

**APPENDIX 17: Letter of confirmation of an elected or postulated prior**  
(LCO 465; 481, I; 482)

I, Brother \_\_\_\_\_, prior provincial of the Province of \_\_\_\_\_, to our beloved Brother \_\_\_\_\_.

Because our convent of \_\_\_\_\_ presently lacks a prior, the vocals of the aforesaid convent gathered to provide a suitable leader for their convent. Knowing your suitability, they have recently canonically elected [postulated] you and have asked me to honor their election [postulation] with approval and confirmation. Having sufficient confidence in you for this office, and having consulted with other Peruvian brothers, I am inclined to the choice of the vocals and have decided to approve the aforesaid election [postulation].

Wherefore, by virtue of this document, I confirm you, Brother \_\_\_\_\_, as prior of the aforesaid Convent of \_\_\_\_\_ and order you in virtue of obedience to accept this office of prior within five days and prepare yourself for its execution or to refuse the same office. By the same order each and every brother assigned to the aforesaid Convent is to receive you, after your acceptance, as their true and legitimate prior.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Given at \_\_\_\_\_ (city or town), in the Convent of \_\_\_\_\_, under the seal of the Province on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_.

(seal of the Province) Brother \_\_\_\_\_ (Prior Provincial), O.P.

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ (Secretary), O.P.

**Subsequently this document is signed in the following manner:**

I have \_\_\_\_\_ accepted \_\_\_\_\_ election  
this \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of the month  
refused \_\_\_\_\_ postulation  
of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of our Lord \_\_\_\_\_.

Brother \_\_\_\_\_, O.P.

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ witness \_\_\_\_\_, O.P.

Brother \_\_\_\_\_ witness \_\_\_\_\_, O.P.

**The letter of confirmation of a regional prior or vicar provincial is prepared and signed in the same way (with appropriate modifications).**