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**“I can only express my deep gratitude
for so much affection received”**



“I found out he was coming on May 19th, when he received the contemplative nuns who had attended the inaugural Mass of his pontificate, along with other religious. After the meeting, he took me by the arm, led me aside, and said: ‘I want to celebrate your birthday with you’

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The initiation of the Pontificate of Pope Leo XIV

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"How are you?"

The Augustinians recall small moments with Pope Leo XIV that speak volumes

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Fr. Barnaby R. Johns, OSA, provincial prior of the Augustinians in California, recalls running into Cardinal Prevost during Easter of 2024. "He came up and asked me how I was," he said. "It was a brief exchange, but it felt sincere. He had a way of making you feel heard."

Fr. Andrés Felipe Romero, OSA, a student priest from the Province of Our Lady of Grace in Colombia, shared a similar memory. Just arrived in Rome and still learning Italian, he attended a meeting at the parish of Saint Anne in the Vatican. He felt a bit out of place and isolated, and was surprised when Cardinal Prevost approached him and began a conversation in Spanish. "That moment stayed with me," said Fr. Felipe. "It was comforting. He asked how I was doing and about the brothers in Colombia. It felt very familiar."

For Fr. Amiel Álvarez, OSA, from the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus in the Philippines, the encounter happened in an unexpected place—a post office. Sitting side by side as they renewed their documents, "He asked me about my studies and mentioned his visits to the Philippines as Prior General," said Fr. Amiel. "It was all very natural, with no sense of superiority. Just like another brother."



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The Augustinian contemplative nuns after the progress in the renewal of their constitutions and their meeting with Pope Leo XIV: “Let us all row to help Peter in the mission entrusted to him”

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News of the General Curia



The Prior General, on the occasion of the Ordinary Chapter of the Province of Mexico: "We must continue offering our brothers the Gospel as a hope for a fuller life"

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The Prior General to the Augustinian friars of Colombia in their last Provincial Chapter: “It was nice to see the friars deepen in the discourses that the Holy Father gives to the religious” →

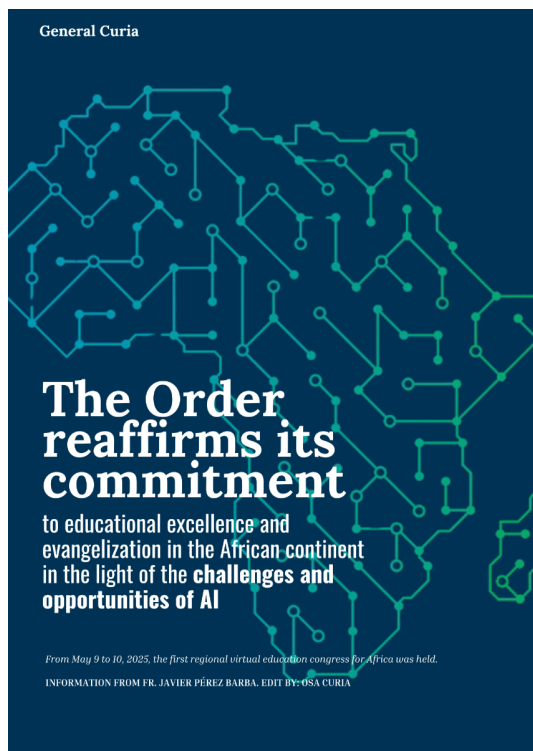
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Concludes the general renewal visitation to the Province of Italy → [Read more about it](#)



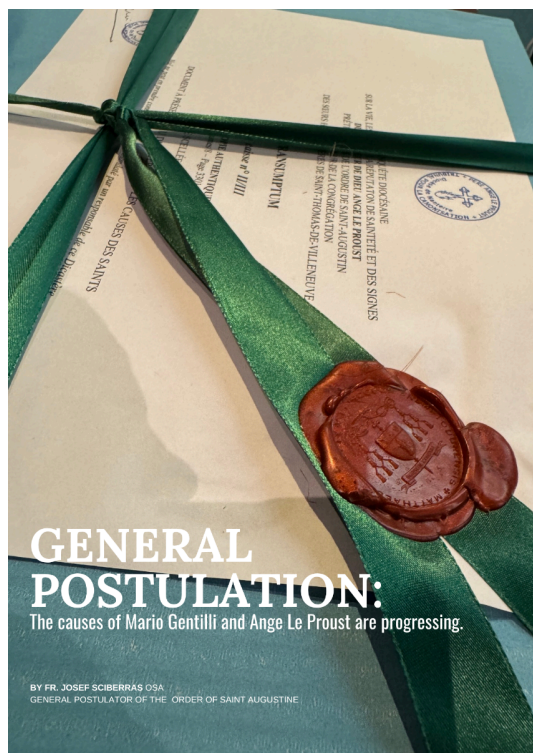
Father Ian Wilson presides over the ordinary chapter of England-Scotland with the renewal of the provincial statutes on the table → [Read more about it](#)





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Great figures of the Order



 **The cause for the beatification of the Servant of God Mario Gentili is moving forward**

 **Ange Le Proust: diocesan survey on Augustinian woman with “joyful spirit” and “generous service to those most in need” concludes**

 **Blessed Stephen Bellesini is protagonist of the Augustinian Week 2025 in Czech Republic**



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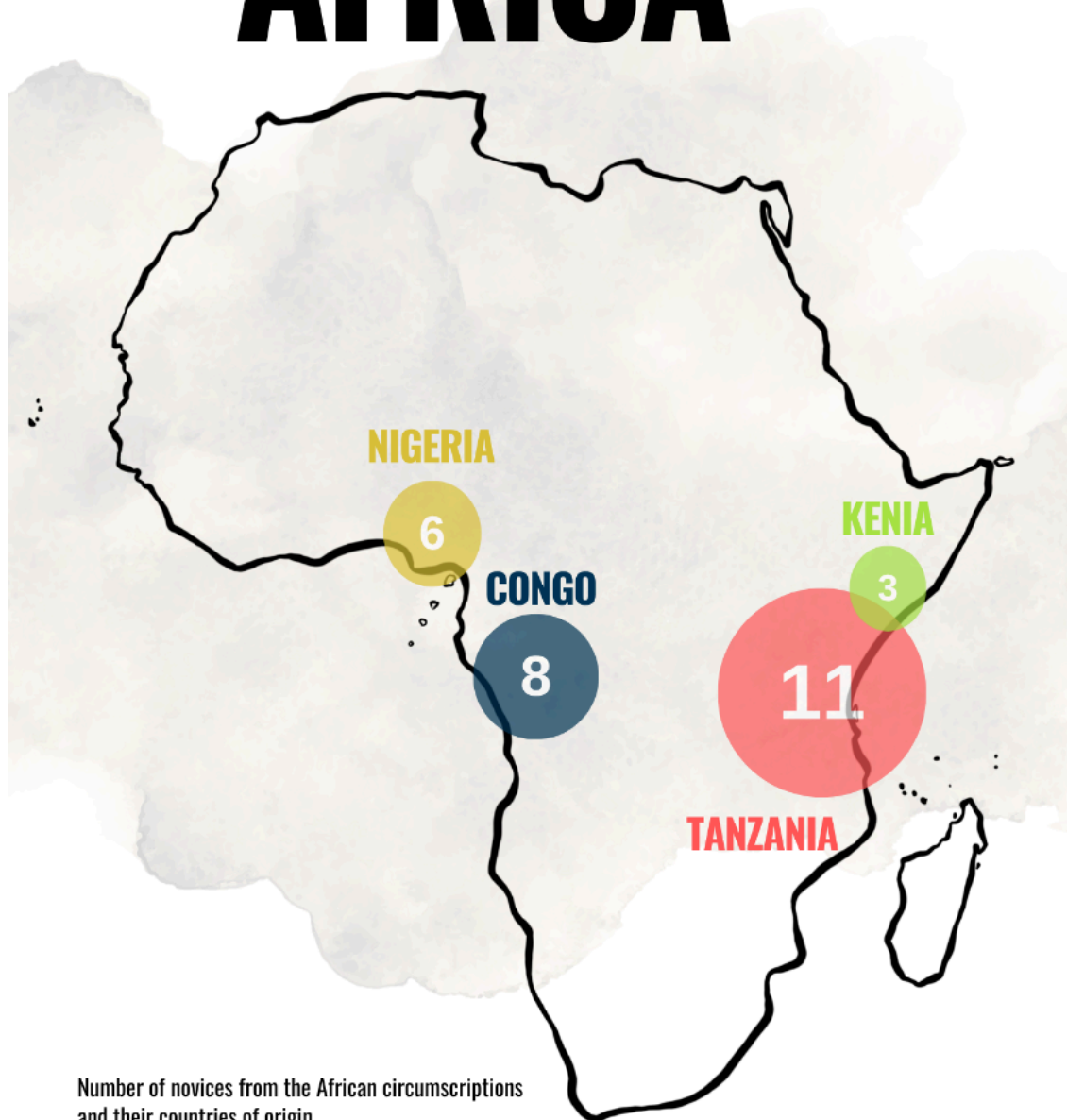
📅 Augustinians around the world



The major superiors of the Organization of Augustinians of Europe are gathering in Košice, Slovakia, to elect a new president and discuss the care of the elderly and the formation of the professed

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THE NOVITIATE IN AFRICA



† Vos estis lux mundi



The Order writes a new page in its missionary history with its first Papuan bishop

On May 14th, 2025, in the Tiga Raja (Three Kings) Cathedral Church, our confrere Bernardus Boftuwos Baru OSA was consecrated as the new Bishop of Timika (Indonesia).

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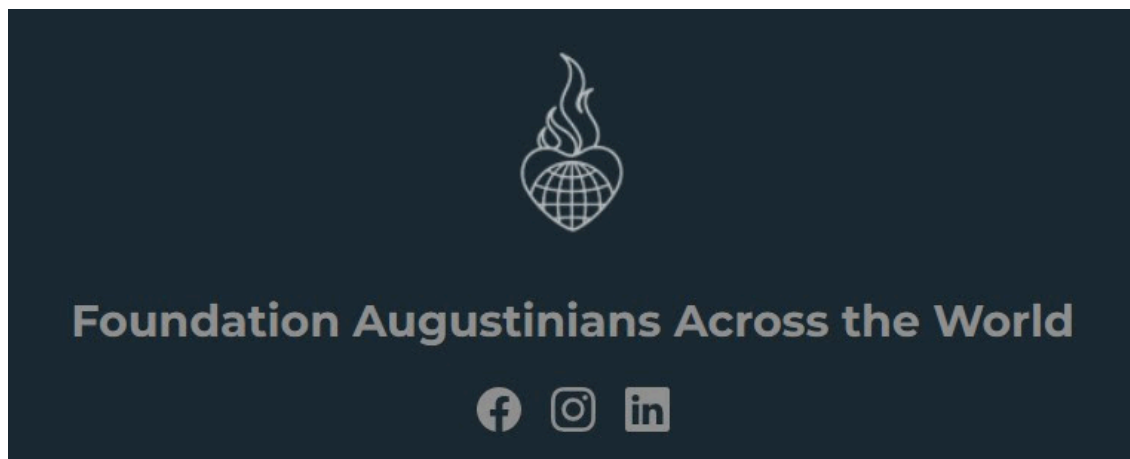
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El 14 de mayo de 2025 tuvo lugar la ordenación episcopal de nuestro hermano Bernardus Boftuwos Baru OSA como nuevo obispo de Timika, Indonesia

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The Prelature of Chuquibambilla, in Peru, now has a new Augustinian bishop: 'I saw Father Wilder enjoying himself, surrounded by his loved ones, joking and sharing his good humor'

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Sister Veronica Gemma Maria's first profession: a brief chronicle of her “yes” to the Lord's fidelity

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Vicariate **Our Lady of Grace** India



Ordination of Deacon Ebin Joseph as a priest, and of Brothers Albert Justin Karakattu and Martin Joseph Puthaveetil as deacons.

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Vicariate **Saint Rita** Kenya



Priestly ordination of our brothers, Fr. Cyrus Muchira Karara and Fr. Peter Ochieng Odiambo.

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