



On January 25, 2026, following the resignation of Father Jean-Pierre FLACHAIRE, Father Mikaël ZIOLO was elected prior of Our Lady of the Atlas (Midelt, Morocco) for a six-year term.



Born in Tarnobrzeg, Poland, in 1961, he entered the Dominican Order. From 1980 to 1995 he worked as an editor at the Dominican publishing house W Drodze and served as chaplain to university students in Gdańsk. After meeting Blessed Christian de Chergé in Rabat in 1995, he was supposed to enter Our Lady of Atlas at Tihirine after Easter 1996, but the seven monks had been abducted a few weeks earlier !

He then entered the Tihirine annex house in Fez (Morocco) on October 7, 1996. There he received the habit from Father Jean-Pierre SCHUMACHER, one of the two survivors. He completed his monastic formation at Aiguebelle, the motherhouse, before being sent to Algiers at the end of 1998 with a group of volunteers in order to revive monastic life at Tihirine. He remained there for three years. During this period he made his solemn profession on July 10, 2000, at Aiguebelle, where he returned in February 2001. Desiring to recover the spiritual intuitions of his early monastic years, he entered Our Lady of the Atlas (Midelt, Morocco) on February 24, 2022.

