

Communiqué of the General Definitory concerning the Tempus Forte of September 2026

Ordo Fratrum Minorum



Secretarius Generalis

The September Tempus Forte took place from the 7th to 18th at the General Curia “S. Maria Mediatrix”, in Rome.

The General Definitory dedicated the first session of the work to prayer and personal narration; it defined the Programme of the Meeting of the General Definitory with the Presidents of the Conferences (25th-28th November); it offered its reflection on the General Chapter cards already delivered to all the Entities of the Order; it began a reflection on the reallocation of some spaces of the General Curia; and continued the search for friars to be proposed as ordinary Minor Penitentiaries at the Basilica of St. John Lateran.

The General Definitory met with Br. Andrew BROPHY, for an update on the Waterford fraternity and the service of the General Secretariat for Franciscan Missions, and Br. Iurii SEMKO, on the Statutes of the Order’s Conferences. He also received the General Secretariat for Missions and Evangelisation, the Director of the Communications Office, the General Secretariat for Formation and Studies, and the Director of the Translation Office to share updates on their respective Offices, as well as the General Bursar to discuss economic matters. Finally, he met with the Commission for the Fraternity of Stratford to evaluate the fraternity and plan future steps, and with the Secretary of the General Chapter 2027.

The General Definitory

elected

- Visitor General:
 - Br. Vicente Ronaldo DA SILVA, for the Prov. “Immaculate Conception B.V.M.”, in Brazil.
 - Br. Wanderley CARVALHO DO COUTO, for Cust. aut. “Sacred Heart of Jesus”, in Brazil.

approved the shortlist of candidates for Minister Provincial of:

- Prov. “Our Lady of Guadalupe”, in Central America and Panama.
- Prov. “Holy Faith”, in Colombia.
- Prov. “Our Lady Queen of Peace”, in South Africa.

elected the Government of:

- Fond. “St. Francis”, in Russia, dip. by the Minister General.
- Erigenda Prov. “St Mary Mother of God”, in India.
- Guarded “St. Joseph”, at Waterford, dept. by the Minister General.

analysed the Report:

- of the Visitor General on:
 - Prov. “St. James della Marca”, in Italy.
 - Prov. “St. Wenceslas”, in the Czech Republic.
 - Prov. “St. Paul the Apostle”, in Malta.

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- Prov. Franciscan Monastery of Arantzazu, Spain.
- Prov. “Our Lady of the Hungarians”, in Hungary.
- College of “St. Isidore”, in Rome.

ratified the Acts of the elections that took place in the following Entities:

- In Chapter:
 - Prov. “St. James della Marca”, in Italy.
 - Prov. “St. Paul the Apostle”, in Malta.
 - Prov. “Our Lady of the Hungarians”, in Hungary.
 - Prov. “St. Anthony of Padua”, in the Philippines.
 - Prov. “Sts. Peter and Paul”, in Mexico.
 - Prov. “The Holy Gospel”, in Mexico.
 - Prov. “Immaculate Conception B.V.M.”, in Poland.
 - Province of Ireland.
 - Prov. “Our Lady of Guadalupe”, in the USA.
 - Cust. aut. “St. John the Baptist”, in Pakistan.
- In the Chapter Congress:
 - Prov. “Sts. Cyril and Methodius”, in Croatia.
 - Prov. “Our Lady of the Angels”, in Poland.
 - Prov. “Sts. Peter and Paul”, in Mexico.
 - Prov. “Immaculate Conception B.V.M.”, in Poland.
- Outside the Chapter, of:
 - Vicar Provincial: Prov. “The Most Holy Trinity”, in Chile.
 - Provincial Definitory/Custodial Councillor: Prov. “Bl. John Duns Scotus”, in France and Belgium, 1; Prov. “Holy Trinity”, in Chile, 1; Prov. “Holy Cross”, in Brazil, 1; Prov. “The Holy Saviour”, in Slovakia, 1; Cust. aut. “St. Anthony”, in Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei, 1.

- Guardian: Prov. “The Most Holy Name of Jesus”, in Italy, 4; Prov. “Holy Trinity”, in Chile, 4; Prov. “St. Anthony of the Friars Minor”, in Italy, 1; Cust. aut. “Good Shepherd”, in Zimbabwe, 1.

listened to the Report presented by the General Delegate on the path of:

- 4 Provinces of Southern Italy.
- 4 Prov. Iberian.

ratified (in some cases, subject to conditions) the SSPP/Transitional Regulations of:

- General Definitory.
- OFM General Secretariat.
- Prov. “Bl. John Duns Scotus”, in France and Belgium.
- Prov. “Sts. Cyril and Methodius”, in Croatia.
- Prov. “Assumption of B.V.M.”, in Poland.
- Erecting Prov. “St. Mary Mother of God”, in India.
- Economic-Administrative Regulations.
- Regulations of the COMPI Cooperation Board.
- Fondazione Opere Antoniane (FOA).

has dealt with the following cases of separation from the Order:

- Dispensation from temporary vows: 2.
- Indult of exclaustation: 2.
- Dispensation from solemn vows: 5.
- Secularization *pure et simpliciter*: 3.
- Secularization *ad experimentum*: 3.
- Dispensation from the burdens of the clerical state: 2.

examined new/ongoing cases of:

- Dismissal from the Order: 1.

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dealt with the following practices concerning the friars:

- Admission to the Postulancy (Entity dependent on the Minister General): 6.
- Admission to the renewal of temporary profession (Entity dependent on the Minister General): 5.
- Admission to ministries (Entity dependent on the Minister General): 2.
- Granting/renewal/exchange of obediences and/or scholarships: 2.
- Obediences to go to/from the mission: 8.

dealt with the following practices concerning Houses and real estate:

- Deletion: 16.
- Alienation: 2.

has dealt with other cases:

- Correction of invalid acts: 2.
- Economic matters: 4.
- Economic demands: 2.

The next Tempore Forte is scheduled for 9th to 20th November 2026:
the files received by the General Curia by Friday, 30th October, will be processed.

To the praise of Christ and the Poverello-the Poor Man of Assisi. Amen!

Rome, 25th September 2026

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