

# Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Joseph



## *2011 Provincial Chapter Preparatory Committee*

1 October 2010

Dear Brother:

Your local minister has been asked to schedule a local chapter at which your community can submit a community vote on up to three issues that it would like to see included on the agenda for the 2011 provincial chapter. Below is a listing of those issues that have been submitted by individual friars.

During your local chapter, we encourage you to discuss these issues and to come to a consensus on 1, 2 or 3 issues that you feel should be on the chapter agenda, including your rationale for each. When the Chapter Preparatory Committee collates these submissions, we will report either that we have been able to construct a potential agenda for the chapter, or — if there is no general agreement on an potential agenda, we will offer an additional process for continuing the development of the agenda.

Following are suggestions submitted by individual friars for the chapter agenda:

1. The pastoral plan and its implications
2. Community life: living situations
3. Community life: generational/cultural expectations
4. Community life: models for review of life
5. Recommitting our province to Justice & Peace issues
6. “Partners”: definition/implications
7. Supporting vocational recruitment
8. Polarization of the U.S. Church, and the province’s part in resolving
9. Becoming more “green” (e.g., burials, use of energy, etc.)
10. Overcoming a bias against the SFO, and including members more in provincial affairs.

*Clarification: Any of the above issues which eventually become part of the agenda would include time for plenary and/or small group discussions, and may or may not result in a resolution and votation.*

*In addition to your community’s votation on the issues for the agenda, you are also invited to submit any proposals for which you would like discussion and votation. Our “Procedures for Celebrating a Provincial Chapter” allow for any individual friar to submit a proposal, provided that the issue in question has received the endorsement (signatures) of at least 5% of the perpetually professed brothers of the province with active voice (given our current membership,*

*this means such a proposal would need the signatures of eight perpetually professed friars who are eligible capitulars). In addition, any commission or standing committee of the province, or any local fraternity may also submit a proposal to be placed on the agenda. A sample proposal is included with this letter for your convenience.*

*Individual friars who would like to offer a proposal and solicit signatures of other friars may do so electronically. Such proposals will be then sent to friars for endorsement.*

*Proposals received, which meet the above requirements, will be placed on the chapter agenda with time for discussion and votation. Such proposals would be in addition to the proposed chapter agenda resulting from the province's votation on the agenda.*

Your local minister will receive an electronic form to use for submitting your community vote on the above suggested agenda items.

We thank you, in advance, for your cooperation in helping to prepare for this important event.

Fraternally,

2011 Provincial Chapter Preparatory Committee

TL Michael Auman

John Celichowski

Mark Carrico

Mark Joseph Costello

William Frigo

John Holly

Steven Kropp

Robert Smith

Lawrence Webber

Gary Wegner

Francis Voris

## **Sample for Chapter Proposals**

*(Following is a proposal from the 2008 provincial chapter)*

1 WHEREAS, there are too many excellent and vital topics to discuss at our provincial chapter  
2 which need to be addressed and

3 WHEREAS, there will not be time to discuss them during the chapter, and

4 WHEREAS, a friar or group of friars could take one of the topics such as health care,  
5 collaboration with partners, culture gap, vocations, ecology-green movement, criteria for  
6 prioritizing our ministries, future vision, and write a stimulating paper which could be distributed  
7 on a quarterly basis to the local communities and friars, be it

8 RESOLVED that four of these papers be written over the course of a year, so that twelve of these  
9 would be covered before the next chapter.

10 ACTION REQUESTED: that the newly elected provincial and council appoint the RAP  
11 Commission to facilitate this process.

Submitted by: (Signatures of at least eight perpetually professed friars, or:  
Name of a provincial commission or standing committee, or  
Name of a local fraternity)

*Proposals should be sent to: Capuchin Communications  
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Milwaukee, WI 53212*