



# APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF NORTHERN ARABIA

## FAITH FORMATION

3 July 2020

Dear Fr Peter, Catechist and Children.

The feast of St Thomas invites us to place our faith, trust and believe in the Lord and through this the Good Lord blesses us. This in turn brings a blessing to others whom he sends us to.

We were blessed today on this feast of St Thomas to receive blessings through the good news that our dear **Rev Fr Peter Poyyathuruthy M (Fr Peter P M) OFM, Cap has been appointed as the Custos of the Order of Friars Minor (OFM) Capuchin with effect from July 3, 2020.**

This indeed is good news to all of us in the Vicariate. He now will be the Custos of the full gulf (AVONA and AVOSA). His appointment is a fine example of total surrender and trust in Jesus. This trust and confidence, Fr Peter has always shown to his brothers and the flock he has been entrusted for the many years of apostolate in both the vicariate. His own brothers have shown this through the collective decision in wanting him to be their Custos.

It is rightly said, our loss (here in Kuwait) is the gain for the whole gulf region that is been entrusted to the Capuchin. I, for sure can vouch that this '*is the right choice*'.

This appointment and elevation could not have come at a better time, apparently, Fr Peter is celebrating his birthday on July 4. It truly confirms to us that life that was given to him by God, is to spend it for others and this appointment is a confirmation of Fr Peter true understanding of Life.

Encountered very few people who were so enthusiastic about hard work and work for the good of the people and his brothers. The various works that he took up was always how to make God known to others, especially through making our place of worship and parish a truly God's home. Fr Peter's strong determination to achieve a task and his belief in God has made this possible. God has endowed Fr Peter with unique strength and abilities and this elevation attests to his strong character and discipline.

Dear Fr Peter, on behalf of the Catechists, children and their families, we wish you God's blessings on you and may He give you continued success in all you undertake. We pray that God gives you the strength and wisdom needed to govern as a Custos. We take this opportunity to congratulate and also wish you a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY. We pray that you continue to be a blessing to all. We are indeed truly blessed to have come in contact with you closely, shared your company and we thank our dear beloved Bishop Camillo for getting you to Kuwait. God's ways are not ours.

Once again Happy Birthday and Congratulations dear Fr Peter.

On Behalf of all in the Catechism Ministry of AVONA

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