



**Parishioners of the Catholic community of Torshavn**

Sunday 27th of August 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With regret, I must come to you to inform you of our decision concerning the fraternity of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in Torshavn. It is not without pain that we have just made in Council the choice of closing this insertion which is particularly dear to us. Today I can only repeat to you the attachment of our congregation to the people and to the Church of the Faroes. The presence of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in the island dates back to 1931!

Even today the mission in Torshavn corresponds well to our vocation to serve in the Church. But the demographic reality of the province and the fragility of the community itself, imposes difficult renuncements upon us. The Superior General and her council took note of our inability to extend the fraternity of Torshavn beyond June 2024.

It is with great sadness that I inform you of this decision, of which the Bishop has been informed. We trust that you, parishioners, will have the will to organize yourselves to ensure the sustainability of your community through catechesis and liturgy services... The sisters are ready to pass on to you everything they can to help you take responsibility.

Rest assured that we keep you in our prayers and thoughts for this time of transition that is opening for you and for the community of the Sisters.

May the Lord bless you and give you peace.

Sister Laetitia Chevallier  
Provincial Superior