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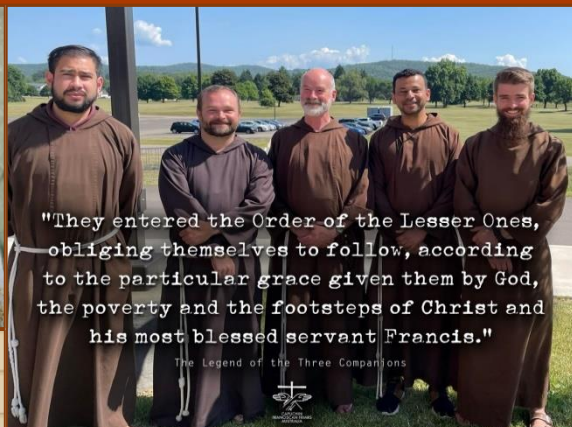


Newsletter of the Capuchin Mission Office  
PO Box 153 Leichhardt NSW 2040

Spring 2022



## CAPUCHINS IN AUSTRALIA AND MISSIONARIES AROUND THE WORLD



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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Spring Edition, 2022 of our Sandal Prints. As the Spring Season is now among us, it is noticeable the daylight is longer, more warmth is in the air, and new life and young shoots are emerging from what was lifeless and dormant during the dark, cold months of winter. These are all signs of great hope. It is important that we live with hope and in hope. Our faith points us to the great hope in Jesus Christ, who has redeemed us through His death, and gained us eternal life through His Resurrection. We are called to be the bearers of His message of hope, especially during these challenging times of uncertainties that is around us and in the world.

In this edition we wish to share with you some news of the Capuchin mission places in the different parts of the world. On the local level, within Australia, we will share with you some updates of our student friars, their studies and formation. You will see the different outreach programs and activities in relation to our Ministry to the Poor from our various presences.

New changes have also taken place in our Mission Office. Please take note of our new operating hours. All orders of the Seraphic Mass Association Cards, and Seasonal cards can be placed online via the Mission Office Website <https://www.capuchinfriars.org.au/>, email, mail, or phone. As of 2023 the Sandal Prints magazine will be accessible online. If you wish to continue to receive a hard copy, please contact us as per details below. All enquiries, prayers, and Masses requests in honour of St. Padre Pio, please email, [padrepio@capuchinfriars.org.au](mailto:padrepio@capuchinfriars.org.au)

We thank you for your continued support of the Capuchin missionary works both overseas and within Australia, most especially for your prayers. May God continue to shower upon you and your loved ones, His abundant graces, and blessings, always.

Peace and all good in Christ!

Br. Stephen Tran OFM Cap.

### **MISSION OFFICE OPERATING HOURS:**

**Monday to Wednesday 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM**

### **We are going paperless:**

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The missionary vocation is a call within the call. Not all friars feel it, but some, in addition to being Capuchins, are called to spend their lives, their strengths and their gifts among other peoples, taking on new cultures, learning different languages, and collaborating in the expansion of the Kingdom of God with the Capuchin missionary charism where there is the greatest need.

The General Secretariat for Missionary Evangelization, Animation and Cooperation of the Capuchin Order co-ordinates and supports various Capuchin missionary projects throughout the world. Your generous support and donations will help the missionary Friars and their evangelisation work. Below is the outline of some of the Capuchin Missions overseas:

**The Mission at Monigong:** Capuchin brothers are entrusted with the Monigong mission from 2018 onwards by the Diocese of Itanagar. Monigong is located closer to the Indo-China border (it is a part of the Shi-Yomi District). Amidst the challenging situations, with no electricity, transportation and communication facilities and the challenging climate, Capuchin Friars are actively involved in the pastoral ministries in the parish and the village churches. (<https://evangelizatioetmissio-ofmcap-en.blogspot.com/2022/01/capuchin-mission-arunachal-pradesh-india.html>)



**Family & School Projects:** Capuchin brothers from Milan province (Italy) are active in different projects, to guarantee the right to study for children and teenagers, so that their right to education is respected. They defend the family with support and growth actions. **The "Speranza" (Hope) Project in Camerun** offers the possibility, to those coming from the most distant villages such as Mbohtong, to stay on the Campus without having to walk hours every day to reach the school. This requires the expansion of the existing "Sant'Antonio di Padova" school to accommodate more than 500 students. The neediest children, who after primary school would no longer have the opportunity to continue their studies, are helped so that they can attend and finish secondary school. The final project of the Campus foresees the construction of 6 bedrooms, 24 classrooms, 4 laboratories, a computer room, a multipurpose hall, a kitchen, refectory, warehouse and infirmary. The structure is completed by 2 administrative offices and 3 sport fields.

(<https://www.missioni.org/progetti/scuola-e-famiglia/progetto-speranza-camerun/>)





**Br. Christopher** was ordained a deacon on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February 2022, during the friars' Chapter of Business. He is at Sts Peter and Paul Parish in South Melbourne, serving as a Deacon. He is preparing for his Ordination to the Priesthood, which will be held at The Good Shepherd Parish in Plumpton on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November this year. **Br. Matthew** is doing a Pastoral year in our parish of Plumpton with Fr. Vincy (Parish Priest). He is also continuing his studies. **Br Duy** is continuing his post novitiate studies in the Student House in Hawthorn and has commenced a Business Accounting course. **Br. Isaac Seraphim** completed his Novitiate in San Lorenzo in California on the 9th of July. He made his simple profession at Guardian Angels Church in Wynnum on Saturday, the 30th of August. He is one of 12 children. Isaac's older sister is a nun in the congregation The Sister of Life, living in New York; Isaac's older brother, Nathan (a priest) was concelebrating at the Mass. His family come from Toowoomba in Queensland, and many of his friends and relatives were able to be present. After the profession, Isaac is now in the Post Novitiate program in St. Anthony's Friary in Hawthorn, Victoria.



**Brothers Ben, Vincy, Mathew, Isaac, and Robert** travelled to the USA to attend a conference at St. Bonaventure's University in Buffalo, New York on the First Rule of St. Francis. It was 800 years in 2021 that St. Francis wrote the First Rule, the second and approved Rule was written later in 1223. Many of the Scholars of the three orders of St. Francis met for the conference to reflect afresh on the First Rule. A further aim of the conference was to give the young friars who are scholars of Franciscan Theology an opportunity to showcase their hard work in studies. Br. Ben, who has just completed his Doctorate in Rome was one of the presenters at the conference. Over 80 friars, predominantly Capuchin's were present, and all found the conference fruitful and of great benefit for knowledge received and the opportunity to reflect together as an Order of St. Francis, but also the joy of coming together as brothers of St Francis.



**“The ministry of the Open House in South Melbourne** is back serving meals from Monday to Friday after the interruptions caused earlier by COVID lockdowns. Numbers coming to receive a meal, groceries, take away meals and clothing are almost back to normal. Winter is often a difficult time for many of the guests of the Open House but through the generosity of many benefactors and local schools have been able to hand out blankets and hand knitted beanies and scarfs. We have a great band of volunteers who give of their time and talents to help provide good healthy meals to all our guests. We thank God for the support we receive and assure you that our guests and we friars are very grateful and remember you all in our prayers.”



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## The Friars' Van Ministry in Leichhardt

Following the spirit of St. Francis, we go out to be with those who are marginalise, our brothers and sisters in Christ. We provide warm beverages of coffee, tea, milo and little sweets to men and women who come to the service. We make ourselves present and available to actively and attentively listens to those who we encounter. Over time trusts and confidence grow, where stories and experiences are shared, community is built, and the experience of God's grace present in our encounters.



**The Friar's Van** continues in Woolloomooloo (Sydney, NSW) on Friday nights. If you would like to support this ministry, please contact: [friarsvan@gmail.com](mailto:friarsvan@gmail.com)

We thank Br. Rafal OFM Cap. from Warsaw Province (Poland), who recently visited our fraternity in Leichhardt, Sydney. He had joined us in our Friars' Van Ministry.



In a couple of months' time, we will soon be entering into the Season of Advent, then Christmas. Each year leading up to Christmas, the Friars and Volunteers of the Friars' Van prepare Christmas parcels to give out to those who are less fortunate and experiencing some forms of poverty, either through homelessness or isolation in the city area of Sydney. **We are launching a Christmas Appeal from now until the end of November**, seeking for assistance and donations of non-perishable goods (food, drinks, and sweets), and personal items (toiletries – men/women).



## Items you may like to donate are:

### Non-perishable food

Instant noodles/soups  
Canned soup, beans, fish,  
vegetables, meat, fruits  
Jelly, muesli bars, biscuits, etc...



### Non-perishable drinks

Long life milk  
Long life juices (pop size)  
Bottled water  
Etc...

### Personal Items

Soaps  
Shampoos  
Deodorizers  
Toothbrush/ Toothpaste  
Etc...



For more information email: [friarsvan@gmail.com](mailto:friarsvan@gmail.com)

### Gift Vouchers or Donation by transfer

We would also gladly and appreciative donations of Supermarket Gift Vouchers or by EFT (Donations are Tax Deductible)

**Commonwealth Bank of Australia**  
**Capuchin Friars – Welfare Account**

BSB: 062005

A/c: 1093 3480



**Post to**  
**PO Box 604**  
**Leichhardt,**  
**NSW 2040**

Last year we were able to prepare over 50 Christmas parcels through the generosity of our benefactors, friends, parishioners of The Good Shepherd Church, Plumpton, St. Fiacre's Church, Leichhardt, and the St. Fiacre's Catholic Primary School.



*Above: Fr. Vincy and Br. Gerard with donations from Plumpton Parish*



*Jules Bates – St. Fiacre's CPS*



*Fr. John and Friars' Van Volunteers*

Christmas is always a very special time of the year for each one of us and for our families. At the very heart of this Season is, that very precise moment, in the simplest humble of places, God chose to come into the world in our human form as a little baby, lying in a trough, completely self-emptied. As St. Paul revealed to the Corinthians, "...although he (Jesus) was rich, he became poor for your sake, so that you should become rich through his poverty." (2 Cor 8-9) By sharing whatever little we may be able to give, we take part in God's Self-emptying Love.

No matter how small our contribution may seem, together we all can make a significant difference.

Thank you most sincerely for your kindness and generosity.

May God bless your journey towards the Seasons of Advent and Christmas.

God's Peace and Blessings be with you, always.

Friars' Van – Capuchin Ministry to the Poor  
Br. Stephen Tran OFM Cap





The SMA was founded in 1899, under the patronage of St. Fidelis, a Capuchin missionary priest and the first martyr of the Propagation of the faith. The aim of the Association is to meet the material needs of foreign missions operated by the Capuchin Friars.

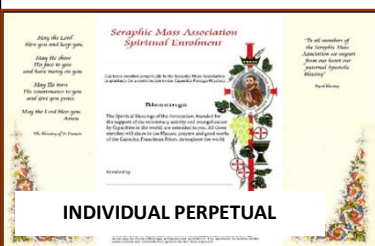


## What does Membership in the SMA mean?

As a partner in the Missionary work of the Capuchins, you are remembered daily in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Friars, and those you enrol are also remembered in this way. Supporting the Seraphic Mass Association is a practical way of sharing in the life and ministry of the Capuchin Friars around the world.

## SMA Conditions of Membership

Membership in the SMA maybe either, **Perpetual** (forever) or **Annual** (1-year). Enrolments can be done for a living or deceased person, for **Individuals** or a **Family** (parents & children). A **Membership Certificate** is extended to the members.



## Suggested offerings (membership card & postage)

- **Individual Perpetual (21x29 cm): \$20**
- **Individual 1-Year Membership (21x14 cm): \$ 10**
- **Family Perpetual Membership (21x29 cm): \$35**
- **Family 1-Year Membership (21x29 cm): \$17**

## Offerings can be made by: EFT, cheque deposit in

**Commonwealth Bank of Australia**

**Capuchin Friars**

**BSB No: 062005**

**Account No: 11055931**

**For Credit Card donations:** please contact us.



## Details for Enrolments can be sent by mail, email or on-line:

**Name/s for enrolment** (Indicate: living /deceased)

**Enrolled by:** Who is offering the enrolment

**Address** to be posted (e- cards available)

**Contact us for all artworks available.**

**Mail:** POBox 153, Leichhardt NSW 2040

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*The offering made for enrolments is not for Spiritual Benefits derived from the Association, but it is a free-will offering made for the purpose of supporting the Capuchin Missions.*



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### Helping the Holy Souls

**November** is the month the Church dedicates to the Holy Souls, and teaches us how we can best help our departed loved ones by our prayers, by our alms to the poor, by our sacrifices, especially by the holy sacrifice of the Mass.



This year again, our Capuchin Friars will arrange a **Spiritual Bouquet of Masses** to be offered for **the Holy Souls**. You may wish to have your loved ones remembered in these Masses. **Be sure to forward us a list of the names to be included in this intention.**


**I would like to make a Mass Offering (Optional) \$.....**

by (select) Cash, Cheque, Deposit to:

**Commonwealth Bank - Capuchin Friars**

BSB No.: **062 005** - Account No.: **11055 931**

Card donations: Please contact us at:

Ph: (02) 9569 1880 OR 0480 161 411

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post your list to: **PO Box 153 - Leichhardt NSW 2040**

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## Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards

This Christmas, give your friends and relatives, living and deceased, a remembrance in our **Novena of Masses** to be offered during the **Christmas Season**. Each person who receives a card is automatically included in the Masses. The deceased will be included by you sending us your list of names.



**PACK A: 10 Cards \$ 18**  
(postage included)



**PACK B: 5 Cards \$ 11**  
(postage included)



**PACK C: 5 Cards \$ 11**  
(postage included)

ITEM	QUANTITY	TOTAL \$
<b>Pack A</b>		
<b>Pack B</b>		
<b>Pack C</b>		
<b>Individual Cards</b> \$ 3.50 ea. (select)		

**Payments by** (select): Cash, Cheque, Deposit  
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**No Cards-Mass Offering (Optional)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Suburb:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Postcode:** \_\_\_\_\_





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