



ORDO FRATRUM MINORUM CAPUCCINORUM  
POSTULATOR GENERALIS

Rome, 22 August 2019

Your Excellency,

*May the Lord give you peace!*

The undersigned, Fr. Carlo Calloni, General Postulator of the Order of the Capuchin Friars Minor, at the request of Fr. John Alwyn Dias, ofmcap., Provincial Minister of the Religious Province of Holy Trinity Karnataka (India), and having obtained the *Nihil Obstat* from the General Minister of the Order, Fr. Roberto Genuin, ofmcap.,

**requests**

that Your Excellency, in accordance with the Apostolic Constitution *Divinus Perfectionis Magister* of 25 January 1983 and the *Norme servandae in inquisitionibus ad Episcopis faciendis in causis sanctorum* of 7 February 1983 (nn. 11-15), deign to introduce the Cause of beatification and canonization of **Fr. Alfred Roche**, a professed priest of the Order of the Capuchin Friars Minor, born at Moodahadu Kudru, on 3 April 1924.

The reputation of holiness, which Fr. Alfred Roche already enjoyed during his life, has spread and continues to spread every day more, since the day of his death at Mangalore (Muller's Hospital) on 31 December 1996.

According to the norms of *Sanctorum Mater* (nn. 40, 42,1 and 45), it is the duty of Your Excellency, before accepting the present petition (*Libellus*), to request from the Congregation for the Causes of Saints if there were any obstacle (*Nihil Obstat*) on the part of the Holy See (n. 45,1-2). To the request of the *Nihil Obstat*, a brief report should be enclosed. It must contain the essential biographical data of Fr. Alfred Roche and the ecclesial importance of the Cause. Moreover, Your Excellency will have to consult the Regional Conference of Bishops to see if there is anything against the opening of the Diocesan Inquiry. Then Your Excellency will have to publish this petition in the form of an edict that is to be affixed to the Cathedral Church or published in the diocesan newspaper (bulletin). In the edict, it will be necessary to invite the faithful to bring to the attention of Your Excellency any useful information regarding Fr. Alfred Roche (n. 43).

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After having obtained the *Nihil Obstat*, Your Excellency will have to appoint the two Theological Censors, with separate decrees. Their names must remain secret. These Censors must separately swear an oath before Your Excellency and in the presence of the Chancellor, who is required to testify to this in writing. The Censors must express their opinion, separately, on the published writings of Fr. Alfred Roche and on any of his unpublished writings that will be gradually collected. Each Censor will express his opinion on the absence of elements contrary to Faith and good morals. He is also to delineate the personality and spirituality of Fr. Alfred Roche.

Afterwards, Your Excellency will have to appoint the members of the Tribunal for the Diocesan Inquiry: Episcopal Delegate, Promotor of Justice, Notary (possible Adjunct Notary). Your Excellency will also have to fix the date of the First Session of the Diocesan Inquiry. Then, Your Excellency will nominate three experts who make up the Historical Commission. Its task is to search out and gather all the documents and all the writings (published and unpublished), in the Archives of all the places where Fr. Alfred Roche lived and worked. Each member of the Historical Commission at the beginning of his office must swear an oath before Your Excellency and in the presence of the Chancellor, who is required to testify to this in writing. At the end of its work, the Historical Commission will have to submit *in solidum* (that is, by all the three experts) a Report on the investigations conducted.

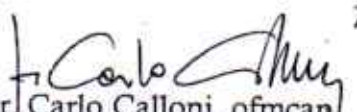
At the First Session, presided over by Your Excellency, all the Officials (Episcopal Delegate, Promotor of Justice, Notary and possible Adjunct Notary), the General Postulator, and the Vice-Postulator of the Cause must participate. All the above mentioned, including Your Excellency, must swear to fulfil faithfully their task and to maintain the secret of office. The faithful may participate at this First Session.

In addition to my mandate as General Postulator of the Order of Capuchin Friars Minor, I appoint Fr. Santa Lopez as Vice-Postulator. I enclose, as well, a brief biographical profile of Fr. Alfred Roche and the documentation on the continuity of the Reputation of Holiness and of Intercessory Power.

I remain at the disposal of Your Excellency for any clarification.

In union of prayer, I greet Your Excellency in the Lord.

Yours faithfully,

  
Fr. Carlo Calloni, ofmcap  
General Postulator