

XIV General Chapter



The new CIOFS Presidency

Tibor Kauser (Hungary, 55 years) is the new General Minister of the OFS, elected by the OFS General Chapter, being held in Assisi (Italy), which today also elected the other members of the Presidency of the International Council of the OFS for the coming six years (2014-2020).

Tibor, elected in the first ballot, was already serving in the Presidency Council, being responsible for the English speaking countries during the past six years. He became the fourth General Minister of the OFS, after Manuela Mattioli from Venezuela, Emanuela De Nunzio from Italy and Encarnita del Pozo from Spain.

Alongside Tibor, the Chapter elected Chelito de Núñez from Venezuela as Vice-general Minister. Chelito was also a member of the outgoing Presidency, where she had been Councillor for the Spanish speaking countries for 12 years.



In regard to the other Councillors, only one of them came from the outgoing Presidency of the International Council of the OFS. This one was Ana Fruk, who was representing Franciscan Youth, but is now elected for the Europe-1 Area comprising English and German speaking countries.

Attilio Galimberti (Europe-2 English/Italian Area), Ana María Raffo (Spanish Latin America Area), Silvia Diana (Portuguese/Spanish South Latin America Area), Jenny Harrington (English North America/Africa Area), Augustine Young (English Asia/Oceania Area) and Michel Janian (French Area) are the other Councillors of the Presidency responsible for specific Areas.

At the end Andrea Odak (Bosnia-Herzegovina), was elected Councillor of the Presidency representing the Youfra. She will also be International Coordinator for the Franciscan Youth.

The new Presidency Council was installed by taking possession of its service during a thanksgiving Eucharist celebrated in the Upper Basilica of Saint Francis, with the TOR General Minister, Fr. Nicholas Polichnowski, as its main celebrant. With this Eucharist he concluded his service to preside over the elections at the General Chapter of the OFS International Fraternity.

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