



**HOLY TRINITY PROVINCE  
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## **LXXXV (85<sup>th</sup>) General Chapter OFMCAP – 2018**



**LOGO**  
**Capitulum**  
**Generale**  
**2018**

**Description of the logo:** The design represents the hand of someone supporting the foot of another, ready to wash the foot. It is Christ, holding the foot of a brother.

The design is inspired by Rnb. VI, 3-4 (Earlier Rule) "*Let no-one be called "prior", but let everyone be simply called lesser brothers". Let one wash the feet of the other*". That quotation, in turn, goes back to John 13:14, where Jesus tells his disciples that they need to learn the meaning of the gesture he had just performed.

The design is contained in a brown circle, the colour of the habit of a Capuchin lesser brother.

The circle represents the world in which the lesser brother has his place, and in which he must learn from the Master to wash the feet of the brothers, being subject to all.

The theme of the General Chapter tells us that we must learn from Jesus: "**Learn from me ... and you will find...**" (Mt 11, 29), to help the brothers all over the world to reflect on the words of the Ratio Formationis: "... *The heart of the Gospel is the form of life of Jesus, who chose not to spend his life for His own benefit, but by living for others. In Him we discover that life consists in the art of the encounter. Jesus, by opening Himself to God and becoming an open door to encountering others, teaches us the Christian paradox: that to possess life, we must surrender it*"(Ratio Formationis 1, 4). Therefore, formation must lead the one being formed into the heart of the Gospel: in other words, he must learn from the Master what it means to wash one another's feet.

In view of the 85th General Chapter that will be celebrated from the 26th of August until 16th of September 2018 at the San Lorenzo da Brindisi International College, Rome, the Preparatory Commission nominated by the General Council, after consultation with the presidents of all the Conferences, met at the General Curia from the 29th of September until the 1st of October 2017 to draw up the programme and propose themes for discussion at the General Chapter.

The proposals of the Preparatory Commission were studied and reviewed by the General Council at its meeting in November 2017 and the same were presented to the Technical Commission that met at the San Lorenzo da Brindisi International College on the 13th of January 2018 to provide practical advice for the logistics of running such a big meeting.

We invite all the brothers of the Order to follow the celebration of the General Chapter by means of the website, by social media, and by means of the OFM Cap App, which can be downloaded from Google Play or from the Apple Store.

Dear Brothers continue to pray for the fruitful and meaningful sessions during the General Chapter. May the grace and blessings of God help us to have good leaders to the Order who lead the entire order in the Capuchin Franciscan Spirit.

The website for the upcoming General Chapter will be launched at [www.capitulum2018.ofmcap.org](http://www.capitulum2018.ofmcap.org)

In view of forthcoming 85<sup>th</sup> General Chapter of the Order,  
I along with Br. Alwyn Dias and Br. Melwyn DSouza will be in Rome  
from 24<sup>th</sup> to August to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.  
For any emergencies and official permissions kindly approach  
**Br. Peter Cyprian D'Souza.**  
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## A LOVING TRIBUTE TO REV. FR. ARCHIE LEWIS



REV. FR. ARCHIE (ARCHIBALD) LEWIS OFM CAPUCHIN

(Baptismal Name: Callistus)

BORN: 08/09/1931 DIED: 22/07/2018

The Province of Holy Trinity, Karnataka pays a loving homage to our dearly beloved senior brother Fr. Archie. There is no friar in the province of Holy Trinity who did not know Fr. Archie. Such was his popularity in loving all. Fr. Archie though old he looked young until recent years because of his sportive nature. He was a God fearing man therefore, a Godly man. What we must do to avoid hell and attain heaven was the message he preached and he himself practiced what he preached. He was true Capuchin in his heart, soul and body, never questioned or complained the authority in his life time, humbly accepting the transfers and appointments and wherever he went he gave his best. The hymns and action-songs that he taught to the youngsters are still remembered and memorized. One of the famous songs often sung during the birthdays of the friars is: *'Vive L'Amour (Vive la compagne)* which means **"Long live Love"**. As long as he lived he loved everyone, in this way love lived long in him. He loved music and taught music. He was a spiritual guide to many seminarians. Today we remember Fr. Archie as an exemplary friar who left behind the example of his spirit of love and commitment to the given task. We cannot thank him enough for his contribution to the province.

With the deep sense of gratitude to his personality we pay our loving homage to him and pray for the repose of his soul.

**MAY GOD GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST.**



**WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY FEAST  
OF NATIVITY OF OUR LADY**

# Communications

## 1. Promotion of brothers:

Br. Warnakula Suriya Tiron Jesus Fernando a student in 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Theology from St. Pio Delegation Sri Lanka has been promoted to the Order of Diaconate. We wish him all the best.

## 2. Appointments/ Transfers

**New fraternity at Larino:** Br. Maurizio the Provincial of Foggia has invited us to establish a fraternity in Larino, Italy in the Province of Foggia. The new fraternity members are: Br. J. B. Sequeira, the Guardian and Br. Sharan Vincent Crasta, as the Vicar. While thankful to the Provincial and his councilors for giving us an opportunity to render our services and establish the fraternity, we also wish all the best to the members of the fraternity. We also remain grateful to the General Minister for granting us the necessary permission. Before going to Italy Br. Sharan Crasta will be in Deena Seva Ashram to get initiated into basic Italian. We thank Br. Salvatore Fernandes for accepting to spare his time in teaching him basic Italian.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Ramanagara:** Br. John Peter has been appointed as the Parish priest of the above said church with effect from 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018 through the letter dated 01<sup>st</sup> August 2018 (Ref. No. AB/ADO27/RF31/AP88/56/18), by Most Rev. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore. We wish Br. John Peter a fruitful apostolate at Ramanagara. Br. John Peter will be the attached member of Deena Seva Ashram, Fraternity.

**Br. Arun Kumar:** Br. Arun Kumar has been appointed as the Novice Master at St. Pio Friary, Capuchin Novitiate, Mawila, with effect from September 20, 2018.

**Br. Lancy Fernandes:** Br. Lancy Fernandes has completed his licentiate in Franciscan Spirituality, congratulations to him and we extend a warm welcome to him to the Province. He is appointed as the Vice Rector at St. Francis of Assisi, Capuchin House, Kandy (With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018)

**Br Raymond Lalramthlenga:** Br. Raymond has completed his licentiate in Franciscan Spirituality, congratulations to him. He will be the member of Assisi Nilaya Friary, Moodubelle, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018.

**Br. Frolic Fernandes:** Br. Frolic Fernandes is appointed as the Guardian at Padre Pio Nivasa, Pallansena, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> Nov 2018.

**Br. Denis Miranda:** Br. Denis Miranda who was in St. Pio Delegation Sri Lanka, has been assigned to go to Italy to the Province of Emilia Romagna in November 2018. He will return to India in the first week of September and will reside in Deena Seva Ashram, Bangalore to learn basic Italian before he leaves. While thanking Br. Denis Miranda for his service in the delegation we wish him all the best in his future apostolate.

**Br. John Zodusanga:** Br. John Zodusanga has been appointed as the Guardian at St. Francis of Assisi Friary and Church, Mamit, Mizoram, with effect from 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

**Br. Roshan Herald D'Souza:** Br. Roshan Herald D'Souza has willingly accepted to be the secretary of the commission for cause of Br. Alfred Roche, we thank him and also all the commission members for their dedicated work in this noble task.

**Br. Praveen Vincy D'Souza** will attend two months renewal course at Shanthi Sadhana, FISI, Bangalore, from 25<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

### 3. Inaugurations and Blessings

**Inauguration and Blessing of Darshan College New Science Block:** On 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2018 the Darshan College New Science Block was inaugurated and blessed. Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras the Archbishop Emeritus of Bengaluru blessed the New Science Block. An expression of gratitude to Shanthi Nivas fraternity for their hard work in supervising the works of science block. Most Rev. Bernard Moras in his presidential address appreciated our efforts to educate the youth of Kengeri region with good infrastructure and with best education with minimum cost.

**Blessing of Foundation stone of new chapel at Assisi Nilaya, Moodubelle:** On 8<sup>th</sup> of August 2018 foundation stone for a new chapel at Assisi Nilaya Moodubelle was laid. This work of building chapel was kept pending due to lack of funds. However through the help of generous benefactors at least we are able to begin the work now. Thanks to the goodwill of the benefactors. May God bless them abundantly.

**St. Francis of Assisi School (ICSE) new building:** A new school building at Chikkodi, St. Francis of Assisi School (ICSE) was inaugurated and blessed on 11<sup>th</sup> August 2018 on the feast day of St. Clare of Assisi. We express sincere gratitude and appreciation to Br. Alwyn Dias, the executive secretary of the Capuchin Education Board, Br. Robin Victor Dsouza the administrator and Br. Arun Lobo, the guardian and all the members of Christalaya Fraternity for their hard work and strenuous efforts in the completion of this building. Congratulations!

**Blessing of Foundation stone of new school building at Anugraha, Bidar:** Due to increase in number of children to our school at Anugraha Bidar, the Provincial Council has decided to put up a new school building at Anugraha, Bidar. The blessing of foundation stone will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018. Thanks to the hard work of Anugraha fraternity in obtaining NA certificate and for their dedicated work in giving good education to the children of this region.

**Inauguration & Blessing of Our Lady's Shrine at Farangipet:** A shrine dedicated to Infant Mary (Monthi Saibin) will be blessed and inaugurated on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018 at Monte Mariano, Farangipet. Fr. Peter Cyprian D'Souza, OFM Cap., the Provincial Councilor will inaugurate the shrine while Rt. Rev. Dr. Aloysius Paul D'Souza, the Bishop of Mangalore will bless it. We thank and congratulate Fr. Gerald Lobo, the Guardian of Monte Mariano, Farangipet and all the community members for taking all the trouble to erect this shrine with the generous help of benefactors and friends. This shrine will mark the origin of Monthi Fest in Karnataka at Farangipet. It is a gift to the Province as well as to the Diocese of Mangalore. The Friars are encouraged to join in big number to the programme on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. On this occasion a small Novena Book dedicated to Monthi Saibin will be

released. On this occasion it seems very suitable to all of us to know the history of Feast of Monte Mariano.

**Origin and History of Monti Fest:** the feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, popularly known as “Monthi Fest” (ಮೊಂತಿಫೆಸ್ಟ್) has its origins in Karnataka at Monte Mariano, Farangipet. In 1773 Rev. Fr. Joachim Miranda, the then priest in-charge of Monte Mariano, Farangipet, began the devotion to Mother Mary coinciding with the feast of first fruits. This tradition has been followed all over the dioceses of Mangalore, Udupi, Karwar and all the Konkani speaking people spread all over the globe.

Among the many reasons to have this “Monthi Fest” celebrated on September 8th, coinciding with the birth of Mother Mary, Fr. Joachim Miranda a true devotee of Mother Mary felt it opportune to celebrate it on this very day. As our ancestors used to have 9 days’ celebrations for Ganesh festivals, and ate only vegetarian food, Fr. Joachim also introduced 9 days’ novena in preparation for the feast. New paddy-sheaves were blessed on the feast day and taken home to be symbolically consumed during the family meal which was purely vegetarian.

In recent years, several devotees who frequented Monte Mariano at Farangipet have requested time and again the Capuchins at Farangipet to popularize this feast by setting a shrine dedicated to *Monthi Saibin* (ಮೊಂತಿಸಾಯ್ಬಿನ್). To mark the origin of “*Monti Fest*” at Farangipet in Karnataka, with the generous contribution of several devotees of Mother Mary, the foundation stone for this shrine was blessed and laid by Rt. Rev. Dr. Gerald Isaac Lobo, Bishop of Udupi on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 and the Shrine is ready to be inaugurated and blessed on 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2018 by his Lordship Dr. Aloysius Paul D’Souza, Bishop of Mangalore.

**On this occasion I invite all the friars to join the Friars of Monte Mariano on 2<sup>nd</sup> September in large number as we bless and inaugurate this shrine dedicated to Monthi Saibin.**

#### 4. Updates from Capuchin Education Board (CEB)

**Darshan College gets the Occupancy Certificate:** Br. Alwyn Dias the executive secretary of CEB has succeeded in getting the Occupancy Certificate for Darshan College entire building. We thank him for his hard efforts and constant follow up in getting the Occupancy Certificate.

**Strength of our Schools:** By the grace of God and through the efforts of our brothers Principal/Head-Master/Treasurer and all who are involved in the school apostolate our schools are substantially contributing towards the Province and also gaining name and fame with very good strength as you see in the below table. May God be praised!

	<b>School/College</b>	<b>Admissions as on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2018</b>
1	Anugraha Church School, Bidar	494
2	Darshan & St. Antony’s PU College	563
3	Infant Jesus School, Chikmagalur	646
4	Sneha Jyoti Vidyalaya, Pothnal	564
5	St. Anthony’s School, Gangondanahalli	1437

6	St. Francis of Assisi School, Chikkodi	880
7	Trinity Central School, Udipi	870
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,454</b>

### 5. Chapter of the Custody of St. Charles Lwanga, Uganda

The Chapter of the Custody of St. Charles Lwanga, Uganda, will be held from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018. While praying for the success of the chapter we wish Br. Godwin Ogam, the Superior Regular and his councilors and all the friars in the custody a fruitful preparation for the chapter. Br. Alwyn Dias will be attending the custody chapter in Uganda, we wish him all the best.

**6. The annual retreat and meeting of the Guardians 2019:** The Annual Retreat for all the Guardians will take place from **19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Monday to Saturday** followed by the Meeting of all Guardians and Treasurers on 24<sup>th</sup> August afternoon to 25<sup>th</sup> August noon, 2019. The date is announced one year in advance so that all are present to both retreat and meeting without any exception. The preacher will be Fr. Jerry Rosario SJ.

### 7. Society Meetings

Kindly take note of the dates for meeting of Societies and Trusts. We request concerned persons to be available and make necessary preparation for the same.

Capuchin Krishik Seva Kendra	13 <sup>th</sup> October	Dayalbagh Ashram
Monthu Mary Coventhu Devaru Trust	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Monte Mariano
St. Fidelis Friary Trust	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Monte Mariano
Athma Jyoti Trust	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Atma Jyoti Friary. (afternoon)
Capuchin Publication Trust	7 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Anne's Friary
St. Anne's Friary Trust	7 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Anne's Friary
The Mangalore Capuchin Friars Minor Society	7 <sup>th</sup> November	St. Anne's Friary
Karunalaya Trust	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Karunalaya, Brahmavar
Sruvith Trust	8 <sup>th</sup> November	Heroor
Vimukthi Charitable Trust	10 <sup>th</sup> November	Saccidananda
Capuchin Friars Service Society	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Saccidananda
Capuchin Education Board	11 <sup>th</sup> November	Saccidananda (afternoon)
The Bangalore Capuchin Friars Minor Society	13 <sup>th</sup> November	DSA, Bangalore
Shanthi Sadhana Trust	13 <sup>th</sup> November	Shanthi Sadhana, (afternoon)

### 8. Short term Ministry abroad:

In the last Circular regarding the ministry abroad, there were three information wrongly published. We regret very much for the same. The right information is as follows:

- Br. Dancy Sunil Martis will be going to Dubai from August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Br. Anil Silvano Fernandes will be going to Bahrain from August 17<sup>th</sup> to September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.
- Br. Johnson Fernandes will be going to Kuwait from August 27<sup>th</sup> to September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Br. Joel Rosario will be going to Kuwait for the entire month of October 2018.

We wish all these brothers a fruitful ministry and happy stay.

## 9. Condolences

We express our heartfelt sympathies to

- Br. Edwin Colaco who lost his brother-in-law Mr. Hubert Moras  
May God grant eternal rest to him and may his soul rest in peace.

## 10. Next Council Meeting:

The Next Meeting of Provincial Council will be held from 16<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at Saccidananda, Bangalore. Your suggestions are welcome.

## 11. Provincial's Programme

AUGUST 2018	
17-19	Saccidananda
21	Laying of foundation stone of school at Anugraha Bidar
22-23	Saccidananda
24-16 September	General Chapter, Rome
SEPTEMBER 2018	
17-05 October	Visitation: Italy, Foggia, Emilia Romagna etc.
OCTOBER 2018	
07	St. Francis of Assisi Feast, Farangipet
10-12	Saccidananda
13	CKSK Meeting, Ujire
14	SFO Golden Jubilee, Taccode
15	Saccidananda
16-17	<b>Provincial Council Meeting, Saccidananda</b>
19	Holy Eucharist at Shanthi Dham, Mangalore
20-21	Visitation Shanthi Nivas – Darshan College
22-26	Classes in FISi
NOVEMBER - 2018	
01-02	Saccidananda
03-04	Our Lady of Health Shrine, Harihar
06-08	Society/Trust Meeting in Mangalore & Udupi
10	VCT Meeting, Saccidananda
11	CFSS & CEB Meeting in Saccidananda
13	BCFMS & Trust Meeting at Kengeri
14-16	Saccidananda
17-23	Provincial council's visit to North East Delegations
24-29	Saccidananda
30	Jubilee Celebration of Br. Andrew Anil Sequeira at DSA



**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**Place: Saccidananda, Bangalore**

**Br. Joseph Dolphy Pais OFM Cap**  
**Provincial Minister**