



The Pope will visit Padre Pio at Pietrelcina and San Giovanni Rotodono on March 17



Vatican spokesman Greg Burke has announced the pastoral visit of Pope Francis on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the appearance of the stigmata and the fiftieth of the death of Padre Pio.

On March 17, 2018, the Pope will travel to these places of Padre Pio, the Capuchin to which the faithful are united in devotion all over the world, and who was canonized on May 16, 2002. The news published by the director of the Vatican Press Office, Greg Burke, announced that the Pope will travel on Saturday, March 17 for a pastoral visit to Pietrelcina, in the diocese of Benevento, on the occasion of the hundredth anniversary of the appearance of St. Pio's stigmata. Immediately following, Francis will go to San Giovanni Rotondo, in the diocese of Manfredonia-Vieste-San Giovanni Rotondo, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the death of this friar who was raised up as an 'icon' of mercy and model confessor during the recent Jubilee Year. At that time the Pope had the relics of the two Capuchin friars St. Pio and St. Leopold Mandić displayed in the Basilica of St. Peter for the faithful to venerate.

[Schedule of the visit](#)

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A Christmas Message of Franciscan Unity from Brazil



São Paulo, Brazil. On April 10, 2017, Pope Francis received at the Vatican the four Franciscan General Ministers, Br. Michael Perry OFM, Br. Mauro Jöhri OFM Cap., Br. Marco Tasca OFM Conv. and Br. Nicholas Edward TOR. It was a prophetic gesture.

The General Ministers have promoted various common projects, such as the Franciscan University now taking shape, as well as others on the way, such as fraternities in the Holy Land as well as other places.

This past Christmas, following the example of the General Ministers, We Brazilian friars decided to do something new for the four branches of the Order: we gathered together to send a message speaking of hope and encounter.

Despite the difficulties of reconciling schedules, it was possible to gather in the parish of the Immaculate Conception of the Capuchin friars, in the center of São Paulo, in front of the nativity scene. The atmosphere could not have been better; the grace of this new encounter has opened new horizons for future shared projects.

The message was given by Br. Fidenzio, Provincial Minister of the

OFM, Br. Nestor, Definitor of the OFM Conv., Br. Alain, Provincial Minister of the TOR, and Br. Carlo Silva, Provincial Minister of the OFM Cap. It touched on the simplicity of God, who makes himself a child not among royalty in a palace full of riches and luxury, but among the little ones, on the periphery, where we too will see the Lord, among also the marginalized and the oppressed of our time. The Ministers also recalled the tragic circumstances of millions of refugees and how their stories are known also in that of the family of Nazareth, which had to leave all in order to flee King Herod, the symbol of power.

There have also been other shared Franciscan events, both in Brazil and elsewhere, such as the Chapter of Mats in Aparecida, where about a thousand Franciscans met, the Mass of St. Francis, and the meeting of Franciscan lay brothers.

The representatives of these four branches of the Order concluded their message with their hope that other meetings will be planned for the new year, that new seeds of unity continue to be planted everywhere, as was done in 2017.



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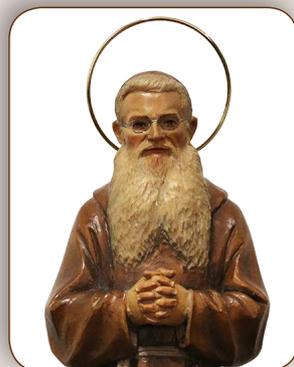
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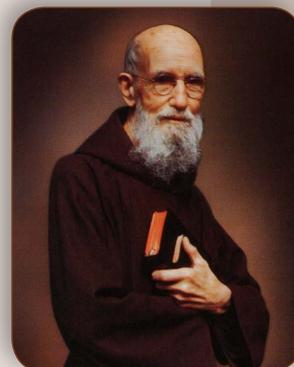
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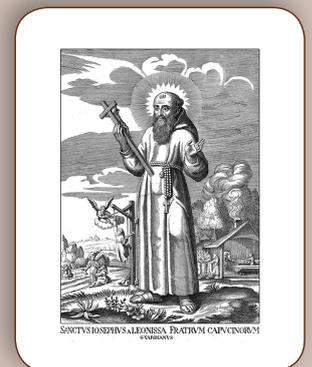
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Blessed Arsenius



Blessed Solanus Casey



Saints and Blesseds



Towards the 85th General Chapter

In view of the 85th General Chapter that will be celebrated from the 26th of August until 16th of September 2018 at the San Lorenzo da Brindisi International College, Rome, the Preparatory Commission nominated by the General Council, after consultation with the presidents of all the Conferences, met at the General Curia from the 29th of September until the 1st of October 2017 to draw up the programme and propose themes for discussion at the General Chapter.

The proposals of the Preparatory Commission

were studied and reviewed by the General Council at its meeting in November 2017 and the same were presented to the Technical Commission that met at the San Lorenzo da Brindisi International College on the 13th of January 2018 to provide practical advice for the logistics of running such a big meeting.

Alongside these two commissions, the Economic Commission in collaboration with the Office of Statistics also provided their expert opinion with regard to the expenses for the General Chapter.



Photo - Preparatory Commission



Video - L'incontro della commissione



Photo - Technical Commission

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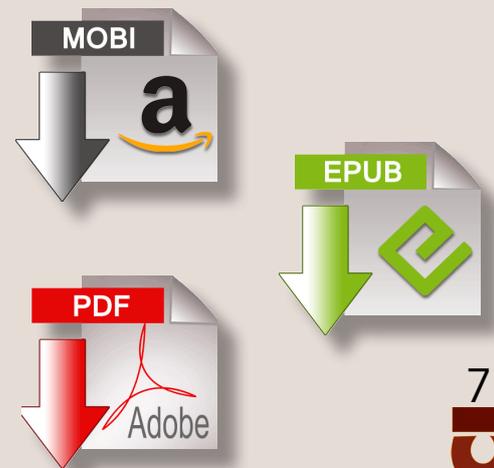
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The Pope's prayer intentions for 2018



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FEBRUARY: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

MARCH: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.



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„A joyful soul is like healthy soil in which life can thrive and produce good fruit.”

„God walks along the dusty paths of our lives and responds to our longing for love and happiness by calling us to joy.”

„Joy, prayer and gratitude are three ways that help us live authentically.”

„God became a child to be closer to the men and women of every time, and to show us His infinite tenderness.”

„Baptism is also called ‘illumination’, because faith illuminates the heart and allows us to see things in a different light.”

„In the name of Jesus, with our witness, we can prove that peace is possible.”



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