



The CAPUCHIN PROVINCE OF ETHIOPIA “MARY KIDANE MEHERET”

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Annual retreat schedule 2018

Dear Brothers in your respective residences,

Wishes of Peace and Goodness in the Lord. I hope this message finds each one of you well in your respective fraternities. Presently I am making a very swift canonical visitation to all fraternities of the Province, to discuss about their fraternal life and activities, first, with each brother individually, and then with all the members of the fraternity. While making this visit, I thought would be find to bring to your attention our annual retreat schedule. All the brothers of the Province are invited to actively participate in the annual retreat according to their given schedule. This is the first annual retreat since the erection of “The Capuchin Province of Ethiopia, Mary “Kidane Meheret.” As we all know, a retreat is a vacation with the Lord; hence, brothers are all asked not to miss it unless there is a grave reason preventing them from taking part in it which requires obtaining permission, in case a brother is unable to attend.

We read in the Gospel of Matthew, one of the three disciples, after spending their time with Jesus on Mount Tabor, exclaimed “Lord how good it is that we are here” (Mt 17:4). It is also our hope that each brother should express the same feeling after his annual retreat. The Capuchin Constitutions, under our life of prayer, states that all the brothers whether within the country or abroad should join for their annual retreat “For the continuous renewal of our religious life, **all the brothers are to make an annual retreat and have other periods of recollection**” (Constitutions 56, 1). In similar vein, Pope Francis in his recent Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and be Glad), on the call to Holiness in today’s world, emphasized the need of prolonged prayer (retreat). He said, “The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, at work, through others and at every moment. Yet we simply cannot do without the silence of prolonged prayer, which enables us better to perceive God’s language, to interpret the real meaning of the inspirations we believe we have received, to calm our anxieties and to see the whole of our existence afresh in his own light. In this way, we allow the birth of a new synthesis that springs from a life inspired by the Spirit” (GE 171). It is our true belief that those who take part in the retreat will see their whole of existence afresh in God’s own light.

Accordingly, this year we have organized two retreats, both to be held at St. Joseph Fraternity, Adama-Nazareth, Ethiopia. We kindly ask those friars who live abroad to arrange their annual retreat according to their particular circumstances and not to discard it. The first retreat will take place from **25-30 June 2018**, whereas the second from **16-21 July 2018**. Fr. Paul Angeben will direct both retreats. Here below is the list of participants and the schedule of the retreat.

No.	Group I (25-30 June 2018)	Group II 16-21 July 2018
1.	Br. Berhe T/Yohannes	Br. H/Gabriel Meleku
2.	Br. Gabriele Bonvicini	Br. Lucas Cialebo
3.	Br. Tadewos Gizaw	Br. Amanuel Gabriel
4.	Br. Begashawu Tadesse	Br. Gebrewold G/Tsadik
5.	Br. Bereket Toma	Br. Dawit Worku
6.	Br. H/Mariam Worako	Br. Adane Petros
7.	Br. Daniel Assefa	Br. Tilaye Alemshet
8.	Br. Abera Makebo	Br. Gabriel W/Hanna
9.	Br. W/Mikael Milkamo	Br. Endale Haile
10.	Br. Alemayehu W/Sanbet	Br. Ermyas Philipos
11.	Br. Tekle Munie	Br. Desta Lielebo
12.	Br. W/Mariam Paulos	Br. Fisseha Tafesse
13.	Br. Yohannes Zekarias	Br. Simon G/Yesus
14.	Br. Amanuel Girma	Br. Assefa Makebo
15.	Br. Teneja/Markos Jorge	Br. G/Wold Estifanos
16.	Br. Desta Gaenamo	Br. Zewde Mena
17.	Br. Abera Achiso	Br. Ersumo Godebo
18.	Br. Berhanu Michael	Br. Yohannes Bate
19.	Br. Demoze Loha	Br. Worku Demeke
20.	Br. Maurizio Gentilini	Br. Wondwessen Wube
21.	Br. Berhanu Ayele	Br. Berhanu Lema
22.	Br. Solomon Dawit	Br. Fekadu Fako
23.	Br. Ayele Bergude	Br. Negash Elias
24.	Br. Mathewos Chanko	Br. Mathewos Philipos
25.	Br. Yoseph Feliche	Br. Alemayehu Fola
26.	Br. W/Ghiorghis Betalo	Br. Girma Abuto
27.	Br. Frew Chekol	Br. Wolde Hogago
28.	Br. Demise Guraro	Br. Abraham Waza
29.	Mgr. W/Tensae W/Ghiorghis	Br. W/Meskel Watiro
30.	Br. Tesfaye Lera	Br. Zelelew Anjulo
31.	Br. Tamrat Tefera	Br. Berhanu Woemago
32.	Br. Isaias Gaitano	Br. Dejene Hidoto
33.	Br. Amanuel Hadaro	Br. Yoseph Teka
34.	Br. Mebratu Mekuria	Br. Kebede Lala
35.	Br. Marine Wontebo	Br. Ketema Belete
36.	Br. Yohannes W/Ghiorghis	Br. Raffaello Del Debole
37.	Br. Abiy Worku	Br. Lucas H/Maryam
38.	Br. Zenebe Argaw	Br. Habtamu Gebre
39.	Br. Temesghen Woldu	Br. Abraham Assefa
40.		Br. Renzo Mancini

Other information

1. Anniversaries

On 24 May 2018, His Excellency Abune Woldetinsae Gebreghiorghis celebrated his golden jubilee of ordination to priesthood and silver jubilee of his consecration as bishop of the Vicariate of Harar. Fr. Daniel Beraki companion of ordination with Bishop Woldetinsae came from Sicily, Italy to take part in the celebration. All Capuchin bishops and number of friars attended the celebration which took place at Holy Saviour fraternity. We thank the Lord for the gift Abune Woldetinsae to the Province and we wish him many happy and holy years filled good health.

2. Ongoing formation



On 24 April 2018 Br. Alemayehu Wolde left to Collegio Internazionale Rome for his ongoing formation at Ateneo Antonianum. We wish him every success in his study years in Rome. On 30 May 2018, Br. Abera Makebo and Br. Arega Desta went to Lusaka, Zambia for Capuchin formation workshop organized by East African Capuchin Conference.

3. Departed parents

Recently sister death visited family members of our brothers in the Province. The sister Br. Amanuel Gabriel namely Teresa Gabriel passed away suddenly on 31 March 2018. The mother of Fr. Gebreyesus Amanuel, Wolete Berhan passed away on 11 May 2018 and the biological father of Fr. Alemayehu Goa (Ato Albezu) passed away on 28 May 2018. All the brothers of deceased family members attended the Funeral Rite of their respective family members. May the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God Rest in Peace. We express our deep condolence to all the bereaved family members. We kindly ask all the fraternities to offer the prescribed suffrage according to our Ordinances to the departed family members of our brothers (Ordinances 3/2/3).

I take the occasion to wish all the brothers of the Province every blessing from the Lord and I invoke on each one of you the protection of our Patroness Mary Kidane Meheret and our Seraphic Father St. Francis of Assisi.

Fraternally,



Fr. Gebrewold Gebretsadik
Provincial Minister