



Prot. n. 407/02-13

(English version)

### **Confreres' Home Visit (Vacations) Decree**

The General Council, following the final motion (M.51) of the XIX General Chapter that reads: *“The Chapter entrusts to the General Council the task of retouching, clarifying and adjusting the formal expression of all the proposals and motions approved by the same Chapter, in order to promulgate and implement them during the next six years”*, listening also to the requests coming from the Provincial Superiors, sees the need to regulate through a general normative, the period of Home Visit (Vacations) of the confreres who are serving in Provinces other than their ‘original’ one. Such normative seems to be helpful to orient the Provincial Superiors in applying Motion # 10 that reads:

*“The Chapter, considering the growing number of people living their apostolic commitment outside of their own Nation or Province, and those who study in international seminaries, requests that the Provincial Superior, in dialogue with the confrere’s Provincial of origin and with the consent of its Council, – in developing guidelines and norms regarding vacations – keep in mind the criteria of equity and of witness to poverty”*.

Therefore, after receiving the consent of my Council, on behalf of the CIC n. 622 and the Const. n. 117

***I promulgate the following DECREE which becomes effective on March 1, 2013***

**The confreres of perpetual vows who are carrying out their apostolic assignment or studies in a Province other than the one of their origin, are entitled to a thirty day home visit (vacations) every two year.**

**The Provincial Superior, in particular cases, may decide differently after consulting also the Superior of the Province of origin of the confrere.**

**Regarding the confrere of perpetual vows who are inserted in communities of a nation other**



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than their “original” one, but that is within the same religious Province, the Provincial Superior will give appropriate guidelines and norms. (see Reg.15), respecting as much as possible the ‘every two year’ policy.


*NB. This Decree is applicable to the perpetually professed confreres. The confreres of temporary vows who are studying in international seminaries or living their Regency (Practicum) experience in a community of another Province, will follow the norms established by their Provincial Superior in consultation with seminary formators.*

*Authorizing extraordinary home visits is within the competence of the Provincial Superior who will evaluate with prudence the reasons for such request.*

  
Don Gustavo De Bonis

General Secretary



  
Don Alfonso Crippa

General Superior

Roma, January 6 th. 2013