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## APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

June 2023

(First official Letter)

After consultation and with the consents of their respective superiors, respecting the Agreement signed between the Apostolic Vicar of AVONA and the Major Superiors of the Religious Order/Congregation, I came to these decisions:

### CONFIRMATION

Rev. Fr. Gaspar Santan Fernandes, OFM Cap., is confirmed as Parish Priest of the Holy Family Co-Cathedral, Kuwait City until September 2028.

Rev. Fr. Johny Lonis Muzahuvanchery, OFM Cap, is confirmed as Parish Priest of St. Daniel Comboni in Abbassyia, Kuwait, and Delegate Episcopal (Episcopale Vicar) for the Syro-Malabar Rite in the Vicariate, until September 2024.

Rev. Fr. Roswin Redento Agnelo Pires, OFM Cap, is confirmed as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Arabia Parish, Ahmadi, Kuwait until September 2025.

Rev. Fr. Savio Jude D'Souza, SDB, is confirmed as Parish Priest of St Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Salmiya, Kuwait, until September 2027.

Rev. Fr. Frédéric Souchet, O.SS.T. is confirmed as Parish Priest of St. Arethas and Companions' Martyrs Parish, Riyadh, until September 2026.

Rev. Fr. Mariano Vicchi, IVE is confirmed as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Fatima, Dhahran Parish, S.A., until September 2026.

Rev. Fr. Paulraj Devaraj, OFM Cap., is confirmed as Parish Priest of St. Joseph Parish, Dammam, S.A., until September 2026.

All the Assistants of the Parish Priests are confirmed.

## APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Fr. Xavier Marian D'Souza, OFM Cap, is appointed as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Rosary Church, Qatar, with canonical effect from October 1st, 2023.

Rev. Fr. Francis P. J. OFM Cap., is appointed as Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Manama, Bahrain, with canonical effect from October 1st, 2023.

Rev. Fr. Salvadore D'Cunha, OFM Cap., is appointed as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Arabia Parish, Jeddah, S.A., with canonical effect October 1st, 2023.

Rev. Fr. Saji Thomas, OFM Cap., is appointed as Rector of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Arabia, Awali, Bahrain.

## OTHER APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Fr. Ruben Barrameda, Jr y Belmonte, AVONA incardinate priest, is appointed to the Parish of Our Lady of Arabia, Ahmadi, in charge of the Filipino communities of Salmiya and Ahmadi in Kuwait. He preserves his canonical status of Assistant in communion with his parish priest/s.

Rev. Fr. Rodel D.O. Aclan, AVONA incardinate priest, is appointed to the Parish Our Lady of Rosary Catholic Church, Qatar, in charge of Filipino community. He preserves his canonical status of Assistant in communion of his parish priest in Qatar.

Rev. Fr. Nelson Joseph Lobo, OFM Cap, is appointed as full time, Director of the *Christian Formation and Catechism Office* of AVONA with residence in Co-Cathedral, Kuwait.


## AUTHORIZATION

The following Fathers have completed their mission and are authorized to return to their respective religious Provinces :

- Rev. Fr. Johnson Arasseril, OFM Cap. (13 years of service)
- Rev. Fr. Noel Vinay D'Almeida, OFM Cap. (12 years of service)
- Rev. Fr. Prakash Thomas, OFM Cap. (10 years of service)
- Rev. Fr. Rally Santos Gonzaga, OFM Cap. (11 years of service)
- Rev. Fr. Joby Vengappallil, OFM Cap. (11 years of service)
- Rev. Fr. Armando Cristobal Baraan, OFM Cap. (12 years of service).

I thank everyone for the Pastoral care provided to the People of God in the Apostolic Vicariate. I wish all the best for our Brothers joining their Provinces and I give my blessings for the new nominated and appointed designations. Our responsibility is great but must be lived with humility and dedication.

Personal letters will follow. Other nominations/appointments are in preparation.

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

Apostolic Vicar of Northern Arabia.

