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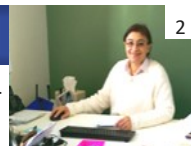
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Fr. Luan Le - Six Years of Missionary Work in Timor Leste



Thank you for your ongoing generous support of the Capuchin Friars' missionary work Overseas and within Australia.



We begin again the Lenten journey towards the joy of Easter, in a challenging 2021 year, with the whole world still struggling against the Covid-19 pandemic. The difficult realities are a reminder of how much we need God, but also, the assurance we are not alone, Our Lord will give us hope and strength to grow, to renew our faith and hope.

In this issue we share the reflections of Fr. Luan Le, after his six years as a Missionary in Timor; and an update of the Capuchin activities in Australia and the Padre Pio Centre.

Our thoughts and special prayers to our benefactors' families and communities, to the Friars, secretaries and parishioners. May this Lent be a holy time, to unite us more closely.

Have a Blessed Easter and Happy Mother's Day.

Daniela Santillan (Secretary)

MY MISSIONARY EXPERIENCE IN TIMOR

By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.

Six years of living in Timor Leste has taught me so many things. It also helps me to know myself better. First of all, the way we relate to others. I did not come to Timor Leste with high expectations of doing great works or achieving great things. What I desired from the beginning was to live out my normal Capuchin vocation. That is to grow in loving relationship with God, to live with brothers in fraternal environment and to be with people who are in need.



My love for the people in this area grew over the years. My pastoral visits were not 3
just only celebrating the sacraments of the Church but also getting to know the people
and to listen to their stories. These visiting experiences had helped me a lot during my
stay in Timor Leste.



I got to know more about the culture of the land, their faith and their families. This
helped me to appreciate more the mission that God has called me to work in his vine-
yard. I also got to know myself better through working with the local people. Above all, I
grew in love with God through my community life and pastoral work with the faithful.



There are many times and even now in my vocation journey I encounter many challenges. Many times I succumb to temptations and fall. Other times I am able to live out my vocation with dedication and enthusiasm. Secondly, living in a different culture and interacting with brothers who come from different 12 backgrounds and cultures, demand me to be more attentive to others. That is to be more observing and listening.



I have made mistakes and am still doing the same mistakes. That is to ignore others and imposing on others what I want. I fail to listen to their concerns. Nevertheless, the experience of living in Timor Leste has helped me to see life in different perspectives.

Life is full of surprise. God is full of surprise.

We can never exhaust the mystery of God. Different cultures and nationalities only offer a glimpse of seeing and knowing the Almighty God. God has revealed himself through the person of Jesus. We feel him, touch him, talk with him, eat with him and walk with him when we carry out his commands by serving others.





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!

THE MINISTRY TO THE POOR

Since Christmas 2020, we are yet to open our ministry to the homeless at St Mary's, **South Brisbane**, due to Covid 19 complications. We hope we can begin this ministry again soon. However, **our Postulant, Isaac** has been preparing and delivering meals to our elderly or needy parishioners (St. Francis Table ministry, managed by **Sr. Salvacion**). Isaac also volunteers weekly at a homeless drop in centre, Emmanuel City Mission where he is usually given the role of making 'Cappuccinos' for the homeless!"

In **Sydney**, the **Friar's Van** returned in February, providing hot drinks and snacks to homeless every Friday night. Contact: **friarsvan@gmail.com**



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

- the Seraphic Mass Association, an offering of prayers for everyone
- 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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You can include the Capuchin Friars in your last **Will and Testament**. If you wish to leave money or some gift to support the Friars, we can send you information.

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.

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.

Padre Pio is knocking at your door

Why don't you make a subscription to *"The Voice of Padre Pio"* ?

This is the Saint's official magazine, it will keep you in touch with the events in his shrine and those that take place around the world.

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THE PRAYER TO ST. PADRE PIO DURING THE PANDEMIC



Most merciful and Triune God,
We come to you in our weakness.
We come to you in our fear.
We come to you with trust.
For you alone are our hope.
We place before you the disease present in our world.
We turn to you in our time of need.
Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.
Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in your care.
Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you.
Jesus, I trust in you. **Amen.**



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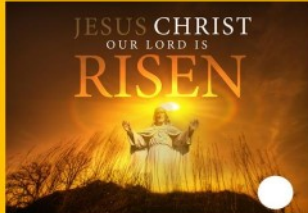
Easter Spiritual Bouquet Cards

This **Easter** give your friends and relatives a remembrance in our **Novena of Masses** to be offered during the **Easter Season**. Each person who receives a card is automatically included in the Novena of Masses. The deceased will be included by you sending us your list of names. The cards may be obtained by forwarding us this completed form.



Celebrate the
resurrection of
our Lord!

Happy
EASTER



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Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards



A Mother's Day Prayer
 Give us, O Lord, and bring Mary,
 Mother of Jesus,
 and our Mother,
 people of nations,
 the world over,
 on this day,
 your day,
 Amen.



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PACK of 3 Cards \$ 8 (per pack, postage included)		
INDIVIDUAL Cards \$ 3 ea. (postage included)		

General Donation (Optional) _____ \$ _____

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