



Newsletter from the Definitory
***** of the Olivetan Benedictine Congregation *****

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Dearest Confreres,

during the first Diet of the year 2013, held at the Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore between the 8th and 11th January, the following decisions were made:

Extraordinary General Chapter (25-31 August 2013)

The Decree of indiction of the Extraordinary General Chapter will be published in Easter.

Monastero di S. Stefano in Bologna

The closure of the monastery of Santo Stefano in Bologna has been postponed by three months to the 30th April 2013 following a request made by the monks of that community.

Monastery of Grafenthal

This Community, pursued and encouraged since its foundation by Card. Joseph Ratzinger, started its probation period following the approval of the Diet held between the 16th and 23rd May 2011 (see *Asterisks* 18/1 [2011] 2). On the 12th October 2012, the Holy See decided to dispense them of the remaining trial period (rescript Prot. 23428/1994). While welcoming the dispensation with esteem, the Definitory feels it is wise to prolong the trial period until May, so as to fulfil the minimum 2-year period required by our Constitutions (see *Const.* 101 [99]).

Due to the limited number of monks, the monastery of Grafenthal will be accepted initially as a *cell* of the Abbey of S. Miniato in Florence.

Financial contribution to the Congregation

The financial contribution to the Congregation has been revived. Each Community will contribute €150 for every solemn professed monk and €100 for every simple professed monk.

The next Diet will be held at Monte Oliveto between the 22nd and 23rd May 2013.

COMPUTERIZATION OF PUBLICATIONS OF THE CONGREGATION THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE CHANCELLERY

The official website of the Chancellery of the Congregation is now ready at the address: www.monteolivetomaggiore.it/_cancelleriae
(it can be accessed directly from the address above, or from the main menu of the site www.monteolivetomaggiore.it).

Information updated in real time

On the web page are published, in real time, the official Acts (or articles) issued by the Holy See, by the Abbot general and by the Chancellery, as well as Acts of the Definitory that are not bound by confidentiality. Contained also are notifications of abbatial blessings, ordinations, professions, clothings as well as the necrology. Each year, as customary since 1960, all this information is published in the official publication of the Congregation, *Acta Curiae Generalis*, of which is available, on the same web page, the collection in digital form from 2003 to today, as well as the official bulletin *Asterischi* from 2011 to today.

Different levels of access and reserved area:

The site is accessible on various levels:

- The first is available to all and is accessed from the address shown above.
- The second is reserved for monks only and for access a name and password must be inserted (other than the contents of the first level, this will include: Acts Abbatis Generalis - *Decreta*; Diarium Cancellariae - *Chronica*; Acta Sanctae Sedis - *Tantum Monachi*; Acta Patrum Definitorii).

The password will be sent (by mail) to all Superiors.

Community News

As already notified in the last issue of *Asterischi*, the news of the Community shall not continue to be published in *l'Ulivo*, but will be made available on the website of the Chancellery. All the Communities are invited to send their news for publication to the email address: cancelleria@monteolivetomaggiore.it

WEBSITE OF THE JOURNAL L'ULIVO

The website of the Congregation's journal *l'Ulivo* is now ready. *Olivetani journal of spirituality and monastic culture*, at the addresses:

- www.monteolivetomaggiore.it/lulivo.html (for Italian)
- www.monteolivetomaggiore.it/lang1/lulivo/html (for English)

(it can be accessed directly from the address above, or from the main menu of the site www.monteolivetomaggiore.it).

Every edition of the journal, in pdf format, from 2004 to today, is published on the website, as well as the complete and unifying index of the same volumes.

FROM THE CHANCELLORY (2012)

RECIEVED THE HOLY ORDER OF PRESBYTERATE

(16-11-2012) d. Bento M. Presotto (S. Paulo, Brasil)
 (27-12-2012) d. Marco M. Kim (Kyung Nam, Korea)

RECIEVED THE HOLY ORDER OF DEACONATE

(15-06-2012) d. Bento M. Presotto (S. Paulo, Brasil)

HAVE MADE THEIR SOLEMN PROFESSION

(21-03-2013) d. Lorenzo M. Pereira Guimarães (Ribeirão Preto, Brasil)
 (25-03-2012) d. Bento M. Presotto (S. Paulo, Brasil)
 (29-09-2012) d. Guglielmo M. Gambina (Monte Oliveto Maggiore)

HAVE MADE THEIR SIMPLE PROFESSION

(01-01-2012) d. Benedetto M. Vichi (Monte Oliveto Maggiore)
 (17-01-2012) d. Todd Allan M. Barvinek (Pecos, USA)
 (02-02-2012) d. Francesco Mauro M. Paderni (Rodengo, Italia)
 (21-03-2012) d. Isaías M. Gonçalves (Ribeirão Preto, Brasil)
 (19-08-2012) d. Michele M. Choi (Kyung Nam, Korea)

HAVE STARTED THEIR NOVITIATE

(14-01-2012) d. Manuel M. Pecoraro (Lendinara, Italia)
 (14-01-2012) d. Francisco M. Iñiguez Padilla (Lendinara, Italia)
 (09-02-2012) d. David Joseph M. Mayer (Abu Gosh, Israel)
 (21-03-2012) d. Pedro M. Pereira Martins (S. Paulo, Brasil)
 (21-03-2012) d. Filippo M. Puglia Barbosa (S. Paulo, Brasil)
 (01-05-2012) d. Bob M. Green (Pecos, USA)
 (18-05-2012) d. Teresio M. Njuguna (Pecos, USA)
 (01-11-2012) d. Andrés M. Rodriguez (Boca del Monte, Guatemala)
 (24-12-2012) d. Davi M. Marques (S. Paulo, Brasil)

HAVE BECOME RESIDENT OBLATES

(17-06-2012) f. Mauro M. Suzzi (Monte Oliveto Maggiore)