



Vocation

A vocation is a calling to a particular way of life

Like Saint Francis of Assisi we all experience our calling in life through both deep listening to and encounter with God.

Saint Francis listened deeply as he was called to 'go rebuild my Church' and experienced a life-changing encounter with a leper outside Assisi that altered the course of his life forever.

Today, God continues to call and to reach out to invite people to follow in the footsteps of St Francis.

Are you being called?



Over 400 Years of Service in Ireland

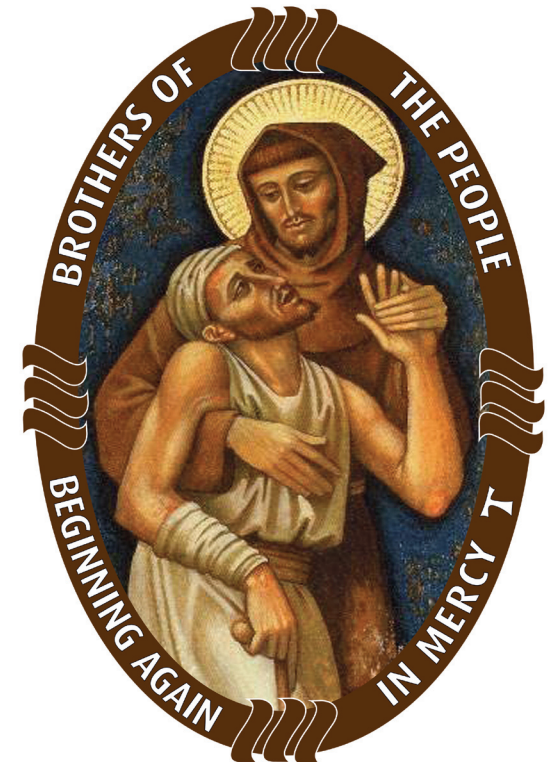
The Capuchin Franciscan Friars were founded in Italy in 1536 with the desire to return to a closer living of the rule of St Francis of Assisi.

Capuchins arrived in Ireland in 1616 and since then have become an intrinsic part of the Irish story.

Today in Ireland we have Friaries in Cork, Dublin, Donegal, Carlow and Kilkenny as well as Irish Friars serving overseas in Zambia, South Africa, New Zealand, South Korea and California.

Wherever we are found our mission is the same, to be an authentic Gospel presence as Brothers of the People.

The Capuchin Vocation



A life of Prayer and Service in the footsteps of St Francis of Assisi

Some Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if I am called to be a Capuchin Friar?

The process of discovering what God is calling you to is called discernment. It oftentimes begins with a feeling or an experience or encounter that invites and compels us to seek deeper relationship with God, others, and all of Creation. This takes time, patience, prayer and guidance. It requires of us that we open our hearts and begin to trust in God in a whole new way. In many ways, it requires a step into the unknown.

Who can help me discern my vocation?

The Irish Province of the Capuchin Franciscans takes the discernment process very seriously. We are committed to helping men discover their call by means of a comprehensive vocation accompaniment programme. This programme enables people explore the questions they have and to discover some new ones. The aim of accompaniment is to walk with you as a brother as you discern, listen and reflect, offering sound guidance and practical support. Each and every vocation journey is blessed and unique.

How long does it take to train as a Capuchin Friar?

Our training is known as formation and usually takes between six to eight years. A Friar in formation will study, work, pray and minister while growing into what it means to be a Capuchin Friar in the world today. Formation is an exciting and deeply meaningful time.

What are the vows that you take?

We take three vows: poverty, chastity and obedience. Poverty allows us to develop a deeper respect for the world around us and for all the good things that God provides. Chastity encourages us to live with hearts centred on God and obedience invites us to listen deeply to God's plan for us.

Do you wear a habit?

Yes! Capuchins wear a simple brown habit and white cord. The cord has three knots that serve as a reminder of the three vows we profess.

Was Padre Pio a Capuchin Friar?

Yes, the Capuchin Franciscan Order are blessed to have many saints and St Pio is certainly one of the best known, particularly in Ireland. Saints like Pio, all went through a time of discernment, in fact it was something they did throughout their lives. As St John Paul II reminds us 'we are all called to be Saints'.

**That's great,
what do I do now?
I'd like to find out some more.**

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