



CPE News letter - III
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“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!” Lk 24:5

Dear brothers,



first and foremost, I would like to wish each one of you a Happy and grace-filled Easter. May the Risen Lord grant you all the necessary blessings which you are most in need of.

We all know that we are Christians, because of the Resurrection. If Jesus Christ had not risen from the dead, that is to say, if he had not triumphed over death, there would in no way have happened the birth of Christianity. If Jesus’ death had been the irrevocable one at Calvary, if everything good, holy and loving he had accomplished was crushed by the cruelty, evil and hatred of his staunch opponents, there would have been no reason for his followers to keep on believing in him and bearing witnesses to

him in the midst of persecutions, afflictions, indescribable sufferings, etc. The truth is that he had risen from the dead. In so doing, he had proved that death would never have a final word. This fact, in its turn, makes us sure that there are no situations in the lives of the innocents which God cannot transform. Thus, for us, Christians, Easter is the Feast of all the feasts which must be celebrated and adored accordingly. In the light and power of the Resurrection, may I invite you all, dear brothers, to leave behind us our own personal tombs, the things which chop our spiritual growth, hold us back from becoming authentic selves, prevent us from exploiting God-given talents and to roll away from us the stones, all known and unknown obstacles and burdens in our lives.

Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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As you may recall, I am peening this letter in the aftermath of the close of the very First Extraordinary Chapter of our Province. As we have all witnessed, happily enough it went very well. This was due, I believe, to various factors. Its preparation was very good in every sense of the word. For this I am grateful for its Preparatory Commission and Provincial Curia Offices, particularly, Provincial Secretary Office. Besides, different commissions of the Province have contributed a lot in one way or another for the success of the Chapter. In addition, the Capitulars have also exerted much efforts to demonstrate human, psychological, intellectual and spiritual maturity during the Chapter. This has rightly won great esteem and appreciation of our recently elected General Minister, Br. Roberto Genuin, and the second General Councilor for Africa, Br. Killian Ngitir. Both of them have sincerely applauded very much what we tried to live out during the Chapter.

This appreciation, on the one hand, invites us to wholeheartedly and sincerely thank God for enabling us to celebrate our Extraordinary Chapter in such a peaceful and dignified manner. For we believe that

without God’s undeserved help, human effort in its own would be of little avail to bring about anything of value. Hence all credit goes to God the Almighty. On the other hand, it boosts our morale to keep on working all the harder so as not to indulge ourselves with what we have achieved as if there were no more challenges left to surmount and defects to improve as wisely as possible. Even though our better yesterday’s achievements encourage us to live our today joyfully, it does not guarantee the success of tomorrow unless we commit ourselves to enhance it today. Hence, learning from what we have experienced we should better keep on working unceasingly to make good use of our gifts as generously as possible in order to improve our performances of today and dream for even much better tomorrow.





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After having received official mandates from the Extraordinary Chapter, the Provincial Council, in its meeting, held on 19/03/2019, has thoroughly discussed on how to implement the decisions taken by the aforementioned Chapter. The Provincial Council is of the opinion that there is no time to waste to put into practice our Extraordinary Chapter's decisions even though it firmly believes in making first both feasibility as well as business studies as quickly as possible. Accordingly, the mandate has been given to the concerned brothers. God willing, no sooner than we receive the outcome from the concerned brothers, we shall implement them immediately.



Furthermore, dear brothers, it is my conviction that taking the destiny of our young Province in our hands and constructing our dwelling place as we would like it hinges on the sincere contributions each one of us makes in accordance with the gifts he has been endowed with. When everyone plays his role as he ought to, our newly erected Province's destiny should never depend on the efforts made by the few elites. Only if each brother sincerely does his own part, he will have the right to give constructive remarks to correct, and even criticise others for their inertia or inactiveness. Without making oneself first busy with carrying out one's responsibilities, either belittling or buttering up the efforts of others will not only be uncharitably undermining but also unconstructive fuss over someone's in-existent efforts. Once again, I take the occasion to wish each one of you a very Happy Easter 2011.

INFORMATION

† Br. Erusumo Godebo is going to Rome for his further study on the 26th of April. We wish him a safe journey and all success in his further study.

† The Provincial Council on its 5th meeting held on the 19th of March, has made a through evaluation on the proposals approved by the Chapter and made clear roadmap for the immediate implementation of some of them giving priority to the urgent ones, like building rest house at Nazareth and self-reliance multipurpose buildings in the fraternities proposed by the Chapter.

† The provincial Council has also decided to increase the amount of contributions given to each brother, in the case of the death of his father or mother or sister or

brother, from five thousand (5,000.00) to fifteen thousand (15,000.00).

† For Priestly Ordination however, it was agreed to keep the five thousand (5,000) as it has been already.

† In case if it was not communicated by the previous News Letters the following dates are tentatively agreed by the Provincial Council to be dates for the Provincial Council Meeting: 16th January, 2019, 19th March 2019, 21st May 2019, 23rd July 2019.

† From 2nd – 22nd September, the following brothers will go to Italy to participate in the Franciscan Heritage Course organized by the General Curia: Br. Abera Makebo and Br. Adane Petros. For the same Franciscan Heritage course that will be held in Jerusalem from June 7 - 28, Br. Woldemichael Milkamo and Br. Fikadu Fako were designated by the Provincial Council, though it seems unlikely to get the Visa for Jerusalem.

† Br. Worku Yohannes will complete his study in the USA sometime at the end of May and will go to Italy to take Italian language course at the end of June and we expect him to come back home by Next Ethiopian New Year.

† The following Annual Retreat dates are drawn for all the brothers in the Province. The venue together with the list of brothers will be released as soon as it is confirmed.

Date for the first group: 24th - 28th June, 2019

Date for the second group: 1st -5th July, 2019

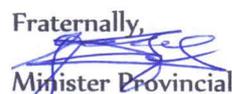
† In This Year Our Province once again, will have yet another occasion of God's abundance blessings as 9 of our confreres prepare themselves to celebrate their Silver Jubilee (25th anniversary of priesthood). The date will be on the 6th of July 2019 . We are all highly invited to keep them in our Prayers.

† Br. Arega Desta and Br. Abera Makebo will participate formation for the formators' course that will be held in Nairobi, Kenya from June 23- July 7, 2019.

† Minister Provincial, Br. Gebrewold Gebretsadik will go to Mozambique for EACC meeting from May 20-24, 2019.

† We kindly ask brothers in charge of the projects to send the reports as quickly as possible in case if you have not submitted yet. Not doing that on time has prevented us from getting grants for other projects.

Requiem Mass: We regret to announce the Death of the mother of Br. Marneh Wontebo on 22nd of April, 2019. Let us keep our brother Marneh and all the family in our prayers and celebrate Holy Mass for the deceased. Let her Soul Rest in Peace

Fraternally,

Minister Provincial

Br. Gebrewold Gebretsadik

