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The Capuchin Mission in Timor



A Review of The Capuchin Ministries in Australia



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 a review of Australian ministries, including the **10th Anniversary of the Friars' Van**.

Our **Easter and Mother'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.

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

Have a Blessed Easter and a Happy Mother's Day!

Daniela Santillan, Secretary

DISCERNMENT WEEK FOR NEW POSTULANTS By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

In December 2018, we organized a one-week discernment time at Hatubesilolo, where the new chapel was built.

This time, 11 new candidates were part of the activities, 7 of them have decided to enter the Aspirancy program, others will continue the discernment for another year, will assist to monthly reflections and will share the Franciscan fraternal life.

During this week, 8 previous postulants joined the Franciscan Sisters of Sacred Heart and the Sisters of Immaculate Conception during a 2-day reflection time.



PASTORAL VISITS IN TIMOR

By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

Fr. Luan shares photos of his monthly pastoral visits to villages in the mountains. Due to the rain and roads in poor conditions; he has to walk long distances to give spiritual assistance to the people.



MASSES IN THE NEW CHAPEL IN HATUBESILOLO



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Birth, we started the inauguration of the chapel. Around 400 people joined us. According to Timorese traditions, the elders welcomed the priests with songs and dances. After Mass we had a procession with the statue of Our Lady waking towards the new grotto, next to the water tank.



A BIG THANK YOU

By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

Last January 2019, Fr. Luan stopped at our office in Leichhardt (NSW). It was a brief visit; he talked about his present work in Timor and collected the donations we received last year.

Fr. Luan acknowledged our donors for all religious items, they are very helpful for his missionary work : rosaries, medals, scapulars, prayer books, holy cards and a set of chalices for Mass celebration.

He was very pleased and said the friars and the community in Timor always remember all our Australian benefactors in their daily prayers.



The Friars' Van (Sydney) is celebrating its 10th Anniversary of service on the streets

On Friday and Saturday evenings the Friars' Van heads out to near St. Mary's Cathedral to give hot drinks and sweets to those experiencing different forms of poverty, hardship and homelessness. Young volunteers can contact Fr. Pio at friarsvan@capuchinfriars.org.au



The Open House (South Melbourne)

Our friars in South Melbourne have been sharing their residence with the poor and marginalised for about nine years. Assisted by volunteers, the Capuchins welcome people to share food, hot drinks and more importantly, table fellowship. Most of the food is generously donated by benefactors. There are about 30 volunteers working together with the friars, they prepare and serve over 400 meals per week.

Volunteers can contact Br. Michael at:

sma@capuchinfriars.org.au





The St. Francis' Table (Newton, Adelaide)

This ministry consists of a monthly social gathering for the elderly, house bound and lonely. About 150 people gather from 10.30 am for different forms of social interaction (talking, playing cards and games, music listening) until 12 noon, when a good three course meal is served. Volunteers assist the friars in cooking meals and serving at the tables. From the very beginning, about 7 years ago, all the expenses have been met by donations. **Volunteers can contact Fr. Eldridge at: newtonparish@bigpond.com**



Donations to The Ministry to the Poor are Tax Deductible.

Please contact our office for more information.

mission@capuchinfriars.org.au

OR visit our website

www.capuchinfriars.org.au



The Vigil and Feast Day of St. Pio of Pietrecina was focused on Padre Pio's stigmata received 100 years ago. Thousands of devotees came to participate in this special anniversary. The vigil commenced with the relic of the heart of Saint Pio carried in procession to the church square.
(From The Voice Magazine, Issue 6, 2018).

ST. PADRE PIO CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA

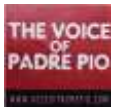
How to Start a Padre Pio Prayer Group

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.

St. Padre Pio devotees—Relics for veneration

You can visit us and venerate the two relics of the Saint in our office:
96 Catherine Street (downstairs), Leichhardt NSW 2040
Mon-Fri 9:00 to 12:00 - Phone: (02) 9569-1880



Join other young people (18-35yrs) from around Australia for the **2019 Capuchin Youth Fest**; there will be TALKS, GAMES, DAILY MASS, ADORATION, LIVE MUSIC...and MORE!



Date: 2-4 August 2019,
Place: Royal National Park, Sydney
More information:
Fr. Thomas McFadden,
capfest2019@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME?

If you want to volunteer your time to the Missions or other ministries, contact us at: mission@capuchinfriars.org.au, Phone: (02) 9569-1880 (Mon-Fri 9:00-12:30)

BECOMING A CAPUCHIN FRIAR?

Our Friars are inviting single Catholic men (18-35) to participate in a weekend of discernment for a possible religious vocation. Contact Fr. Thomas McFadden, the Vocation Director at: vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au

MAKE A DONATION

You can assist the Capuchin friars in their ministries and contribute towards:

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

Please contact us for Tax deductible receipts (*) or visit www.capuchinfriars.org.au

You can include the Capuchin Friars in your last **Will and Testament**. If you wish to leave money or some gift to support the Missions, we can send you information.

OUR EASTER BLESSINGS



On behalf of the **Capuchin Franciscan Friars**, we wish you a renewed faith in life and may the spirit of the Risen Christ live within you now and always. **Have a Blessed Easter!**

Be assured you will be included in the prayers during the **Novena of Masses** offered for your intentions.

Blessings to all Mums in Australia and Happy Mother's Day!

