



PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE VOCATION OF THE DOMINICAN COOPERATOR BROTHER

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 - ii. Province of St. Dominic, Canada, May, 2012;
 - iii. Vicariate of Congo, December, 2021
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- a. *Petition 1: Deletion of the Adjective “Cooperator” from our Constitutions, Acts of General and Provincial Chapters and All Promotional Materials;*
- b. *Petition 2: Replace the use of the term, cooperator brother, with religious brother*
- c. *Petition 2: Renewal of the Coordinating Committee for Implementing the Dominican Cooperator Brothers Study;*
- d. *Establishment of a Permanent Commission for the Vocation of the Dominican Cooperator Brother.*

15. **2019:** Report and Petitions Submitted to the General Chapter of Bien Hoa by the Commission for the Vocation of the Cooperator Brother:

1. *Report to the General Chapter of Bien Hoa*
2. *Petition 1: Approved: Appointment of A Socius for Fraternal Life and Formation;*
3. *Petition 2a: Not approved: the term “cooperator” from the LCO whenever it refers to non-ordained friars*
4. *Petition 2b; Not approved: Replace the term “cooperator brother” it with the tern “religious brother”;*
5. *Petition 3: Approved: Establish a permanent commission for the vocation of the Dominican religious brothers*
6. *Petition 4a: : Approved: Request Provincials to review their materials for the promotion of the friar’s vocation.*
7. *Petition 4b: Encourage collaboration between the promoter of vocations and cooperator brothers within provinces. When a vocation team exists a cooperator brother should be a member of this team or in the case where there are no cooperator brothers in the Province, a cooperator brother from another province should be invited to serve.*
8. *Petition 5: Regional socii are directed to organize a meeting of the cooperator brothers in his region every three years and include a member of the Permanent Commission.*
9. *Petition 6a: Commend Brother Augustine Thompson, OP for his publication “Dominican Brothers: Conversi, Lay and Cooperator Friars;”*
10. *Petition 6b: Ensure that this publication be published in English, French and Spanish;”*
11. *Petition 7: Appoint qualified friars and others, as necessary, to undertake theological research on the vocation of the religious brother, concerning those aspects of religious life, ministry (ordained and non-ordained), ecclesiology, and evangelization that will help to deepen our appreciation of this vocation and*

importance for building fraternity and communion in the Order and in the Church.

16. 2021

1. Invitation to Promoters of Vocations and Formation on the Cooperator Brothers Vocations and Formation and Discussion Questions:
 - a. South Africa: 10/20/2021
 - b. Asia-Pacific: 10/25/2021
 - c. Latin America and the Caribbean: 10/13/2021
 - d. Western Europe and Canada: 10/05/2021
 - e. Central and Eastern Europe: 10/26/2021
 - f. United States and Vietnam Vicariate: 10/4/2021
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2. Guidelines and Testimonies of Cooperator Brother: Response to Reflection Questions the Lived Experiences and Concerns as Dominican Cooperator Brothers: Congo; Nigeria and Ghana; Equatorial Africa; Cameroon; Toulouse; Italy; Vietnam; Malte; Poland; France; Canada; Philippines; United States: St. Martin De Porres; St. Joseph; St. Albert the Great; Holy Name
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4. Petitions Submitted to the Capitulars of the General Chapter of Mexico (2022) by the Permanent Commission for the Vocations for the Dominican Cooperator Brothers.

18. 2024:

1. Memo and Group Discussion Questions to Socii to Schedule Regional Meetings of Cooperator Brothers:

19. 2025:

1. Theological Commission Report Submitted to the General Chapter of Krakow
2. Permanent Commission on the Vocation of the Dominican Cooperator Brother:
 - i. Summary Report to the General Chapter-Krakow;
 - ii. Petitions Presented to the General Chapter-Krakow
 - iii. Petitions Approved:

- 185. [GRATIARUM ACTIO] *We congratulate the members of the Theological Commission for their report on the Vocation of the Cooperator Brothers in the Order and in the Church prepared for this chapter.*
- 186. [COMMISSION] *We commission the Permanent Commission for the Co-operator brothers to publish a 'Vademecum' collating the acts of previous general chapters and other relevant documents concerning the co-operator brothers. This should be distributed to the provinces for easy reference and made available online.*
- 187. [COMMISSION] *We commission the Master of the Order to renew the Permanent Commission on Co-operator Brothers ensuring the full representation of the regions of the Order.*
- 188 [ORDINATION] *We instruct the Standing Commission for the Cooperator Brothers to work closely with the Regional Partners to ensure that the provisions of the LCO, the RFG, and the RSG pertaining to the Cooperator Brothers are applied where they have not yet been implemented. We also reaffirm and entrust to the Standing Commission for the Cooperator Brothers the responsibilities entrusted to them by the 194th General Chapter of Bien Hoa (ACG 2019 Bien Hoa 194).*
- 189 [ORDINATION] *We ordain that the feast of St. Martin de Porres become a day for celebrating and promoting the vocation of the Cooperator Brother throughout the Order (cf. ACG 2022 Tultenango 195).*

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