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## ORDER OF FRIARS MINOR CAPUCHIN

## GENERAL MINISTER

Prot. N° 00936/13

**Executory decree for the Constitutions**

**and the Ordinances of the General Chapters**

With the entering into effect of the Constitutions and the Ordinances of the General Chapters (OGC) on 8 December 2013, there are changes to certain realities in the Order.

The General Minister

To conform these realities to the new legislation

issues the present

**DECREE**

***I Provincial Chapters***

The OGC in n. 8/18.1 modify the celebration of the Provincial Chapter: *“The provinces with one hundred or fewer friars celebrate the Chapter by direct suffrage; the provinces with a number of friars greater than one hundred celebrate the Chapter by delegates. Nevertheless, the provinces with more than one hundred friars can also celebrate the Chapter by direct suffrage and, for a just cause, the provinces with one hundred friars or fewer can celebrate the Chapter by delegates.”*

It is established, however, that the Provinces that have called the Provincial Chapter before the entering into effect of the new legislation will celebrate it according to the law in effect at the time the Chapter was called. The Provinces that must call the Provincial Chapter after the entering into effect of the new law will celebrate the Chapter according to the new norms.

For the Provinces with more than one hundred friars that celebrate the Chapter by universal suffrage and now must celebrate it by delegates, not having specified in the Statutes of the Chapter a means for electing delegates, the General Minister, having the consent of his Council, grants the dispensation from OGC n. 8/18.1 so that the next Chapter can also be celebrated by universal suffrage. In the Chapter there is to be determined and approved the means of electing delegates and this is to be inserted into the Statutes of the Chapter. If instead for the succeeding Chapter it is wished to maintain the universal suffrage, the Provincial Minister shall see to the consultation of the Province and in conformity with the Statute according to the means chosen.

The Provinces that, the new law having entered into effect, wish then to change the way of celebrating, proceed to the consultation in the terms established in the OGC at n. 8/18.2

***The Custodies***

The circumscriptions that were called *Viceprovinces* assume the name *Custody*. This preserves the same structures determined by their proper decree of erection in the boundaries of the territory, the composition of members assigned, and in the number of Councilors to be elected in Chapter.

The General Viceprovinces are now called General Custodies.

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The General Custodies (all dependent on the General Minister):

* Arabia
* Chad-Central African Republic
* Congo
* Nicaragua-Costa Rica-Panama
* Guatemala-Honduras-El Salvador
* Ethiopia
* Kenya
* Lebanon
* Mozambique

The Provincial Custodies (each dependent on the relative Province):

* Angola (pr. Venice)
* Belarus (pr. Warsaw)
* Amazon and Roraima (pr. Umbria)
* Western Brazil (pr. Rio Grande do Sul)
* Cape Verde (pr. Piemonte)
* Dominican Republic-Haiti (pr. Rio Grande do Sul)
* Ecuador (pr. Spain)
* Nirmala (pr. S. Joseph Kerala)
* Mexico-Texas (pr. Spain)
* Pakistan (pr. Belgium)
* Papua New Guinea (pr. Pennsylvania)
* Puerto Rico (pr. Pennsylvania)
* South Africa (pr. Ireland)
* Ukraine (pr. Krakow)
* Marianas-Hawaii (pr. New York-New England)
* Venezuela (pr. Spain)
* Zambia (pr. Ireland)

The circumscriptions that were called Custodies remain Custodies, preserving the same structure determined in their proper decree of erection in the boundaries of the territory, in the composition of members assigned, and in the number of Councilors to be elected in Chapter.

The Provincial Custodies (confirmed – each dependent on the relative Province)

* Benin (pr. Marches)
* Bulgaria (pr. Krakow)
* Cameroon (pr. Lombardy)
* Korea (pr. Ireland)
* Ivory Coast (pr. Lombardy)
* Japan (pr. New York-New England)
* Malaysia-Singapore (pr. Philippines)
* Northern Mexico (pr. Western America – CA)
* Nigeria (pr. Tuscany)
* New Zealand (pr. Ireland)
* Paraguay (pr. Paraná - Santa Caterina)
* Prem Jyoti (pr. S. Francis Kerala)
* Romania (pr. Naples)
* Sweden (pr. Warsaw)
* Turkey (pr. Emilia - Romagna)
* Uganda (pr. Karnataka)
* Zimbabwe (pr. Tamil Nadu South)

If the changed conditions of the circumscription would make it useful to change the number of Councilors, n. 136.2 of the Constitutions establishes the competent authority to do so and to place it in the Statutes of the Chapter.

***The Conferences of Major Superiors***

The presidents of the Conferences of major superiors arrange and determine, in the way they see fit, the criteria for selecting the delegate of the Conference to send to the General Chapter, as established by the OGC in n. 8/8.

The presidents of the Conferences will arrange for the translation of the Constitutions and of the OGC in the language of their competence, that it may then be approved by the General Minister and his Council.

Even though the translation is approved, the typical edition is that of the Italian language, which remains that of reference in case of controversy regarding the text.

***The entering into effect of the new legislation***

With the entering into effect of the Constitutions and the OGC, every contrary norm of subordinate law is abrogated.

The Ministers and local superiors, as competent authority, will arrange, as soon as possible, for the conformity of Statutes and other documents to the new norms, with the new terminology and the new numeration, turning as necessary to the ratification of the Chapter.

The General and Provincial Minister shall confer in writing to the Custos the faculties to be delegated to him and shall indicate those that he reserves to himself, as requested by numbers 20.1 and 136.6 of the Constitutions.

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding

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General Secretary OFMCap.

*Given in Rome, at our General Curia on 9 December 2013,*

*St. Syrus, bishop,*

*St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, visionary of Guadalupe.*