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LEADERS OF OUR PROVINCE



Br. Peter Canisius Palamthattel: He was Provincial Delegate from 25 February to 2 December 1974. He was Superior Regular from 3 December 1974 to 12 November 1980.



Br. Mathew Manakkat: He was Superior Regular from 12 November 1980 to 2 September 1986.



Br. Thomas Ampattukuzhy: He was Superior Regular from 2 September 1986 to 16 September 1989.



Br. Adolph Kannadipara: He was Superior Regular from 6 September 1989 to 16 December 1992.



Br. Mathew Parinthricksal: He was Superior Regular from 16 December 1992 to 30 January 1997. He was appointed as Vice Provincial Minister of Marymatha Vice Province of Andhra – Orissa on 30 January 1997. He was elected as Vice Provincial Minister on 21 December 1999 and continued in the office till March 2003.



Br. Thomas Sebastian Panachickavayalil: He was Vice Provincial Minister from 1 April 2003 to 4 April 2006. He was re-elected as Vice Provincial Minister on 4 April 2006. He was appointed by the General Definitory as the first Provincial Minister of Marymatha Capuchin Province on 13 June 2008 and continued till 11 May 2011.



Br. Praveen Kumar Boyapati : He was elected Provincial Minister in the First Provincial Chapter celebrated from 9-13 May 2011 at Capuchin Provincialate, Enikepadu, Vijayawada.

The beginnings of the Capuchin reform (1525-1619)

Matteo da Bascio (+ 1552) was a priest and preacher of the Franciscan Observant province of the Marches of Ancona. His earnest desire was to be able to live the Franciscan Rule according to the most strict observance. In 1525 he left his friary at Montefalcone and went to Rome and asked permission from Clement VII (1523-1534) to be able to carry out his wish, and to wear a habit with a pointed capuche according to the model St. Francis himself had shown him in a vision. Matteo was protected by the Duchess of Camerino, Caterina Cibo, who was a niece of the Pope.

During the Provincial Chapter in Jesi, Giovanni da Fano, Minister Provincial, ordered Matteo to go to the friary of Fano, where he placed him under guard, until the Duchess of Camerino demanded his freedom. Soon other Brothers went to join him. Ludovico and Raffaele da Fossombrone asked the Minister Provincial to let them live in a hermitage with Matteo. The Minister refused. Therefore these brothers found refuge in the Conventual friary of Cingoli. When Paolo da Chioggia joined the group, they began to live in Fossombrone, under the protection of the Duchess of Camerino and the obedience of the Friars Minor Conventuals.

On 3 July 1528 Pope Clement VII gave them the Bull "Religionis zelus", with permission to live the Franciscan Rule according to the most strict observance, to live in hermitages, grow a long beard, wear a narrow habit with a pointed capuche, preach to the people and accept novices. They were to remain under the obedience of the Friars Minor Conventuals.

Ludovico da Fossombrone became the leader of the new family. In 1529 a set of new Constitutions were formed, called the Constitutions of Albacina. This legislation prescribed two hours of meditation daily; the divine office at night; penitential practices in food accompanied with begging for the daily needs of the friars; one habit with a short mantle for the sick and aged; no procurators; friaries outside cities, remaining the property of the benefactors; poor churches; itinerant preaching without remuneration; few books. When the first friars went to preach in Camerino in 1534, the locals called them "Scapuccini" and "Romiti". They soon became known as Friars Minor Capuchins.

In the meantime Matteo da Bascio left this new fraternity in 1537, to return to the ranks of the Observants, where he died in 1552.

The Minister General Paolo Pisotti tried to suppress the new movement. Cardinal Quinones was of the opinion that it would have been wiser to try to call the new reformers within the family of the Observance, as he had tried to do in Spain with the eremitical Franciscan reforms. Ludovico da Fossombrone, however, held fast to the "Religionis zelus". The Pope ordered the Observants not to molest the Capuchins, and prohibited the Capuchins from receiving Observants within their ranks.

The new family was led by prominent figures, such as Bernardino d'Asti, Francesco da Jesi, doctor in law, and Bernardino Ochino, a famous preacher.

In 1535 Bernardino d'Asti was elected Vicar General. Ludovico da Fossombrone left the new Franciscan family. Although the Minister General Lunello tried to unite the Capuchins with the Order of Friars Minor in 1542, Bernardino d'Asti and Bernardino Ochino refused. Ochino was unfortunately to end up an apostate in 1542. The new Order was saved by Francesco da Jesi, who became Vicar General in 1543.

The new Order progressed rapidly. In 1608 Pope Paul V declared that the Capuchins were true Friars Minor and sons of St. Francis. On 23 January 1619 the Order of Friars Minor Capuchins was given autonomous status and separated from the nominal obedience of the Friars Minor Conventuals, with the Papal Brief "Alias felicis recordationis".

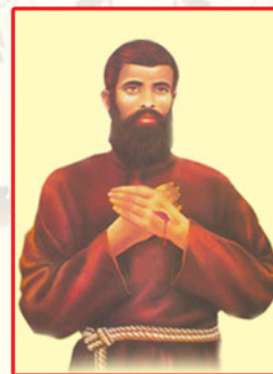
During the first century of its existence, the Order of Friars Minor Capuchins was also a school of sanctity for many friars. Among its prominent figures during this period we mention St. Felice of Cantalice (+ 1587), St. Laurence of Brindisi, Doctor of the Church (+ 1619) and St. Fedele of Sigmaringen (+ 1622), the first Martyr of Propaganda Fide.



*St. Felix of Cantalice,
the First Capuchin Saint*

Servant Of God

Bro. Joseph Thamby
Franciscan Tertiary



Br. Joseph Thamby, a perpetual Franciscan tertiary born in Pondicheri to Savary Muthu and Annamalai made his home Pedavutapally in 1939. He was doing the work of evangelization through preaching and healing ministry. He built a hut close to the Church and lived there till the end of his life in prayer and austerity. He converted a good many people to Christianity. His simplicity and piety was so outstanding that he attracted much attention. He seemed to have possessed the power of healing and extra-ordinary gifts of bi-location and the stigmata. Since his death in 1945, he is venerated as a holy man and people irrespective of caste, creed and status, flock to his tome especially on the commemoration of his death from 13-15 January.

Taking into account, the steady growth in the number of pilgrims in these years to the shrine of Br. Joseph Thamby, and the great desire of his devotees to see him raised to the veneration at the altar, Marymatha Capuchin Province, with the advice and support of the local Ordinary and the encouragement of the APBC, has taken up the initiative to introduce the Cause of Beatification / Canonization of Br. Joseph Thamby. Hence, he is declared 'Servant of God' on 24 June 2007 and thus Br. Joseph Thamby's cause of the Beatification was inaugurated.