



# Sandal Prints



Newsletter of the Capuchin Mission Office  
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**The latest news and activities of our Capuchin Missionaries**



**SUPPORTING  
The Formation  
of Capuchin  
Students  
in Timor**

**New Mother's  
Day Cards are  
NOW  
AVAILABLE**

**Ordination to  
the Priesthood  
in Sydney**

### Dear Friends,

We wish to thank you all for your continuous support, of your prayers and generous donations during the year 2016. Our benefactors made it possible that more than 12,000 people received our Christmas cards and joined our Friars in the Novena of Masses.



In this issue we share the latest news from Timor and the work of our **Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.** Since he started, about three years ago, he's been doing not only an extensive pastoral work; but one of his major responsibilities is to participate in the **formation of new Capuchins.** In this issue you will find further details about the life and activities of the postulants.

We were glad to receive the devotees of **St. Padre Pio** who came to our office to venerate the two **relics** of the saint. You can continue visiting us from Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 12:00 at 96 Catherine Street, Leichhardt, NSW.

You can now follow us on our two **Facebook** pages: **Capuchin Mission Australia** and **St. Padre Pio Centre of Australia**, where more information is contained, news, prayers and daily reflections, more regularly than the Sandal Prints. Thanks to all our friends who liked us.

This year our **Easter Cards** are available in Packs, you can order them by mail or email. Your donation for Mother's Day Masses will contribute to the formation of the friars, we will forward **NEW Mother's Day cards** as a complement for your support. Please include your particular intentions for both Novena of Masses.

Our special thanks to our director **Fr. Greg Rowles OFM Cap.** who kindly publishes and manages our two Facebook pages. To the **Capuchin Franciscan Friars in Australia** who encourage their parishioners to support our missionaries and, especially, to our great helpers: **Maria and Moira** (Leichhardt, NSW), **Socorro** (Plumpton, NSW), **Josie, Eli and Luana** (Newton, SA) and **Lorraine and Wendy** (Wynnum, QLD).

From all our office staff, we wish to all of our community of friars, benefactors and friends a **Blessed Easter and a Happy Mother's Day.**

**Daniela Santillan,**  
Secretary

**DUE TO CHANGES ON OUR WEBSITE OUR CARDS WON'T BE AVAILABLE ON LINE,**  
**WE APOLOGIZE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.**

# NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS IN TIMOR

(By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.)

On the 23rd October, I baptised 77 children. This is the first time that I baptised so many at one time! The ceremony took about 2 hours but was filled with such joy!



Some photos from my pastoral visits to the sick in Liquisa Parish and some outlying villages in mountains. In November, for one week, with the help of the catechists we managed to visit 309 sick people administering the sacraments of Penance, Anointing the sick and Holy Communion.



## FORMATION OF NEW FRIARS IN TIMOR

(By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.)



Every year, many Timorese young men join the Capuchin Friars in the formation activities to become a priest or a brother. There are two communities in East Timor: **Laleia** and **Tibar** (where I live).

The selection process start with a **Pre-postulancy** period (6-12 months), when the candidates come to the friary once a month to reflection, adoration and Mass. Some are invited to stay with us during the weekend.

In December we have a **Vocation Week**. This yearly event has been running for the last 3 years. This year, there were 11 young men taking part in 5 day live-in experience in our friary at Laleia. Our program included talks, work and fraternal life. These candidates were introduced to different aspects of our Capuchin life: Mass, prayer, fraternity and Franciscan Capuchin charism. After an evaluation we select the potential candidates for the Aspirancy Program.



**The Postulancy Program** (2 years) introduces the candidates into Capuchin's life and strength their vocations. The students attend classes every morning and sometimes in the afternoon: they learn Catechism, Liturgy, the life and spirituality of St. Francis, the life of Capuchin Saints, Portuguese and English.

## FORMATION OF NEW FRIARS IN TIMOR (Cont.)

(By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.)

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The postulants participate in other activities: cooking, cleaning and working in the garden to grow vegetables. During one week each postulant is responsible for meals, according to a roster. They also have daily Mass and prayers.



There are 6 students in the Postulancy Program and 10 more will join us in the Pre-Postulancy Program in February 2017.



After the Postulancy, the students continue with the **Noviciate** (1 year in Portugal). There are two Timorese novices in Portugal: Brothers **Mateus** and **Jeronomy** and two more will join them this year: Brothers **Ricardo** and **Herman**.

The formation process continues with the **Post Novitiate** and lasts until the student make his perpetual vows. There are 6 post novitiate brothers in Timor and one of them made his perpetual vows last year in August, **Brother Tomé**. In **Tibar** there are 4 students in the **Post Novitiate**

# NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS IN TIMOR

(By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.)

Some photos taken during my recent visits to the mountains in the Christmas season. We stayed there from 25th December to 30th December visiting different villages. Firstly, hearing confessions and then joyously celebrating Masses for Christmas.



It was a good weather for the first few days and we could celebrate in fine style! However, on the day of departure the rain set in and it rained non stop. The roads became impassable. It appeared that the Lord wanted us to stay in the mountains with these hospitable people a little longer!.



# NEWS FROM THE MISSIONS IN TIMOR

(By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.)

I am sending some photos taken during the **Vocation Weekend** in the parish of **Letefoho**, about 3 hours from Tibar. More than 80 young people joined us in the presentations, discussions, Taize, games, music, confessions and visits to the sick after Sunday Mass. Thanks to the local priest, he was very supportive in promoting the activities at school and at the parish.



## SUPPORTING THE FORMATION OF CAPUCHIN STUDENTS IN TIMOR 8

As we mentioned, **Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap** is working along with the Portuguese friars in the preparation of young Capuchin students for religious life and Priesthood.

These young men are the future of the Capuchin Order and the Catholic Church in Timor. They will minister in the villages and homes of the very poor people, mainly farmers. The Mission Office assists the students and Fr. Luan in his work by donating **20,000 dollars** every year. In supporting them you become part of their ministry.

This year we are introducing **NEW cards for Mother's Day**. You can obtain them by forwarding your Mass intentions along with your donation to **the Student Friars**.



## ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD IN SYDNEY



THE ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR, CAPUCHIN  
AND  
MR AND MRS HUU KE AND THI LAN NGUYEN  
CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE  
**ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD**  
OF  
**BR JOHN NGUYEN OFM CAP**  
BY  
THE MOST REVEREND ANTHONY FISHER OP  
ARCHBISHOP OF SYDNEY  
ON  
FRIDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7PM  
AT  
ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL  
ST MARY'S ROAD, SYDNEY

To all of our supporters of the Capuchin Missions; Please pray for **Br. John Nguyen** as he prepares for this **Ordination to the Priesthood**. He was in charge of the Coffee Van's Ministry in Sydney and will continue his pastoral work in Queensland.



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