

**ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS
TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE GENERAL CHAPTER OF THE
CONGREGATION
OF THE SACRED STIGMATA (STIGMATINES)**

Consistory Hall

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[...]

Dear Stigmatine missionaries, bring this fire to Christian communities, where the faith of many people needs to be rekindled, to find strength to be contagious. At the same time, go, go out to proclaim the Gospel to the poor, to those who do not feel loved by anyone, to those who live in sadness and despair, to prisoners, homeless and homeless people, to immigrants, to those fleeing from wars. Saint Gaspar Bertoni transmitted to you the love of the Saints Sposi, Maria and Giuseppe. Therefore have special attention to the family; together with the laity, announce the joy of love. Bring the fire of Christ to the young, who need someone to listen to them and help them find meaning in life. If you announce Jesus, they will be attracted; lead them to him with patience and perseverance. Be joyful and gentle missionaries, well prepared to meet each person. [...]