



Rome, 20 July 2026

SUBJECT: Proposals for Amendments to the General Statutes of the Order

Dear Brothers,

May the Lord give you peace!

As we continue our preparations for the General Chapter of 2027, we are also called to review the adequacy of the Order's own legislation, so that it may continue to support our life and mission and respond to the new situations and needs emerging in the various contexts of the Order.

In this regard, every friar may submit proposals for the amendment, supplementation or updating of the General Statutes of the Order of Friars Minor. The proposals should be formulated clearly and concisely, indicating:

- the article or paragraph of the General Statutes to which they refer;
- the text of the proposed amendment;
- a brief explanation of the reason and purpose.

When the introduction of a new provision is proposed, it would also be helpful to indicate the section of the General Statutes in which it might be inserted.

The proposals may concern individual provisions as well as broader matters which, in the light of the experience of the Provinces, Custodies, Conferences and other Entities of the Order, may require revision, updating or further clarification.

All proposals must be submitted no later than **30 November 2026**, directly to the Secretariat of the General Chapter, at the following email address: capgensec@ofm.org

They will be collected, organized and examined, and subsequently submitted to the competent bodies in preparation for the General Chapter.

We invite the Provincial Ministers, Custodes, and their respective Definitories and Councils to make this possibility widely known and, where they deem it appropriate, to promote a time of reflection and discussion within the fraternities concerning the legislation of the Order.

The revision of the legislation is not merely a juridical exercise, but forms part of our common discernment regarding the form of life which the Lord is calling us to live today, in fidelity to the Gospel, the Rule and the charism of Saint Francis.

Thanking you in advance for your contribution, I greet you fraternally.

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