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Dear Confreres

There are a few items I need to bring to your attention before I leave for COC as I announced in the last circular letter. Your prayers are commended for the coming COC in Rome.

1. Provincial Chapter

A, With this letter **I convoke the Provincial Chapter which is to take place on the 21 to 22 of January 2009.** The Agenda will be sent to you when I come back from Rome, as there may be items that emerge from COC that needs to be included. There will also be a report back from COC. In the meantime you can forward your proposed items for discussion to the Provincial Office till the 25 of October 2008. New items raised at the chapter are not accomodated for. You can also check with your district chairman if there are any issues from your districts. Your prayers are commended for this coming chapter.

B, This will also be an **election chapter** as the present Council completes its second term of service in the Province. In November we will be conducting **pre-elections for the Provincial.**

I kindly ask all of you to make an effort to be present at this chapter as issues of great importance in the life of our Province and Congregation will be discussed.

2. Monastery Farm: On the **30 October 2008** there will be a **seminar on the Monastery Farm** at Francis Pfanner Centre at 9am. Protas Madlala and Bekezela Mathe who are specialists on small businesses and cooperatives are our facilitators and we are hopeful that we will soon come to conclusion on this matter. Should you wish to take part let me know before hand for the sake of space. The Council has agreed to finalise this matter before the end of the year.

3. Vocations workshop: On the **8-12 December 2008** there will be vocations workshop at the Mission Centre for grade 8-10 and above. You will receive more information at a later stage.

4. A Thank You: Fr. Thulani Mbuyisa lost his father and came down from Kenya for the funeral. Many thanks to all those confreres who supported him and his family during the time of berievement.

5. Vice Provincial: Fr. Sylvester Namale will be in charge from 3rd-24th October during my absence. He prefers not to be given new items. **Bro. Lawrence Veneengs** was called to ertenal home in August, may he rest in peace.

6. Prayers for Zimbabwe and political developments in **South Africa** are still commended.

Yours sincerely

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