



Capuchin Franciscan

Province of St. Joseph

Office of the Provincial Minister

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February 16, 2016

Dear Brothers,

Our general minister, Mauro Jöhri, with the consent of the General Council, has granted us permission to hold an ordinary provincial chapter June 5-9, 2017. Therefore, I hereby officially convoke the 46th chapter of the Province of Saint Joseph to be held on the campus of Saint Xavier University in Chicago, Illinois, beginning the morning of Tuesday, June 6 and lasting through the morning of Friday, June 9. Friars are expected to convene on the evening of Monday, June 5 for evening prayer followed by a fraternal gathering.

Because our province will be celebrating a chapter of universal suffrage, every perpetually professed friar who is a member of the province and every perpetually professed friar who, although not having membership in this province, has lived and ministered with us for at least one year prior to the start of chapter, is expected to attend unless he receives permission to be excused. Any perpetually professed friar who would like to be excused must request permission in writing (noting the reason) by June 1, 2016 so that we can make adequate arrangements for the chapter gathering to reserve rooms with our hosting venue of Saint Xavier University. Letters should be sent to my attention at the address on this letterhead. In many cases, granting such requests will not be difficult. However, in other cases I will want to consult with the Provincial Council before making a decision.

In order to maximize the participation of the brothers, we will continue to provide for those who have limited mobility as we did at the previous chapter. I also know that many friars have very busy schedules. Our hope and expectation is that this notice will give everyone adequate time to make the arrangements necessary to attend and participate fully in chapter 2017.

Thank you for your consideration. Please remember the Chapter Preparatory Commission and the province in your prayer as we prepare for this very important time in our life as friars.

Peace and all good!

Your brother,

Michael Sullivan, OFM Cap
Provincial Minister