanded by the Constitutions. Then main foundational purpose is to acquire knowledge of how to implement and integrate the rule, Testament and the Constitutions into policy and practice, and a means for leaders to come together to discuss management and animation. During these 6 days of training and dialogue, 14 newly elected provincials and custos along with the General Council present attended this interaction and inspiration for the entire session. The format of the training and animating course included a mixture

of presentations and facilitated discussion on why, what, and how to govern and animate the provinces and friars. The themes dwelt and discussed were like the figure and role of the Provincial and Custos, Fidelity to the consecrated life, the economy of the Order, International economic solidarity ect. The animation course began with a welcome from Minister General with an opening keynote address in which he explained the scope and purpose of the Animation. All the presentations reviewed the existing Canonical, constitutional policy, institutional, and governance arrangements that are relevant today. The course at Frascati provided a framework to equip and prepare the provincials and custos with the skills and knowledge necessary to perform efficiently and effectively in their respective roles as animators with the hope of implementation of what was spoken in the training program.

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Venice Meeting - «Project Europe»

br. Pio Murat OFM Cap



About sixty friars from thirty different circumscriptions of Europe met from July 10-16, 2016 at our Capuchin friary on the island of Giudecca in Venice. Those gathered wanted to reflect on the future of our presence in the Old Continent. Talks, sharing of experiences, work in groups, and free time allowed the friars to get to know each other and to share their dreams and aspirations. Liturgy and personal prayer, nourished each morning by a guided meditation from Br. Štefan Kožuh, General Vicar, emphasized that there has to be a deep and personal relationship with the Lord and the base of all of our efforts.

On the first day, Br. Pio Murat, General Councilor, presented the big picture of the “Europe Project”, which was then taken up by the participants in study groups. The days following were dedicated to the fundamental aspects of our charism: Br. Giovanni Salonia led on the topic of the fraternal life, Br. Marek Miszczyński on the life of prayer, and Br. Paweł Paszko and Br. Tomasz Żak on mission.

On Wednesday, July 13 we had the General Minister, Br. Mauro Jöhri, with us, and he emphasized how our fraternal presences are signs of the gospel in a culture that is secularized and indifferent to religious phenomena. Together we can serve the Church and witness to our faith.

During the meeting the following topics were discussed:

- The multicultural fraternities will be set up according to a clear plan. Already this type of experience is in place in Clermont-Ferrand and Kilkenny, and soon there will follow the fraternities of Spello and Lourdes. In turn there could follow a fraternity on the

Camino de Santiago in León and one in Antwerp in Belgium.

- The call to *fan the flame of our charism* has emerged in a significant way in our discussions as a concrete response to the new evangelization. If in order to evangelize, one must first let himself be evangelized, then our Capuchin vocation lived in its fullness is the crucible of our life according to the Gospel and the starting point of mission.

- What was most clear in our days together was the joy of meeting and getting to know one another and of sharing high and beautiful aspirations. This meeting also showed the need for an animation in Europe that goes beyond Provinces and Conferences. The desire emerged to set up a network of fraternal contacts in order to promote common initiatives, e.g. ‘itinerancy and mission’, ‘house of prayer’, shared initiatives for formation ...

May the success of this beginning inspire the “Project Europe” working group to remain with and assist these new initiatives and to propose further meetings in the coming years.

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Learning to **pray** in order to learn to **live**

Dear Brother!
We are happy to be able to offer you five introductions to the life of prayer that could be useful for your personal experience with the Lord. As part of the presentations for our “Project Europe” meeting held from July 10-16, 2016 at our friary in Venice, our General Vicar, Br. Štefan

Kožuh, presented a synthesis of both magisterial doctrine and the simple teaching of Br. Ignacio Larrañaga, OFM Cap. on our life prayer, basing it on three foundations: *Persons of prayer*, *Emptiness of self* (humility), and *Good wishes* (mutual charity). We hope you enjoy and profit from these conferences!



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Project Europe

br. Giovanni Salonia



br. Mauro Jöhri



br. Marek Miszczyński



br. Paweł Paszko & Tomasz Żak





Pope in Assisi: forgiveness can truly renew Church and world

Pope Francis made a private pilgrimage on Thursday to the Italian town of Assisi and spoke about the importance of forgiveness, saying only the path of forgiveness can truly renew the Church and the world. He lamented that “too many people are caught up in resentment and harbour hatred because they are incapable of forgiving.” “These people,” he went on, “ruin their own lives and the lives of those around them.”

The Pope’s words came during an address delivered inside the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels in Assisi after earlier going to pray in silence inside the small Porziuncola chapel where the Italian saint founded the Franciscan order in the 13th century. The purpose of Pope Fran-

cis’ pilgrimage there was to mark the 800th anniversary of the “Pardon of Assisi” during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.

After addressing those inside the basilica, the Pope spent about an hour hearing the confessions of 19 people before greeting the friars and local religious authorities including an Imam from Perugia. He then went to the nearby infirmary to visit a number of friars who are ill before going outside where he briefly greeted pilgrims waiting outside in the square and once again stressed the importance of forgiving others...

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Franciscan Village



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Meeting of the CCA post-novices in Aguarico, Ecuador

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The post-novices of Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Chile, Argentina, and Uruguay met in the Apostolic Vicariate of Aguarico, in the Ecuadorian Amazon, from July 17 to 31. Thirty-three post-novices participated in all, including two from Northern Mexico and one from Germany who is doing a year of formation in Peru. The friars were guided by formators and animators from Ecuador, making a total of forty brothers who participated in the meeting.

The days began at Quito, with a sharing on the first day with the General Minister and with Br. Hugo Mejía, General Councilor for the Spanish language. The General Minister spoke on PCO VIII and on certain questions regarding the post-novitiate formation phase, responding in a particular way to the questions of the brothers who were present.

On the next day, Most Rev. Jesús Esteban Sádaba, OFM Cap., the Apostolic Vicar of Aguarico, spoke on the history of the Capuchin mission in the Ecuadorian Amazon. He also highlighted the life and martyrdom of his predecessor Bishop Alejandro Labaka, OFM Cap., and of Sister Inés Arango, Capuchin tertiary, who gave their lives to save the Huaorani, whose land had come to be occupied by oil companies. (www.alejandroeines.org)

On Tuesday and Wednesday, the 19 and 20, the brothers made a day-two walk, an event that is organized each year by a group of Capuchins, from Quito to Coca (Puerto Francisco de Orellana, the headquarters of the Vicariate) in order to renew the memory of Alejandro and Inés, and

for the purpose of defending life in the Amazon. The General Minister, Br. Mauro Jöhri, was with the friars on the last leg of the walk. At the end

their post-novitiate and the cultures of their peoples. There was also a chance to spend some time and share with the Capuchin Poor Clares, who



there was a Mass at the Cathedral of Coca at which Bishop Jesús Esteban presided. The cathedral houses the remains of Bishop Alejandro and Sister Inés.

On Thursday morning, the brothers were organized in groups of two in order to go in mission to twenty small communities spread out in the jungle. Some of these communities were formed by colonists and others by indigenous people. As guests of various families from Thursday to Sunday, the friars' purpose was to visit with them and gather them for celebrations of the Word of God. For many of these folks, it is a unique experience.

The second week was given to studying PCO VIII through conferences and meetings in groups. Brothers Alexander, José del Carmen, José Luis Cereijo and Carlos Azcona contributed with anthropological, biblical, and spiritual readings of the PCO. Each evening there was the fraternal and joyous experience of the brothers from different countries presenting

have a monastery in Aguarico, as well as with the missionaries of the various orders and congregations that work in the Vicariate.

The culmination of the meeting came on Saturday with a visit to a fraternity located fifty-one kilometers into the jungle, where the Eucharist, some free time, and the joy of being together were all shared.

Dreams, plans, and hopes were recorded at the end of the meeting in a document that gathered up the group work of all the brothers. Our hope is that within four years, other CCA post-novitiate brothers will be able to participate in such a mission and meeting in order to help them to journey together in formation.



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The principle of solidarity is about our mutual interdependence and fraternal communion as Capuchin brothers. Based on this principle, economic solidarity is the sharing of our economic resources among all our circumscriptions to help sustain the mission of the Capuchin Order in all parts of the world. This is particularly important with respect to our newer and economically weaker circumscriptions, as their efforts to implant the Order in new parts of the world and to spread the gospel through their lives in our charism are aided greatly by those circumscriptions which are able to receive more financial resources from their various benefactors.

The oldest form of this international sharing has been in the support that the provinces have given to their own missions. Over time, these missions have often become provinces themselves, leading them to send missionaries of their own. But at the same time, these new provinces have not necessarily had access to a base of benefactors to assist the brothers in supporting the activities of those missions. It is for this reason that

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the Office of Economic Solidarity was created as a part of the Capuchin General Curia, to be a focal point for sharing our resources to support the activities of all our friars, wherever they may be.

Each year, the Solidarity Office publishes the Projects and Reports book, in order to document the results of this fraternal sharing. The first part of the book contains a description of each of the requests that were submitted to the Office of Economic Solidarity last year, along with the decision made by the General Minister and Council for each request. As such, this section serves as a record of all projects that have received financial support from the funds that have been received by all our circumscriptions throughout the world.

The second part of the book is a report of the support that was given to the Solidarity funds last year by each of the circumscriptions, as well as a statement of the current situation of each of those funds. At the very end of the book, there is a report of direct contributions among the circumscriptions and

between some of our provinces and other entities throughout the world (dioceses, other religious communities, etc.)

All the brother are invited to read the Solidarity Projects and Reports book, and to familiarize themselves with its contents. Hard copies have been sent to each circumscription, and a PDF version can be found at ([Download the book](#)). Questions regarding the Solidarity Office can be directed to Br. Jim Donegan, Secretary of Economic Solidarity, at solidarity@ofmcap.org or Br. Aklilu Petros, Solidarity Promoter, at solidarity.prom@ofmcap.org.

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