

1 **Chapter 2023**  
2 **Capuchin Province of Saint Joseph**  
3 **Regarding Pastoral Planning**  
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5 WHEREAS, the Province engaged during this triennium in discussion and reflection on the topic  
6 of secularization, and  
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8 WHEREAS, the Secularization Project elicited several proposals from those engaged in the  
9 discussion for possible consideration by the Province as a whole, and  
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11 WHEREAS, there was strong unqualified support for two proposals offered for consideration  
12 (83.9% from those who participated), and  
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14 WHEREAS, the Provincial Minister & Council have chosen to combine these two proposals and  
15 submit to the Province as a proposal for consideration at our 2023 Provincial Chapter, be it  
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17 RESOLVED, that the following statement be included in our Provincial Pastoral Plan:  
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19 “As the Province adds, hands over, abandons, sustains, or changes ministries in the future, it will  
20 give preference to ministries that offer additional opportunities to Catholics, Christians, and  
21 others which are not typically available in parishes.  
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23 “Among our first efforts to implement this principle, the Province will develop programming,  
24 events and displays at our St. Francis Church and Capuchin Center in Milwaukee to create a  
25 pilgrimage/destination site for the region. An open-door policy for the church and center will  
26 enhance hospitality to St. Francis Parish, and for visiting groups and individuals, and offer  
27 opportunities for private and group prayer, and celebration of appropriate sacraments. We will  
28 develop displays that tell the story of this place and the Calvary Province within the world-wide  
29 Capuchin Order. Suitable Capuchin and other personnel will be assigned to this new ministry.”  
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31 ACTION REQUESTED: that the friars gathered at the June, 2023 Provincial Chapter approve  
32 this proposal and that it be added to the Provincial Pastoral Plan for implementation to begin  
33 during the 2023-2026 triennium.  
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35 Respectfully submitted by:  
36 Mark Joseph Costello, Provincial Minister  
37 Steven Kropp, Provincial Vicar  
38 William Hugo, Provincial Councilor  
39 Zoilo Garibay, Provincial Councilor  
40 Tien Dinh, Provincial Councilor

41 **Chapter 2023**  
42 **Capuchin Province of Saint Joseph**  
43 **Regarding “Chapter Venue”**  
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45 WHEREAS, the number of Chapter participants has dropped significantly because of the aging and  
46 health of the friars, and

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48 WHEREAS, St. Xavier University is becoming an increasing burden for many friars in terms of walking  
49 and stair climbing, and

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51 WHEREAS, the recent renovations at St. Lawrence Seminary has made more individual spaces  
52 available for friars housing, as well as air conditioned facilities, and

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54 WHEREAS, the number of individual rooms for friars and guests at Mt Calvary and surrounding area  
55 number 92 bedrooms, and

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57 WHEREAS, some of the senior friars at St Lawrence and St Fidelis could more easily attend and  
58 participate in the Chapter, and

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60 WHEREAS, the areas needed for the Chapter are handicap accessible and in relatively close  
61 proximity, be it

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63 RESOLVED, that the Provincial Chapter of 2026 be held at St. Lawrence Seminary.  
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65 ACTION REQUESTED: that the friars at the June 2023 Provincial Chapter approve this proposal and  
66 that the newly-elected provincial leadership facilitate this decision.  
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68 Respectfully Submitted by:

69 *David Schwab*                      *Zoilo Garibay*                      *Oliver Bambenek*

70 *Michael Zuelke*                      *Lawrence Abler*                      *Neal Plale*

71 *Chrispin Shirima*                      *Jerome Campbell*                      *Jim Leary*

72 *Paul Craig*