

Dear brothers and sisters of the OCDS of the Province of Saint Joseph.

Praised be Jesus Christ!

The 15th Chapter of the Friars of our Province has now been completed. I am happy to say that I have been confirmed for a second term as your Provincial Delegate. I hope you are happy with this, too. I was, also, elected the Vicar Provincial (1st Councillor) of the Friars. However, my residence and position of Prior in Mount Angel will remain the same.

Please find attached to this email a letter to you from the Capitulators (elected and ex-officio members) of our 2026 Provincial Chapter. The OCDS was mentioned, often, throughout our discussions. It is clear that your best interest is at the heart of all our Friars - not just the Provincial Superior and your Provincial Delegate.

Please continue to pray for us as we head home to begin the work and attentiveness to the next three years of our lives. I will be back in the office on May 26, 2026.

In other news, later in June, I will be announcing the names of our new OCDS Provincial Council. Jeanne Brown and Pam Gockel will remain on the Provincial Council and we will have three new members. Stay tuned for this exciting news.

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Adam Gregory Gonzales, OCD

OCDS Provincial Delegate