

Dear OCDS brothers and sisters in the Province,

Praised be Jesus Christ!

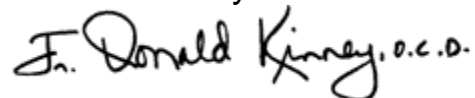
I'm writing with some big news: Yesterday, April 7, Fr. Stephen Watson, OCD was elected the new Provincial Superior of the California-Arizona Province. He will take office at the Friars' Provincial Chapter May 13-21 in Redlands, CA.

Fr. Stephen has been a long-time supporter of the Secular Order, and he was one of the keynote speakers at the 2013 Portland OCDS Congress. He served as Provincial of our Province from 1999-2003, when he was elected a General Definitor of our Order, serving in Rome for six years. Then he was appointed Regional Superior of our Mission in Uganda. Currently Fr. Stephen is Rector of our House of Studies in Mt. Angel, Oregon. He has also been Spiritual Assistant to the Portland OCDS Community.

We all thank God for Fr. Matthew Williams' outstanding six years as Provincial, and we promise our prayers to Fr. Stephen.

Other assignments for the friars will be made during and after their Provincial Chapter.

A blessed Holy Week and Easter,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Donald Kinney, O.C.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. Donald Kinney, OCD