



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

YEAR XVIII n°1

12th June 2011, Pentecost

Dearest Confreres,

the first Diet of 2011 was held at the Abbey of Monte Oliveto Maggiore between the 16th and 23rd May. Following a detailed examination of the Communities and the Congregation as a whole, the Diet has made the following decisions

DECISIONS

Community of Ghana

The Community of Ghana will become a “non-formed house” and will no longer be dependent on the Community of Bologna.

The Abbot General will nominate the Superior from a choice of three names presented by the Community, as is done for all the non-formed houses (see *Dir.* 172 [176]).

It seems best that the Ghanaian youths receive their formation in Ghana, and therefore this house may have a novitiate in the future.

The Abbot General has entrusted the Community of Ghana to the attention of the III Definitor, Fr. Ab. Charles-Eugène M. Galichet.

We thank all those who have contributed to this new foundation, particularly: the Community of Bologna, especially the Prior d. Sergio Livi, the Bursar General and the Community of Monte Oliveto Maggiore, as well as the Community of Abu Gosh (for a brief period).

From a strictly financial point of view, the Congregation and the Community of Bologna (thanks to a donation they received) have contributed in substantially equal parts.

Community of Brazil

It has been decided that the Community of N. S da Esperança will become a “non-formed house” detached from Ribeirão Preto.

The Abbot General will nominate the Superior of N. S. da Esperança “ad nutum abbatis generalis”.

The Abbot General has entrusted the Community of N. S da Esperança to the attention of the VI Definitor, d. Bernardo Gianni.

Community of Grafenthal

The request made by the monastery of Grafenthal (Germany), interested in joining our Congregation, has been accepted and will therefore be starting the usual period of trial.

Suspension of n° 77 & 118 [117] of the Constitutions until the next General Chapter

Modification *ad experimentum* until the next General Chapter (according to norm *Const.* 178 [179] i) of n° 77 & 118 [117] of the Constitutions, considering the suggestion made by the Congregation for Consecrated Life, suspending the norm that requires at least seven years of solemn profession to cover the office of local Superior and Formation Master.

Fr. Abbot General would like to make clear that this proposal comes from the evidence of multiple requests made to the Holy See asking for the dispensation of the requisites indicated in the Constitutions requiring a certain number of years of solemn profession for the candidate to the office of local Superior (7 years) and that of Formation Master (7 years) as indicated in the Constitutions in n° 77 & 118 [117].

Norm *ad experimentum*, regarding the so called “cells”, until the next General Chapter

Fr. Abbot General has brought up the proposal he presented to the General Chapter. He feels that it is necessary to have certain indicative principles since these bodies do exist and need to be regulated.

Two types of cells have been defined: one that may evolve into a non-formed house needing the Abbot General’s confirmation, who needs the Definitory’s consent, and another that will never be a non-formed house needing the approval of the local conventual Chapter with the Abbot General’s consent and confirmation.

FROM THE CHANCELLORY (2010-)

RECIEVED THE ABBATIAL BLESSING

(08-12-2010) Fr. Gabriele M. Ferraresi (Lendinara).

RECIEVED THE HOLY ORDER OF PRESBYTERATE

(30-01-2010) d. Agostine Tawia-Yeboah (Bologna).

(24-06-2010) d. Ambrogio M. Lecca (MOM).

(11-07-2010) d. Fredy M. Cruz Alvarado (MOM).

(02-08-2010) d. Joseph M. Brasseaux (Opelousas).

(02-08-2010) d. Symeon M. Galazka (Opelousas).

RECIEVED THE HOLY ORDER OF DEACONATE

(31-01-2010) d. Fredy M. Cruz Alvarado (MOM).

(23-05-2010) d. Teodoro M. Muti (Camogli).

(05-02-2011) d. Eliseo M. Pinti Moran (Guatemala).

HAVE MADE THEIR SOLEMN PROFESSION

(14-02-2010) d. Leo M. Kiskinis (Bologna).

(26-09-2010) d. Cristoforo M. Zajchowski (Lendinara).

(01-01-2011) d. Grégoire M. Calmettes (Maylis).

(06-01-2011) d. Bruno M. Pérez Cabrera (Guatemala).

(13-03-2011) d. Jean-Pierre M. Ndjee (Bologna).

HAVE MADE THEIR SIMPLE PROFESSION

(06-04-2010) d. James M. Long (Holy Trinity).

(31-05-2010) d. Mark M. Bordelon (Opelousas).

(12-06-2010) d. Mario-Isaías M. Chapetón Durán (Guatemala).

(11-07-2010) d. Beda M. Kim (Korea).

(08-09-2010) d. Bernardo M. Mognoni (Seregno).

(29-09-2010) d. Antonio M. Bellantone (MOM).

(29-09-2010) d. Tommaso M. Lègena (MOM).

(01-01-2011) d. Michael John M. Rodgers (San Luis Obispo).

(16-01-2011) d. Tommaso M. Pedditzi (Bologna).

(21-03-2011) d. Bernardo M. Bergamin (Brazil).

(08-05-2011) d. Edward M. Pushparaj (Bologna).

(15-05-2011) d. Benedetto M. Toglia (Lendinara).

HAVE STARTED THEIR NOVITIATE

(15-01-2010) d. Bernardo M. Bergamin (Brazil).

(11-02-2010) d. Thomas M. Reilly (Opelousas).

(25-03-2010) d. Austin M. Yee (Hawaii).

(01-05-2010) d. José Bartolomé M. Miranda Alfaro (Guatemala).

(29-05-2010) d. Benedetto M. Toglia (Lendinara).

(23-06-2010) d. Anselmo M. Criscuolo (Bologna).

(10-07-2010) d. Gabriel M. Wadlington (Opelousas).

(05-08-2010) d. Charles M. Hudson (Hawaii).

(14-08-2010) d. Mauro M. Savarino (Lendinara).

(18-08-2010) d. Michele M. Choi (Korea).

(27-11-2010) d. Pietro M. Seo (Korea).

(24-12-2010) d. Benedetto M. Vichi (MOM).

(16-01-2011) d. Franco M. Paderni (Rodengo).

(17-01-2011) d. Todd M. Barvineck (Pecos).