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The Capuchin Mission in Timor



20th Anniversary of Padre Pio's Beatification



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Dear Friends,

We wish to thank you all for your continuous support, for your prayers and generous donations towards the Capuchin Ministries.

In this issue we share the latest news and missionary work of the **Capuchins in Timor** and our Australian students.

Our **NEW Father's Day cards** are available by mail, email and **online**. Please forward your particular intentions for the Novena of Masses and join us in the prayers.

This year is the **20th Anniversary of the Beatification of St. Padre Pio**. There will be a Novena of Masses in September, starting on his feast day. This issue includes a story of a Padre Pio group in WA; we encourage other groups in Australia to share their experiences.

Our special thanks to the Perth Archdiocese, to the Friars in Australia, to the secretaries and parishioners, and especially to our benefactors and friends.

Happy Father's Day to our supporters!



Capuchin Mission Australia

**Daniela Santillan,
Secretary**

NEW ASPIRANTS INTO POSTULANCY

New aspirants joined the Postulancy Program in May this year. Please keep them in your prayers.



EASTER CELEBRATIONS IN TIMOR

By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

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This year more people participated in the Holy Week celebrations, due to a better organization and preparation. In **Tibar** and **Lebuloa** there are more friars who helped with the activities. We were able to celebrate the Holy Week in most of the chapels in our pastoral area, because now there are more brothers to visit and stay in villages. **“May the Risen Lord Jesus give you his peace”**. *Fr. Luan.*



A BIG THANK YOU from Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

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Fr. Luan recently visited us in the Mission Office in Leichhardt (NSW); he shared the latest news from Timor and collected all the religious items we received from donors.



A special thank you to Mrs. C.Fish (VIC) for her generosity, and, to Mr. Tony Dowling & Mrs. Teresa Topolcic (QLD) for kindly donate more than 200 handmade rosaries.

Be assured the community in Timor always remember all our Australian benefactors in their daily prayers.

PASTORAL VISITS IN OECUSSI

By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

During June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we visited **Oecussi**, enclave of **East Timor's territory in Indonesia**.

We went to many villages where priests and nuns rarely visit; some historical sites where Portuguese missionaries first arrived in Timor, in the 16th Century.





There were beautiful rice paddies along the way to the mountains.
We had the opportunity to pick up coffee for the first time



PASTORAL VISITS IN VILLAGES



During monthly visit to small villages, 40 children were baptized recently in Raimerhei.



For some 30 years, the prayer group at Balcatta Parish St Lawrence Church has been an active force among the local community, gathering on the first Tuesday of every month to pray.

Caterina Macri, the 94-year-old founder and member of the parish's Legion of Mary, began the group when she first learned of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina and his miracles. Former Balcatta Parish Priest Father Giuliano Messina assisted Caterina with the decision and registration of the group.

In 2004, the prayer group raised money to buy a statue of Padre Pio from Italy with the help of Rosa Vinciguerra, who later became the leader of the prayer group after Caterina passed the position down to her.

The prayer group is the first Prayer Partner of the Parish Renewal Implementation Group (PRIG). Every month, they receive a specific prayer request that it is included in their prayer meeting.

On the third Sunday of November, the group celebrates the Feast Day of Padre Pio with a Triduum and Procession with the statue of St Padre Pio.

Thanks to Rosa Vinciguerra and the prayer group for sharing their story!

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This year is dedicated to the 20th Anniversary of Padre Pio's beatification. The process commenced on 20 March 1983 and was concluded on 2 May 1999, with Pope John Paul II proclaiming **Pio of Pietrecina** may be called **Blessed**. It was a complex process, with 104 volumes consigned to the Congregation of the Causes of Saints, after the Diocesan Inquiry Important figures contributed to the process: Bro. Marciano Morra, Bro. Luciano Lotti, Fr. Gerardo Di Flumeri (Vice Postulator of the Cause), Mgr. Valentino Vailati, and the moving memories of Mrs. Consiglia De Martino, who received a miraculous cure that opened the way to the possibility of the beatification.



THE PADRE PIO CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA

How to Start a Padre Pio Prayer Group

If you are interested in forming a Padre Pio Prayer Group in your Parish, please contact our office for more information. We will help you in registering your group in "La Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza" the official prayer group in San Giovanni Rotondo (Italy), that gives guidance and assistance to prayers groups around the world.



The Voice of Padre Pio (Voce di Padre Pio)

The Magazine is the official journal for information on the life and spirituality of St. Pio of Pietrecina. It is printed by the Capuchin Friars of San Giovanni Rotondo (bi-monthly). For subscriptions, contact us: **POBox 153, Leichhardt NSW 2040**

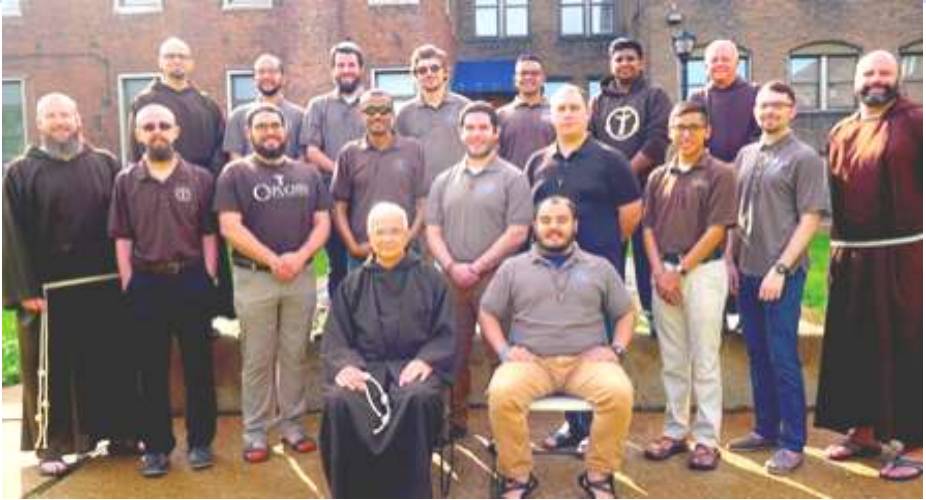
Spiritual Children of Padre Pio

Please contact our Centre, we will be pleased to send you the conditions necessary to become Spiritual Children of Padre Pio. All registered names are sent to the Capuchin Friars in Our Lady of Grace Friary, in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy.

MEMORIAL FEAST OF ST. PADRE PIO OF PIETRECINA

MASS & VENERATION OF RELICS

at **St. Fiacre's Church, 96 Catherine St, Leichhardt NSW**
on **Sunday 22nd September 2019, 11:00 am.**



Our Aussie postulant, Gary Rego, is the 5th from the left in the back row.

After completing a 9-month Program in Brisbane, our Australian Capuchin postulant, **Gary Rego**, joined more than a dozen other young men in the Inter-Provincial Postulancy program in St. Louis (USA), before then proceeding to California for the year-long Novitiate.

Let's pray for Gary and the other young men in his group, as they continue their formation and discernment.

Enquiries about the Capuchin way of life are welcome. Please contact vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au



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- the promotion of the devotion of St. Padre Pio in Australia
- the Ministry to the Poor and Marginalised (*)
- the Education of our Student Friars

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