



The Friar Flyer

News around the Province and Beyond



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Photo by Rita Barreiro.

Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Hermosa Beach was just voted 'Best Private School' in the Beach Cities area of Los Angeles County!

Pictured above is the OLG Robotics team, which recently won the Coaches Award at the First Lego League competition. The SJC Province is blessed to serve such a great team of faculty and students!



Fr. Joe Kim at Our Lady of Guadalupe washing the feet of parishioners on Holy Thursday.



Vietnam Novices in the Philippines in February.



Fr. Tom Czeck washes the feet of his parishioners on Holy Thursday at Our Lady of Grace parish.



Fr. Carlos holding high the standard of our Redemption at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Hermosa Beach.



Our youth in Hermosa Beach putting on a Passion play for the parish.



Fr. Jacob Carazo offering Easter Mass in the Cathedral at Reno, NV.



Fr. Jacob, Bishop Calvo and newly received member of the Church Tanner Durfee after Easter Vigil.



St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral's RCIA Class of 2017 with Bishop Calvo, Father Jacob, and Deacon Joe Bell.



The Minister General, with his Definitory, made the following appointments and established the following:



On April 5, 2017, **Friar Valentín REDONDO**, from the Province of Our Lady of Montserrat, Spain, was confirmed for a second four-year term as the guardian of the General Friary of St. Massimiliano Kolbe, in Rome.



On April 8, 2017, **Friar Franklin DURAN ZAMBRANO** from the Provincial Custody of Our Lady of Coromoto, Venezuela, began service as the new guardian of the General Friary of St. Anthony at the Baths (Vigna), in Rome. He replaces Friar Timothy KULBICKI.



On April 24, 2017, **Friar Francesco CELESTINO**, from the Provincial Custody of St. Daniel and Companion Martyrs, Calabria, Italy, began service as the guardian of the General Friary of the Twelve Holy Apostles, in Rome. He replaces Friar Roberto BRANDINELLI who was appointed Vicar Provincial of the Italian Province of St. Anthony of Padua. The General Definitory extends its best wishes to Friars Franklin, Valentín and Francesco and assures them of its prayers. Heartfelt thanks go to Friars Timothy and Roberto from both the General Definitory and the friars of the communities they so generously and wisely served for four years.

The General Secretariat

Vatican: Pope Meets with Franciscan Ministers General



On April 10, 2017, Pope Francis met with the four Ministers General of the Franciscan First Order: Friar Marco TASCA, OFM Conv.; Friar Michael PERRY, OFM; Friar Mauro JOHRI, OFM Cap.; and Friar Nicholas POLICHNOWSKI, TOR.

During the meeting, the Ministers General presented the Holy Father with information on the planned Franciscan University construction project, the interobediential community in the Holy Land, and the common and fraternal initiatives planned for commemorating the anniversary of both the Bull *Ite vos* and St. Francis' visit to the Sultan Malik al-Kamil in Damietta (Egypt).

At the same time, they presented the Pope with a request that they be allowed to entrust friars who are not priests with roles in community leadership (guardian, Custos, and Minister Provincial).

Finally, they asked Pope Francis to grant a special audience to all the friars who will go to Rome on the anniversary of the approval of our Rule, November 29, 2017.

The General Secretariat



Definitory notes from April 26, 2017

St. Francis Novitiate and Friary, Arroyo Grande, CA.

- Received a petition from Friar Joseph Martin Hoang for admission to Solemn Profession. After a review of his Directors' recommendations and of a report by Br. James Reiter regarding his scrutiny, this petition was favorably voted upon. Congratulations, Friar Joseph Martin!
- Both the celebration of Solemn Profession and the First Professions in the Province will be August 2, 2017, at 7 PM, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.
- Received and regretfully accepted the resignation of Friar Giles Zakowicz (Our Lady of the Angels Province) as Novice Master and Guardian of St. Francis Novitiate and Friary. Friar Giles is thanked for many years of service to the Federation and the Novices, and for his tremendous hospitality to all.
- Upon the recommendation of the Conventual Franciscan Federation (CFF), elected Friar Joseph Wood (St. Bonaventure Province) as both Novice Master and Guardian of St. Francis Novitiate and Friary.
- Voted to allow the expenditure of no more than \$40,000 in order to do an evaluation and feasibility study to be done for the St. Joseph Cupertino Friary, in Castro Valley.
- Voted to call an Extraordinary Provincial Chapter to occur beginning at 9 AM, Tuesday, June 26th, at our Community Week, in order to consider the sale of the Bello house in Pismo Beach.
- Decided that other areas to be treated at Community Week would be:
 - Creation of a first draft of a Strategic Plan
 - A reworking and updating of the 2005 Province Statutes.
 - Introduction of the work of creating a Province "Philosophy of Aging," which document was recommended by our Visioning Committee.
 - A discussion of the work of our Delegation and Mission Promotion.
- Discussed a number of personnel issues and opportunities.
- Discussed the meeting of Friars Tom Czeck, Joseph Kim, James Reiter and Victor Abegg with the Viva Francis Foundation, in order to explore how we might grow support and membership in the Foundation.
- Decided that John will attempt to do the Provincial Visitation during his visit to the Delegation in August, and for the Province in the month of October, 2017.
- Received a financial report from Friar George Cherrie for the months of January and February, indicating that, as of the close of the first two months, the Province had a net loss of \$9,679.
- Received a Balance Sheet as of the closing of February 28, 2017. After adjusting for the Mission Fund, this shows that the net Province Cash Assets are at \$1,056,658.
- Reviewed the Balance sheet as of June 30, 2014, showing the net Province Cash Assets at \$1,167,798. Comparing these two Balance sheets indicates that, between June 30, 2014, and February 28, 2017, the Province incurred a net loss of \$111,140.
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- Financial reports are now being posted on the Friars only section of the website.
- Voted to allow the Delegation of Vietnam to expend an additional \$10,000 in order to purchase property that is adjacent to the Annunciation Friary in Cu Chi.
- Decided to postpone the emergency actions required by our Financial Crisis plan pending further updates.
- The next Definitory will be held on June 25, 2017, at 5 PM.



Above: Holy Thursday at St. Bonaventure Friary, Silver Springs, MD.



Left, Bottom and Right:

Friar Israel assisting at Mass on Palm Sunday at St. Mary Mother of God Parish in Washington, D.C.



From left to right:

Friars: Michael NGUYỄN KHẢI
HOÀNG, Joseph TRẦN VĂN
CƯƠNG, Joseph NGUYỄN VĂN
NHAN, Dominic NGUYỄN VĂN
TIẾN, Joseph LÊ VĂN VƯỢNG,
Stephen TRẦN NHƯ TẮNG,
Joseph VÕ QUỐC CƯỜNG



Renewal of Vows

On March 19, 2017, the Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Friars in both the Annunciation and St. Anthony

Friaries gathered together at St. Anthony friary in Saigon to celebrate the Feast together with the renewal of Vows of 7 student Friars. Fr. Joseph Luc Vu, the Delegate of the Delegation of Vietnam received the Vows on behalf of Fr. Provincial John Heinz during the Sunday Mass.



The friars in St. Anthony Friary have marked this Lenten Season with our monthly Day of Recollection with the theme of Fraternal Correction. Fraternal correction is most **difficult**, even with the best of intentions of helping a brother to grow. Correction is not merely fraternal **charity**, but also a **responsibility** of each friar towards one another. May God burn our hearts with his fire of love so that we can help each other sincerely to live out our charism with a heart of mercy, respect, care and prayer.

Dear Friars,

Easter, 2017

Easter is the commemoration of the day on which Our Lord Jesus Christ verified his claims of being the Beloved Son of the Father, by rising after three days in the tomb. In doing so, he verified our adoption, by the power of the Cross, as the beloved sons of God. This changes the way we see ourselves and our brothers and sisters whom we encounter in this world.

St. Francis passionately embraced this vision of the world as being members of God's family and the beloved sons and daughters of the Father. He and his early followers put this vision into action by comforting the lepers, the poor and the marginalized and by seeing and treating them as members of one family. Like Jesus, they also challenged the rich and powerful to live up to their own identity as beloved sons and daughters of the Father, by taking up their responsibility to care for their unfortunate brothers and sisters.

May this Easter help us, who have made vows of poverty, chastity and obedience in the footsteps of our father St. Francis, come to a deeper awareness of how deeply loved we are by God as beloved sons of the Father.

May this Easter challenge us to be more like St. Francis. Witnessing to the simplicity of our Gospel lifestyle, may we welcome all by bringing comfort to our marginalized and hurting brothers and sisters and living and ministering in a way that challenges our comfortable brothers and sisters to live up to their responsibility to take care of all of God's children.

May this be a blessed Easter for you and a time of renewal for all of us in our Franciscan vocation.

As is our tradition, I am asking all of our Friaries, in charity, to schedule a Mass for the repose of +Thomas Lê Đức Cần, the father of our beloved brother, Friar Deacon Paul Lê Đức Chánh, OFM Conv. Please keep Paul and his family in your prayers.

Peace!

Fr. John

