



Rome, 29.VI.2023

Dear Brother Ministers,

May the Lord give you peace!

Following up on the communications already published on our website regarding the St. Lawrence of Brindisi Fraternities, I invite you to promote it throughout your circumscription, and to encourage any brothers who are interested in this prospect.

Grateful for your collaboration, I send you my warmest regards.

Br. Pio Murat, OFMCap

FANNING THE FLAME OF OUR CHARISM

The St. Lawrence of Brindisi International Fraternities are a beautiful testimony that has emerged in our Order to “fan the flame” of our Capuchin charism. It has been off to a significant start thanks to the support of recent General Ministers and their councils, but there are still many challenges ahead.

To push the journey forward, the project’s commission is organizing a week of fellowship, formation and animation open to the brothers from all the St. Lawrence of Brindisi fraternities, their major superiors, brothers from other fraternities who find inspiration in the project’s vision as well as brothers who are simply interested in learning more about the entire experience.

WEEK OF FELLOWSHIP, TRAINING AND ANIMATION FOR THE ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI FRATERNITIES

- **When:** September 4–9, 2023 (*arrivals* on Sept. 4th in the afternoon)
- **Where:** Assisi (Domus Laetitiae) 60 rooms
- **Who:** Brothers of the St. Lawrence of Brindisi Fraternities in Europe, and also other friars who want to know more about this experience.

SCHEDULE

Monday, Sept. 4th: the evening – Br. Pio Murat – welcome and introductions for the meeting (goal, history, needs)

Tuesday, Sept. 5th: Fraternal Life

7:20 – Mass with Morning Prayer

8:00 – Breakfast

9:15 – Talk: The Centrality of the Fraternity to Our Identity (ideals and challenges)
– Br. Raffaele Ruffo (France)

10:30 – pause

11:00 – Dialog and Sharing: beginning with questions posed by the presenter

12:30 – Midday Prayer

12:45 – Lunch

15:30 – Testimony: Br. Luc Vansina (Antwerp) *30 min.*

Break into small groups to share personal experiences on the theme presented.

16:45 – pause

Free time to visit Assisi

19:10 – Vespers

19:30 – Meditation

20:00 – Supper

21:30 – Compline

Wednesday, Sept. 6th: The Minor Life

6:30 – Office of Readings

6:50 – Meditation

7:20 – Mass with Morning Prayer

8:00 – Breakfast

9:15 – Talk: Minority is the First Feature of Our Fraternity (ideals and challenges)
– Br. Mauro Jöhri

10:30 – pause

11:00 – Dialog and Sharing: beginning with questions posed by the presenter

12:30 – Midday Prayer

12:45 – Lunch

15:30 – Testimony: Br. Augustin Dogaru (Hungary)

Break into small groups to share personal experiences on the theme presented.

16:45 – pause

Free time to visit Assisi

19:00 – Vespers and Adoration at San Damiano

20:00 – Supper

21:30 – Compline

Thursday, Sept. 7th: Life of Prayer and Meditation

6:30 – Office of Readings

6:50 – Meditation

7:20 – Mass with Morning Prayer

8:00 – Breakfast

9:15 – Talk: The Primacy of Prayer (ideals and challenges)
– Marek Miszczyński (Krakow)

10:30 – pause

11:00 – Dialog and Sharing: beginning with questions posed by the presenter

12:30 – Midday Prayer

12:45 – Lunch
15:30 – Testimony: Br. Štefan Kožuh (Le Celle di Cortona)
Break into small groups to share personal experiences on the theme presented.
16:45 – pause
Free time to visit Assisi
Vespers and Meditation (personal prayer in one of the sanctuaries)
20:00 – Supper
21:30 – Compline

Friday, Sept. 8th: Life of Apostolate and Mission

6:30 – Office of Readings
6:50 – Meditation
7:20 – Mass with Morning Prayer
8:00 – Breakfast
9:15 – Talk: Mission at the Core of Our Capuchin Life (ideals and challenges)
– Br. Mariosvaldo Florentino, Secretary of Missionary Animation
10:30 – pause
11:00 – Dialog and Sharing: beginning with questions posed by the presenter
12:30 – Midday Prayer
12:45 – Lunch
15:30 – Testimony: Br. Jean-Marcel Rossini (Lourdes)
16:45 – pause
Free time to visit Assisi
19:00 – Vespers in the Lower Church of the Basilica of St. Francis
20:00 – Supper
21:30 – Compline

Saturday, Sept. 9th:

6:30 – Office of Readings
6:50 – Meditation
7:30 – Breakfast
9:30 – Concluding thoughts by Br. Pio Murat and a sharing among the participants.
Departures

In the afternoon, there will be a profession of novices from Tortona in the church at the Sanctuary of the Renunciation (Church of Santa Maria Maggiore), for anyone who may be interested in attending.