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ASSEMBLEE CAPUCINE DES SUPERIEURS MAJEURS
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To all Major Superiors, Local Superiors and all Brothers working in Africa

Dear Major Superiors, Local Superiors and all Brothers working in Africa,

May the peace of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the blessings of our seraphic father be upon you during this significant preparatory period for the PAN African meeting, which is set to be celebrated in 2027.

According to the convocation letter from the General Minister, Prot. No. 00842/25, the event is scheduled to occur from February 1 to 6, 2027, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The General Minister has explicitly stated in the convocation letter that this significant event will play a vital role in shaping the future journey of the Capuchins across our vast and diverse continent, and it will serve as a pivotal moment for the engagement of other regions worldwide where Capuchins are active and where our charism thrives. Nevertheless, for this to materialize, the active involvement of all Capuchins serving in Africa and other regions around the globe is essential, from the initial stages leading up to the celebration of the meeting and beyond. To facilitate this, the preparatory commission will provide you with all necessary information and ensure your active participation throughout the entire process.

The topics that have been approved for discussion in the meeting consist of six:

- 1) The importance of human relationship in Africa and the Capuchin identity;
- 2) Fraternal economy in view of growth in human relationships;
- 3) To form our young ones to grow both in human and Franciscan relationships;
- 4) Mission as a Collaboration in human and fraternal relationships;
- 5) Capuchin brothers' relationship with the local Ordinaries;
- 6) Justice Peace and Integration of Creation in Africa.

Since December 2023, both the assembly and the commission have been diligently engaged in establishing the foundation for this preparation. In the first phase, they have been involved in the formation of the commission, selection of topics, identification of potential resource personnel, and assignment of responsibilities to the preparatory commission for finalizing the resource personnel, aiding in the development of the topics, and estimating the budget necessary for the meeting.

In the second phase, they have engaged in assessing all activities carried out thus far by the commission and approving the budget, authorizing the final version of the logo, the prayer, the timetable, and the questionnaires created by the resource personnel; determining the method for disseminating the questionnaires and collecting feedback from each community; establishing the

timelines for the distribution of the questionnaires, the collection of feedback, the compilation and summarization of responses, and the submission to the resource personnel; organizing the schedule for when the resource personnel will present the initial draft of their topics to the preparatory commission; when the preparatory commission will offer its feedback to the resource personnel; and when the final work will be submitted to the assembly members and all brothers, ensuring that when we convene for the meeting, we are all informed about the proceedings and can also provide our opinions, questions, suggestions, and so forth.

In order to facilitate the involvement of all members, a new website has been established alongside the current social platform of CAMSA, enabling each individual to express their opinions and stay informed about all updates. The address of the website is <https://www.camsafrica.org/>

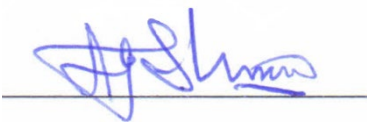
To enhance your understanding, the timeline is outlined as follows:

- 1) On January 21, 2026, questionnaires will be sent to each circumscription, and within two to three days, they will be forwarded to each community.
- 2) The responses from every community must be submitted to the secretary of the preparatory commission by April 30, 2026.
- 3) Between May 1 and May 5, 2026, the secretary will share the feedback from the brothers with both the experts and the preparatory commission.
- 4) By July 1, 2026, the experts are expected to present the initial draft of their topics to the preparatory commission.

The questionnaires developed for each topic intended for discussion by every fraternity are included with this letter. Therefore, we respectfully ask each major superior to ensure the discussion takes place and that feedback is submitted promptly.

We anticipate that this meeting will serve as a moment of appreciation and spiritual rejuvenation, a period of profound fraternity and spiritual happiness, and a chance for prophetic recommitment to our Capuchin identity for the glory of God and the benefit of all.

Yours sincerely and fraternally



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