

My name is Br. Chris Garcia, OFM Conv, and I would like to be considered for the National Council. I am a solemnly professed religious brother not pursuing ordination of St Joseph of Cupertino Province with its headquarters in California. I made my solemn profession in August 2021 in Hermosa Beach, California. I made my first consecration to the MI in October 2017 when I was in studies at the Catholic University of America in Washington DC. I graduated in May 2021 with a licentiate in canon law.

Since making my initial consecration, I have been involved with the MI in different capacities. When based in the East Coast, I ministered with the local villages at the time in DC and Ellicott City, Maryland. I encouraged young adults to be a part of MI Youth walking with them at the National March for Life. When I moved to the San Francisco Bay Area, I became the spiritual assistant for St Joseph of Cupertino Province in 2022 after Fr. Tom, the National Spiritual Assistant, was reassigned. I have organized multiple Marian consecrations since December 2021 to May 2025 at Our Lady of Grace in Castro Valley, California and been involved with the local Marian conference in the Diocese of Oakland since October 2021. I was recently reassigned and moved to San Antonio, Texas, in January 2026 and intend to develop the MI in the area.

On a professional level, I have consulted with the National Council on various canonical matters, have given talks on Marian consecration and Maximilian Kolbe to various groups, have participated in national conferences including SEEK and the National Eucharistic Congress. I am a practicing canon lawyer who works for multiple (arch)dioceses, and consults with various religious institutes, organizations, and other associations of the faithful. Among my various endorsements include Fr. Tom Czeck, the National Spiritual Assistant, who was the Vocation Director who brought me to the Conventual Franciscans and encouraged my MI journey since the beginning and when I became Spiritual Assistant, as well as Ronald Rodrigues, the current National President.