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Capuchin Friar John A. Pavlik Named CMSM Executive Director



SILVER SPRING, MD (June 7, 2011). On behalf of the National Board of Directors of the *Conference of Major Superiors of Men*, CMSM President Thomas Cassidy, SCJ, announced the appointment of the Rev. John A. Pavlik, OFM Cap., as Executive Director of the Conference. Capuchin John Pavlik comes to CMSM after having served the *Province of St. Augustine*, which is headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA, for six years as Provincial, six years as Vicar Provincial, and an additional six years on the Provincial Council. The Province of St. Augustine encompasses the states of Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, portions of southern Indiana, and the District of Columbia. His Province also has responsibility for two “missions” or vice-provinces in Puerto Rico and in Papua New Guinea.

In addition to his administrative responsibilities, Father Pavlik previously ministered in areas of religious formation for his community as the Provincial Secretary of Formation. Earlier, he served as Guardian and Director of Formation at *Capuchin College* in Washington, where he collaborated in the preparation of religious candidates for ordination to the priesthood. As Provincial, he visited and presided at the chapters of his Province’s vice-provinces in Papua New Guinea and Puerto Rico. He also sought to strengthen bonds with the Capuchins Friars in Kerala, India. Over the years, Father Pavlik was called upon to facilitate provincial chapters in three other Capuchin jurisdictions. Likewise, he has served the *North American and Pacific Capuchin Conference* as President, which entailed participation in international meetings in Italy, working to form and oversee a single novitiate program for the Capuchin Conference.

As Provincial, Father Pavlik dedicated his energies to numerous issues, i.e. recruitment, initial and ongoing formation, care for aging and ill members, as well as the structural review of significant areas of the Province’s well-being, such as finances, health care, development, mission funding, formation and collaboration with diocesan bishops.

Born in New Kensington in western Pennsylvania, Father Pavlik has also lived in Ohio, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. He holds a Master of Arts in literature and a Master of Divinity. He will begin his first three-year term as CMSM Executive Director on August 15, 2011. He succeeds the Rev. Paul Lininger, OFM Conv., who is completing six years as Executive Director.

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