



Capuchin Franciscan

Province of St. Joseph

Office of the Provincial Minister
1820 Mt. Elliott Street
Detroit MI 48207

10 August 2019

Dear Brothers,

Our general minister, Roberto Genuine, with the consent of the General Council, has granted us permission to hold an ordinary provincial chapter June 1-5, 2020. Therefore, I hereby officially convoke the 47th 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 2 and lasting through the morning of Friday, June 5. Friars are expected to convene on the evening of Monday, June 1 for supper followed by evening prayer and a fraternal gathering.

We are pleased that our general minister will join us to preside at the chapter, along with Celestino Arias, our general councilor. Once again, our brother John Corriveau has agreed to facilitate the chapter agenda. We will be discussing the chapter at upcoming regional meetings throughout the province. These meetings will solicit agenda items, begin the discussion of discernment of provincial leadership, and discuss the pastoral planning process that has already begun and will be completed at the chapter.

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 *November 1, 2020* 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 chapters. 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 2020.

Thank you for your consideration. Please remember the Chapter Preparatory Commission and the province in your prayers 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