

# Capuchin Connection



**CAPUCHIN  
FRANCISCANS**  
PROVINCE OF IRELAND



## Welcome.

St Francis of Assisi was a great communicator. Communicating with people was really important to him. There were no phones and computers in the 13th century, and therefore no email, Facebook or Twitter for Saint Francis to use to contact people and communicate his message. However, Francis travelled a great deal in order to meet and engage with people one-to-one and in groups. For those he couldn't meet in person, Francis communicated very effectively by letter and through his writings. Eight hundred years later we still have much of what he wrote including a number of his letters to the friars and his friends.

Communication is important. It's part of being human. Human contact, meeting and talking with people is best but just like St. Francis, when this cannot happen so easily, we have to find and use other ways.

We are delighted therefore, to bring you this first issue of Capuchin Connection. Cultivating, enabling and sustaining connections is at the very core of who we are as Capuchin Franciscan Friars. Since our very foundation we have been known as 'Brothers of the People' because of the deep connections we have made with people we come into contact with.

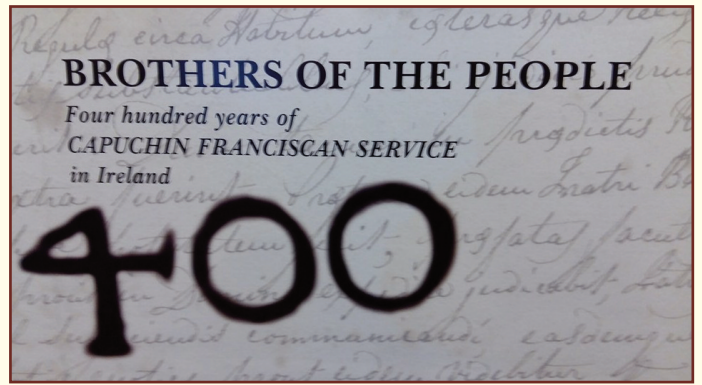
This publication serves as a way for us to deepen these connections by providing articles and updates on our life and ministry. It is a way for us to stay connected with you. We hope you enjoy connecting with us and we would love to hear your feedback and suggestions.

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Provincial Minister of the Irish Capuchin Franciscan Friars



2016 was a very important year for the Irish Capuchin Franciscans as we celebrated the quadricentenary of our arrival in Ireland. Many events took place to commemorate the extraordinary way in which the friars have been active as Brothers of the People over the centuries, including a historical conference in Church Street that saw academics and popular historians speak of the immense contribution by the Irish friars to arts and culture, education and pastoral activity as well as the presence of the brothers during the 1916 Rising and its aftermath.

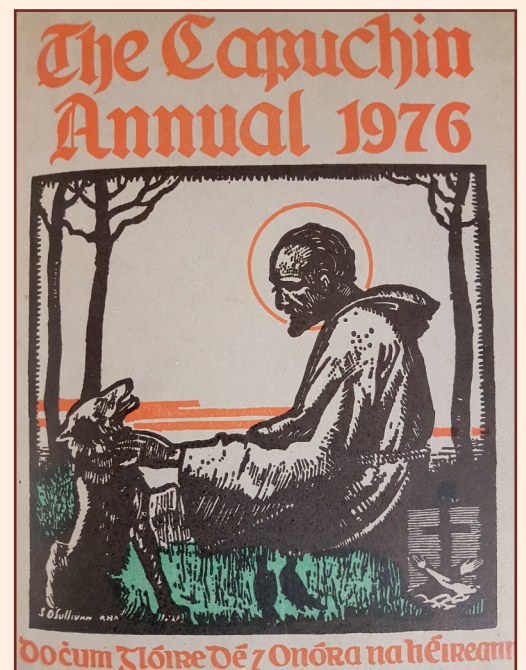


We were privileged to be involved in many of the civic and religious commemorations of the Rising throughout the country. Furthermore, through the work of our Provincial Archivist Dr. Brian Kirby, we also created a travelling exhibition covering the 400 years of our presence, life and work in Ireland, which is still touring the country. (If you would like the exhibition to visit your parish / centre / library etc just get in touch.) Of course we celebrate and remember in order to learn from the past, to be inspired by the witness of the brothers, and to look forward to many more years of serving the Church in Ireland as brothers of the people.

The Capuchin Annual was published by the Irish Capuchin Franciscans from 1930 until 1977. Although its readership was predominately Irish, its circulation was international as it was frequently sent to Irish emigrants particularly in North America and Australia. It was a journal unique in Irish

publishing, containing many literary, historical, photographic, theological, biographical and artistic articles. It claimed a readership of 25,000 worldwide at the height of its success in the 1950s. The publication only ever had two editors, Fr. Senan Moynihan OFM Cap. (1900-1970), and Fr. Henry Anglin OFM Cap. (1910-1977). The distinctive cover illustration of St Francis and the wolf was designed by Seán O'Sullivan RHA (1906-1964). Many Irish writers, artists and educators who later rose to prominence such as Benedict Kiely, Pearse Hutchinson, Francis Stuart, Daniel Corkery, Francis MacManus, Richard J. King, Thomas MacGreevey and Augustine Martin received their first opportunities to publish with the Annual. Throughout its publication run it maintained a very high quality of contributions by leading politicians and writers. The Annual frequently reflected a very strong nationalistic theme. The 1942 and 1966 editions of The Capuchin Annual are particularly well-known as they contained detailed articles, profusely illustrated, on the 1916 Rising. The complete collection of The Capuchin Annual is now being made freely available online solely for scholarly research. Web-link:

[www.capuchinfranciscans.ie/capuchin-annual-1930-1977](http://www.capuchinfranciscans.ie/capuchin-annual-1930-1977)







## Have you ever wondered where the Cappuccino got its name?

Every time you drink the world's most popular coffee you are drinking something named after us, the Capuchins! Legend has it that the Cappuccino was named in honour of Capuchin Friar, Blessed Marco of Aviano, to acknowledge his care for the poor, sick, wounded and dying during the Siege of Vienna in 1683.

As Capuchin Franciscans we respond to God's call to live and preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, in word and deed. Today, we need men to continue the work begun by Saint Francis of Assisi over 800 years ago. We need men who are courageous, compassionate and committed to bringing the Gospel message of peace and reconciliation to our modern world. God continues to call...is he calling you to follow St Francis as a Capuchin Franciscan Friar? You never know, you may even have a coffee named after you some day!

For more information on the Capuchin way of life, visit the vocation page of our website or e-mail our Vocation Promoter, Brother Martin Bennett OFM Cap, at [capuchinvocation@gmail.com](mailto:capuchinvocation@gmail.com).

## International Fraternity in Kilkenny

This year saw a new departure for our Friary in Kilkenny. Our General Minister, Brother Mauro, has designated Kilkenny as one of a small number of 'International Fraternities'. What does this mean? Well, in simple terms it means that the fraternity in Kilkenny has been strengthened and enhanced by Friars from other European provinces. It also means that this Fraternity becomes a beacon of what it means to be a Capuchin today: Brothers of the People, in mission together.



Brother George Stopa (Poland) and Brother Alberto Vaccaneo (Italy) have joined the Friars in Kilkenny as part of this new initiative and have brought with them their unique gifts and talents, as well as their generosity in sharing them.

Saint Francis always reminded the Friars that 'the world was their cloister' and fraternities like the one in Kilkenny make this a visible reality to the wider community. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our brothers and wish them every blessing in their ministry.

## Ensuring that 'no-one goes hungry'

Brother Kevin Crowley, a native of West Cork and a Freeman of Dublin City, founded the Capuchin Day Centre for Homeless People in 1969 with the wish that no one should go hungry. Today the Capuchin Day Centre provides over 700 meals a day as well as in excess of 1,800 food parcels each week to the poor and homeless in Dublin. On top of this, the Day Centre provides Shower facilities, dental services and a doctor and nurse.

Inspired by the work of the Capuchin Day Centre, our Friary in Kilkenny provides around 400 food parcels each week to poor families in the area. The work of both the Day Centre and the Kilkenny Food Project is dependant upon the generosity and kindness of so many people who give their time to help Brother Kevin, the Day Centre Team and the Kilkenny Food Project ensuring 'no-one goes hungry'. We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thanks to all who make this valuable work possible.



For more information on the work of the Capuchin Day Centre visit [www.capuchindaycentre.ie](http://www.capuchindaycentre.ie)

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