

Proposal Regarding Military Chaplains

As Franciscans, who are heralds and witnesses of the mission of peace, and called to live lives of active non-violence, we see the presence of friars among us who serve as military chaplains as being in contradiction to our way of life. Without judging the intentions of current chaplains, we propose that the Order initiate a process of reflection, with a view toward the retirement of friars who are inserted into military structures.

The vote of the delegates: Yes: 43; No: 13; Abstain: 17.