

## ELECTION OF MINISTER PROVINCIAL

Electoral Address:

**ALAN RONALD WILLIAMS** – Member of the West Midlands Area

Professed 1991

Co-organiser and facilitator of Young Tertiaries' gathering 1997

Birmingham Area Chaplain 1998 – 1999 (*moved to Wales*)

Provincial rep to Inter-Provincial Third Order Chapter 1999

Wales Area Chaplain 2001 – 2003 (*Moved back to Malvern*)

Member of Provincial Communication Team 2001 – 2003

Provincial Communications Coordinator 2003 – 2009

Provincial rep to Inter-Provincial Third Order Chapter 2005

Member of Organising Group Provincial Chapter 2006

West Midlands Area Formation Guardian 2010 – 2016

Moderator of Inter-Provincial Facebook Page 2013 – present

If elected to the role of Minister Provincial I would hope constantly to place the need to listen to our fellow Tertiaries at all levels, and not only to those who hold office in the Areas or Clusters. My view of the Order is what our Order actually is: a global group of disciples of Christ who gather together locally to support and uphold one another in our common calling as Franciscans. In this Province we owe it to ourselves to listen carefully to one another and not only hear what is said, but to value it and heed it. At the same time, we all need to play our part by encouraging all members to speak up and contribute to the discussions and debates.

My daily life as a parish priest is one of listening not only to our congregation, but also to the wider body of parishioners, and help each of them to find the words to express faith, or reasons why faith makes no sense any more.

The Third Order is in a good position to feed the wider Anglican Church and Anglican Communion by our attitudes towards belief, and how it is expressed, as well as in matters of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.

Our hope should be that we will continue to be formed as a body of Franciscan believers that helps our uncertain society live better faith-filled lives.

I submit myself to the scrutiny of my peers in this, offering myself with varied experiences of the Order, and having had the privilege of being given the opportunity to meet with Tertiaries from other Provinces, as well as having served on Provincial Chapter in the past.

There is no real personal agenda in all this, except to discern what is on the minds of our sister and brother Tertiaries and to find a way of integrating this into the expression of our Order within our common vocation.

I serve on a number of charities as a Trustee, at least one of which has a larger burden of financial transaction and personnel management (membership care) than the Third Order, and have received the requisite Trustee Training.

*Alan Williams TSSF  
Amblecote, November 2016*