

“Greetings everyone

“May there be kindness in your gaze when you look within,
May you never place walls between the light and yourself
May you allow the beauty of the invisible world to gather you, mind you, and embrace you in belonging”
John O’Donohue.

Sadly we write to advise you all that '**Convocation 2021**' has been postponed due to COVID restrictions and the uncertainty of alert levels and requirements over the next few weeks in particular.

The good news is that El Rancho has been able to give us a booking in September next year. We are very grateful to have secured this 'slot' as venues are already well booked for next year. Thus we have a new date for 'Convocation 2021'.

In the same way that, due to Covid, the 2020 Tokyo Olympics were held in 2021, so Convocation 2021 will be held in 2022. We will still celebrate 800 years of the Franciscan Third Order. So Convocation will be held from Thursday 22nd September 2022 until Sunday 25th September 2022.

Please note the dates in your calendar.

If you wish to have your registration fee refunded, please contact Pip Colgan. Alternatively, you could leave your registration in place for next year. Please let Pip know. (pip.colgan@xtra.co.nz)

Chapter 2021

This has not been cancelled as Chapter must meet to fulfil legal obligations for Charites services as well as for our statutes.

For those who are attending, however, please note the new arrangements.

Chapter will meet over two days by zoom, on Friday and Saturday the 1st and 2nd of October.

The meetings will be as follows:

Chapter 1 Friday 1st October 10am - 12 pm

Chapter 2 Friday 1st October 1.30 pm - 3.30pm

Chapter 3 Saturday 2nd October 1pm - 2.30 pm

Meetings for Chaplains and Novice Counsellors

We are also wanting the Chaplains' meeting and the Novice Counsellors' meeting to go ahead, again via zoom. The dates and times for these are as follows:

Chaplains' meeting Saturday 2nd October 9am - 11 am

Novice counsellors' meeting and training Saturday 2nd October 3pm - 4.30pm

The postponement of Convocation is very disappointing but does not stop us being in prayerful community with one another. The principle for day 26 says, “we have a special love and affection for members of the Third Order, praying for each other individually and seeking to grow in that love”.

We in Aotearoa have been most fortunate with much less interruption in our lives from Covid than most other places around the globe, so we are grateful to be able to rearrange these meetings. More information and zoom invites will follow in due course for Chapter attendees, Chaplains and Novice Counsellors. Please let Blair know if you have any internet/zoom problems.

Peace

Blair Matheson, Pip Colgan, Art Daniel, Marion Fairbrass & Sarah Hart