

## Chapter Proposal on Spiritual Renewal

1 WHEREAS, all friars are called, both by our vows and by our Constitutions (n. 182;  
2 41,2) to ongoing spiritual growth and renewal in our vocation, and

3 WHEREAS, our province has not instituted a province-wide program of spiritual renewal  
4 for a number of years, and

5 WHEREAS, research has shown that recruits for vocations are attracted to  
6 communities for whom spirituality is a high priority, and

7 WHEREAS, such a program is best conducted over an extended period of time, be it

8 RESOLVED: that the Provincial Chapter of 2011 commit the province to a three-year  
9 interdisciplinary program aimed at deepening our Capuchin-Franciscan spirituality.

### 10 ACTIONS REQUESTED:

- 11 • a committee of friars be formed to implement this program, under the  
12 direction of the Provincial Council;
- 13 • the program be rooted in the Gospel, the Rule of St. Francis, our  
14 Capuchin Constitutions, and the documents of the Plenary Councils of the  
15 Order;
- 16 • the committee research other Capuchin and Franciscan provinces to  
17 learn what kinds of programs for spiritual renewal they have found to be  
18 successful;
- 19 • based on their findings, the committee shall consult the province about  
20 possible plans, and then draw up a final proposed plan for spiritual  
21 renewal to be presented to the Provincial Council for approval and  
22 implementation.

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