



APOSTOLIC VICARIATE OF NORTHERN ARABIA

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APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

August 2023

(Second Official Circular)

After a long time of prayer, contemplation, and consultation, for the good of our Vicariate of Northern Arabia, I took these following decisions:

NEW APPOINTMENTS with canonical effect from October 1st, 2023.

Rev. F. Ruben B Barrameda JR, AVONA's incardinated priest, is appointed as *VICAR DELEGATE* (Vicar General) according to Can 475-481 for 3 years. His residence will be in Ahmadi.

Rev. F. Frédéric André Souchet O.S.S.T., with the consent of his Vicarial Minister, is appointed as *DELEGATE* (Episcopal Vicar) for S.A. according to Can. 475-481 for 3 years.

Rev. F. Savio Jude D'Souza, SDB, with the consent of his Provincial, is appointed as *DELEGATE* (Episcopal vicar) for Religious and Consecrated Life according to Can. 475-481 for 3 years.

Rev. F. Charbel Rizk, OFM Cap, with the consent of his Custos, is appointed as *EXORCIST* according to Can. 1172, for 3 years. He will compose his team with the approval of the bishop.

Rev. F. Jijo Thomas, OFM Cap, with the consent of his Custos, is appointed Assistant Parish priest of Our Lady of Arabia Parish in Ahmadi, Kuwait, according to Can. 545-552, for one year of probation period followed by 5 years if accepted.

Rev. F. Joe Fernandes, SDB, with the consent of his Provincial, is appointed Assistant Parish priest in St Therese of the Child Jesus Parish in Kuwait, according to Can. 545-552, for one year of probation period followed by 5 years if accepted.

Rev. F. Saji Thomas, OFM Cap, with the consent of his Custos, is appointed as *PROVICAR* according to Can. 420 to be in charge *in sede vacante*.

APPOINTMENT OF THE BISHOP'S COUNCIL, starting October 1st, 2023

The following fathers are appointed as Members of the *BISHOP'S COUNCIL* according to Can 495 &2 and Can 502 &4 and for 3 years:

By rights: F. Ben Barrameda as Vicar Delegate, F. Antony Lopez, OFM Cap as Chancellor and Ecclesiastic Judge, F. Johny Lonis Muzhuvanchery, OFM Cap as Delegate for the Syro Malabar rite, F. Andrew Frédéric Souchet, O.SS.T., as Delegate for S.A., F. Savio D'Souza, SDB as Delegate for Religious and Consecrated Life.

Representing the Cathedral team: F. Saji Thomas, OFM Cap, as Rector of the Cathedral,

Representing the Parish priests: F. Xavier Marian D'Souza OFM Cap (QT), F. Francis P.J. OFM Cap (BH), F. Gaspar Santan Fernandes OFM Cap (KW), F. Salvadore D'Cunha, OFM Cap (SA)

Representing the Incardinated priests: F. Rodel D.O. Aclan.

Total: bishop + 11 members

AVONA'S MINISTRIES, starting officially September 1st, 2023.

Rev. F. Stephen Francis Kachappilly, OFM Cap, Assistant parish priest in Qatar, is appointed as head of the *AVONA Office of Care*. He will compose his team and his program with the approval of the bishop.

Rev. F. Nelson Joseph Lobo, OFM Cap, is appointed as responsible of the *AVONA Office for Bible promotion and Studies*, without prejudice to his previous commitments. With the approval of the bishop, he will compose a team with correspondents in the different countries of the Vicariate.

Rev. F. Nicolson Supreme Bien Aimé, priest of the Diocese of Hinche-Haiti, *Fidei Donum* in mission in AVONA and Assistant parish priest in Manama, Bahrain, is appointed as head of the *AVONA Office of Divine Worship* and First Bishop's Master of Ceremonies for 3 years.

Rev. Fr. Joseph Valiaveetil Paul, OFM Cap, Assistant parish priest of Holy Family Co-Cathedral in Kuwait, is appointed as head of the *AVONA Music Ministry*.

Rev. Fr. Mariano Vicchi, IVE, Parish priest of Our Lady of Fatima parish, in consultation with his provincial, is appointed responsible of *AVONA Office for Vocations*. He will compose his team with correspondents in the different countries of the Vicariate.

Rev. Fr. Rodel D.O. Aclan, AVONA's incardinated priest and Assistant parish priest in Qatar, is appointed head of *AVONA Youth Ministry*. With the approval of the bishop, he will compose a team with correspondents in the different countries of the Vicariate.

OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Rev. F. Saji Thomas, OFM Cap and Rector of the Awali Cathedral (Bahrain), is appointed as responsible of *Works and Projects Office in Bahrain*. He will compose his team with the approval of the bishop for the construction of the new Bishop's House.

Rev. F. Gaspar Santan Fernandes, OFM Cap and Parish Priest of the Holy Family Co-Cathedral (Kuwait), is appointed as responsible of *Works and Projects Office in Kuwait*. He will compose his team with the approval of the bishop for the restoration of the Co-Cathedral compound.

Rev. F. Rogelio Lacaba Regner, incardinated priest of AVONA, is appointed in the Our Lady of Arabia Cathedral's team, Awali, Bahrain, from October 1st, 2023. He is authorized to take two years of formation in Counselling in the Philippines.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS with immediate commitment.

CHARIS

F. Augustine Vadakathalackal, O.S.S.T., is appointed Spiritual Director of CHARIS-S.A.

F. Victor Prakash, OFM Cap, is appointed Spiritual Director of CHARIS-Bahrain

F. Stephen Francis Kachappilly, OFM Cap, is appointed Spiritual Director of CHARIS-Qatar

(F. Varghese Mundackal, OFM Cap, is expected to be Spiritual Director of CHARIS-Kuwait)

FAITH AND LIGHT

F. Savio D'Souza, SDB, Parish priest of St Therese of the Child Jesus, oversees Faith and Light Association in Kuwait (English speaking group), in absence of designated Spiritual Director.

F. Carlos Alberto Caballos Medina, priest of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem, *Fidei Donum* in mission in AVONA and Assistant parish priest in Holy Family Co-Cathedral in Kuwait, is confirmed as Spiritual Director of Faith and Light Association (Arabic speaking group).

NURSES MINISTRY

F. Saji Thomas, OFM Cap, is appointed as General Spiritual Director of Nurses Ministry in AVONA and Spiritual Director in Bahrain.

F. Joseph Chacko, O.S.S.T. is appointed Spiritual Director of Nurses ministry in S.A.

F. Joseph Valiaveettil Paul, OFM Cap, is appointed Spiritual Director of Nurses ministry in Kuwait.

F. Nirmal Vezhaparambil OFM Cap, is confirmed as Spiritual Director of Nurses ministry in Qatar.

AUTHORIZATION

F. Robert Jomel Mendoza, AVONA incardinated priest, is authorized to start the Doctorate Studies in the Gregorian University of Rome and his research in Loyola University in Granada (Spain). His residency will be in the Trinitarian Monastery of Granada.

Mr. Renato D'Costa is hired as responsible of *AVONA Office of Communication*, starting in September 1st, 2023.

OTHER APPOINTEMENTS TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

The *Bishop's Pastoral Council* (Can. 511-514) will be appointed in December 2023.

The *AVONA Financial Office* (Can. 494) will be appointed in December 2023.

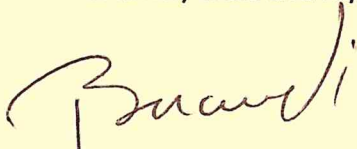
The *Advisor Financial Council* (Can. 492-493) will be appointed in January 2024.

The new appointed brothers will proclaim publicly the **Profession of Faith and the Oath of Fidelity** on assuming an office to be exercised in the name of the Holy Church (Can 833, nn5 & 6). The Chancellor will prepare the official documents to be signed.

We ask the Lord to bless our brothers in their new commitment. We pray the Holy Spirit to inspire their ministry for the good of the People of God in our Vicariate and the glory of the Holy Trinity.

May the Lord assist us.

With my trust and my blessings,



+ Aldo BERARDI, O.S.S.T.

Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia

