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The Capuchin Mission in Timor



Mass on the 20th Anniversary of Suai Church Massacre



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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, projects and missionary work of **Fr. Luan Le in Timor**; an update of Australian student friars and comments about the 2019 Youth Fest.

Our **Christmas Cards** are available by mail, email and **online**. Please forward your particular intentions for the Novena of Masses and join us in the prayers.

From October 2019 we will receive **donations or payments by Credit Card**, please contact our office: **(02) 9569-1880** or **0480 161 411** (SMS available).

Special thanks to the Capuchin Friars, to the secretaries and parishioners, and to our benefactors and friends.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year 2020!

**Daniela Santillan,
Secretary**



Capuchin Mission Australia

THE SUAI CHURCH MASSACRE: 20th Anniversary Mass

The Suai Church massacre occurred on 6 September 1999, in Suai (200 km from Dili, in Timor); two days after the results of the independence referendum were announced. Several hundred persons had sought refuge in the **Ave Maria Church** from attacks of the pro-Indonesia militia in the city. Up to 200 people were killed that day in the church.





Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap was in Suai, where he celebrated Mass, remembering the souls of the people killed 20 years ago.

NEW PROJECTS IN HATUBESILOLO **By Fr. Luan Le OFM Cap.**

This year we started new constructions in Hatubesilolo; we are building new rooms, a kitchen and dining room. With this new facilities we can stay for recollection, have retreat or rest during our regular pastoral visit. Due to extreme weather conditions and low quality of local building materials, we also have started repainting and repairing cracks in the new chapel.



A new chapel and more rooms have been built since God blessed us with many vocations: We have now postulants, 4 novices, 12 brothers in first vows, 4 brothers in final vows, 2 deacons and 7 priests from different countries (Portugal, Indonesia and Australia).



PASTORAL VISITS IN VILLAGES



Bringing Holy Communion to the sick after Sunday Mass

One of the isolated villages we visit in Timor is located 1500 m above the sea level. Every month we walk 1.5 hours, climbing steep mountain sides, to visit the people and have Mass and confession. People live at the top of the mountain and don't have access to water.

With the financial support of our benefactors, we would like to install a water tank, a pump and a piping line (about 1 km long and 200 m. height) from the village to the nearest water stream.

The **estimated costs** would be around **\$20,000 US dollars** and it will include the water system, toilets and showers.



Contributions for projects in Timor can be made by credit card. Please complete and send the form below:

DONATION FOR NEW PROJECTS IN TIMOR

Name on card: _____.

Address: _____ Postcode: _____.

Please debit from my credit card \$ _____.

Credit Card Type: Visa MasterCard Other

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp.Date (MM/YY) _____.

Card Identification Number : _____.

(last 3 digits on the back)



Note: Donations for Timor are not tax-deductible.

On 25th July 2019, during the Provincial Assembly in Australia, **Brothers Duy Tran** and **Heherson Alarde** made their **Temporary Profession of Vows**, Poverty, Chastity and Obedience. They had recently returned from California, after completing their Novitiate.



On 21st July, **Brother Gary Rego** and 12 other postulants were clothed in the Capuchin habit (of probation) during the **investiture ceremony** in USA and began their life as Capuchin novices. The Director of Novices is fellow Australian friar, **Father Robert Stewart**, who works with a team of formation friars to help form these young men.



The Australian Capuchin province welcomed two young men into our first year of formation as Postulants on Tuesday, 13th August 2019: **Nicholas Singgih** and **Andrew White**.



The Postulancy Program is a year of discernment and formation and takes place in our friary in Dutton Park (Brisbane). Please join us in thanking God for sending us these men and please keep them in your prayer.

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.



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.

The Capuchin Friars in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy

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Dear St. Padre Pio devotees:

You can visit us and venerate the two **relics** of the Saint in our office:
 96 Catherine Street (Capuchin Friary, downstairs), Leichhardt NSW 2040
 Monday to Friday from 9:00 to 12:00—Ph: (02) 9569-1880

Email: padrepio@capuchinfriars.org.au

CAPFEST: 2019 Capuchin Youth Fest

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Beginning on the Franciscan Feast of Our Lady of the Angels (2nd August), almost 80 young adults (from NSW, VIC and SA) gathered with 10 Capuchin friars and 2 Franciscan Immaculatine Sisters (from QLD) for our **5th annual Capfest!** Over three massive days, we came together to reflect on the theme: ***“Like Mary, Becoming What We Are Made To Be!”***. Our guest preacher was **Fr. Bobby Barbato OFM Cap** from California (USA). May the Lord continue to bless all those who attended. **Pax et bonum!**



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 Franciscan Friar Minor in your last **Will and Testament**. If you wish to leave some finance or gifts to support the Order and ministries, we can send you information.

OUR CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS



On behalf of the **Capuchin Franciscan Friars**, we acknowledge our friends and benefactors for your continuous prayers and support; and wish you all the blessings and graces of **Christmas**.

Be assured you will be included in the Spiritual Bouquet of a **Novena of Masses** offered for your intentions and loved ones.

All the Blessings for the **New Year 2020!**