

# Communiqué of the General Definitory Regarding the *Tempo Forte* of January 2025

## *Ordo Fratrum Minorum*



## *Secretarius Generalis*

The January *Tempo Forte* took place from the 7th to 17th at the General Curia “St. Mary Mediatrix”, in Rome.

The General Definitory, in the first ordinary session of its work, experienced a time of personal narration; it drew up the programme for the Meeting of the General Definitory with the new Provincial Ministers and Custodes (12th-20th May) and with the Visitors of the first appointment (21st-25th July) 2024; it defined, together with Br. Sergiusz BAŁDYGA, Secretary of the PCO, the topics to be dealt with by the Plenary Council of the Order and sent the letter of convocation; he completed, with fr. Darko TEPERT, Secretary General for Training and Studies, the drafting of the II of eight Letters on Formation; he continued discernment on some aspects: of the Guardian “St. Mary Draperis” in Turkey, of the International College “St. Anthony” and annexed Pontifical University Antonianum, and of the College “St. Bonaventure”-Fathers Publishers of Quaracchi in Rome; approved the extension of the *Ratio Formationis Franciscanae* concerning the themes of the Protection of minors and vulnerable adults; ordered the revision of the theme “Visa Requests and Declarations” of the Handbook of the Provincial Secretary, for which updates will be given soon; shared in a formation session, with the help of Sr. Tiziana MERLETTI (SFP) and sr. Simona PAOLINI (SFMGB), on the way of accompaniment of the current situations of fragility of institutions in Religious Life, including those of the Entities, which require new visions and practices; met with the Government of the fraternity “St. Mary Mediatrix” of the General Curia for updates on fraternity; fr. Pasquale BERARDINETTI for updates on the Protocol Office and the Automation Office; Fr. Joel ESPLANA SULSE and Br. Saulo DUARTE, for updates on economic matters; in the last session, he verified the work done.

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## *The General Definitory*

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### *The board has appointed:*

- Br. Teofil CZARNIAK, Visitor General of the Prov. “Our Lady of Guadalupe”, in the USA;
- Br. Martin LÜTTICKE, Visitor General of the Province of Ireland;
- Br. Georges MASSINELLI, Visitor General of the Prov. “St. Paul the Apostle”, in Malta;
- Br. Jorge Arturo LUNA VILLALABOS, Visitor General of the Prov. “Our Lady of Guadalupe”, in Central America and Panama;
- Br. Noel MUSCAT, Visitor General of the International College “St. Anthony”, in Rome;
- Br. Aidan McGRATH, General Delegate for the erection of the Autonomous Custody “Good Shepherd”, in Zimbabwe;

- Br. Saulo J. DUARTE, Secretary of the Canonical Visitation with regard to the economic part, for the Guardianate “St. Mary Draperis”, in Turkey.

### *Approved the shortlist of candidates for Minister Provincial of:*

- Prov. Dalmatian “The Holy Redeemer”, in Croatia;
- Prov. “Incarnate Word”, in West Africa;
- Prov. “St. Anthony of the Friars Minor”, in Italy;
- Prov. “St Juniper Serra”, in Mexico;
- Prov. “Holy Cross”, in Slovenia;
- Prov. “St. Benedict The African”, in the Democratic Republic of Congo.



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### Decreed the canonical erection of:

- Prov. “St. Anthony of Padua in the Democratic Republic of Congo;
- For which he elected the first provincial government;
- Conference of North Africa and the Middle East (CONAMO).

### Has analyzed, of the following Entities:

- The Post-Chapter Report: Prov. “Holy Cross”, in Brazil;
- The indications of the Visitor and General Delegate: Prov. “Sacred Heart of Jesus”, Prov. “The Seven Martyrs in Calabria” and Prov. “Our Lady of Grace”, in Italy.

### Of the following Entities, ratified the Acts of the elections that took place:

- In Chapter: Prov. “B.V.M. Queen of China”, in Taiwan;
- Out of Chapter, by: Guardians: Prov. “Our Lady of Guadalupe”, in Central America and Panama, 4.

### Approved, subject to conditions, the SSPPs of:

- The erection of the English-Speaking African Conference (ESAC);
- The International Interprovincial Novitiate of the Province of Ireland.

### Has dealt with the following cases of separation from the Order:

- Indult of secularization ad experimentum: 1;
- Indult of dispensation from solemn vows: 1;
- Dispensation from the burdens of the clerical state: 1.

### Examined, amongst practices already in progress and new:

- Cases of Graviora delicta: 1;
- Dismissal from the Order: 1.

### Has dealt with other practices of various kinds:

- Canonical erection of Houses (Entities dependent on the Minister General): 1;
- Suppression of Houses: 1;
- Practices of an economic nature: 10;
- Granting and/or renewal of obedience and/or scholarships: 4;
- Hospitality at the International College “St Anthony”: 2;
- Projects (Entities dependent on the Minister General): 2;
- Obedience by missionary sending: 2.

The next *Tempo Forte* is scheduled for 10th to 21st March 2025: all the Entities of the Order are reminded to send any requests to be submitted to the General Definitory within a week of the beginning of the work of the *Tempo Forte* (by Friday 28th February).

To the praise of Christ and the *Poverello* of Assisi. Amen!

Rome, 2nd February 2025  
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord  
in the Temple and The Day for Consecrated Life

Br. Antonio M. IACONA, OFM  
Secretary-general