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## NEWS FROM EAST TIMOR

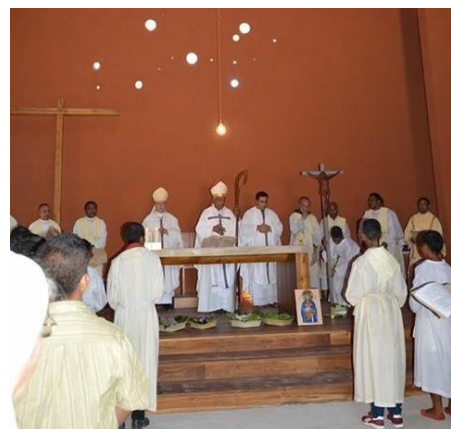
Dear Friends,

We wish to thank you for your great response and support after our last mail out in Easter and Mother's Day! In this letter we share the latest news and missionary activities of our Capuchin Friars in **East Timor**. Thanks to **Fr .Luan Le OFM Cap.** for the photos. Our special thanks to our director **Fr. Greg Rowles OFM Cap** for the comments, to the Capuchin Franciscan Friars, to our volunteers and all the supporters and friends.

On the 24th May the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, **the Chapel of Cairui**, was consecrated to the Glory of God and dedicated to St John de Brito. Cairui is a village situated about 12 km from Laleia, which has not had a permanent chapel for religious services and gatherings for over 30 years. The Chapel's construction has been majority-funded by the Diocese of Bathurst through the generosity of all parishes giving to the Bishop of Bathurst's Christmas appeals for the Missions. The annual appeals from 2012-2014 raised over \$130,000. It will seat 120-130 people. It has been constructed in a traditional Timor-Leste style using modern materials.



The project manager was Frei Hermano Filipe, a Portuguese Capuchin and Parish Priest of Laleia. Architectural design and engineering firms from Lisbon, Portugal have been engaged on a pro bono basis and visited the site during all critical phases of the Chapel's construction. It is already recognised that the Chapel, upon completion, will be a unique house of worship and one destined to become a national pilgrimage site. **The Capuchin Mission Office** is happy to have played a small part in helping to bring about the chapel.



From **Fr. Luan**: This photo (left) was taken at the celebration receiving 13 young men into **aspirancy program**. Please pray for the brothers as they discern their vocation as Capuchin Friars. In this Year of Mercy, **will you help** bring and sustain concrete hope for young Capuchins in Timor Leste - as they prepare to be a Capuchin among their own people?

# NEWS FROM OUR PADRE PIO CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA

## St. Padre Pio Centre of Australia

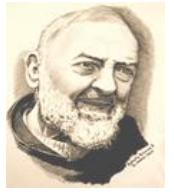
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On Friday 27th May 2016 the Provincial of the Capuchin Province of St Angelo along with the editor in chief of the "Voice of Padre Pio, the secretary and the Manager of the English Office, visited the Australian Padre Pio Centre in Leichhardt, Sydney. They presented Fr. Joshy the Guardian of the Friary and the community with an **authentic relic** of the saint namely a **mitten** worn during the celebration of Mass to hide his Stigmata on his hand.



From left to right: Julie Kerry Cifaldi (Manager of The Padre Pio English Office, Editorial Assistant & Translator of "The Voice"); Luigi Gravina (Secretary, Public Relations, Editorial secretary of "The Voice"); Fr. Francesco Colacelli (Provincial – Province of St. Angelo and Padre Pio); Fr. Mariano Di Vito (Editor in chief of "The Voice of Padre Pio" Magazine).

The **Padre Pio Centre of Australia** is located at the Capuchin Friary, **96 Catherine St. Leichhardt**. There are many books and objects of devotion as well as the relics of the saint. **Open from Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM**

