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# SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGIONAL FRATERNITY

April 10, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in St. Francis:

Alleluia! During the forty days of Lent we meditated on the sufferings of our Lord Jesus; now let us rejoice in his Resurrection!

Our profession as Secular Franciscans calls us to daily conversion, but where does that conversion lead us? The Resurrection of our Lord reminds us that our spiritual practices, and even our physical sufferings, are not an end in themselves. Jesus walked the road to Calvary before the glory of his Resurrection; St. Francis found “perfect joy” in the humility required to endure suffering. We too, in following their example, are called to be transformed by the perfect joys of our spiritual and temporal lives.

Each one of us is capable of bringing the joy of the Resurrection to everyone we encounter. Just like the beautiful flowers that we will soon see pushing up through the newly thawed earth, we must soften our hearts and empty ourselves of all pettiness and selfishness so that our inner beauty is uncovered and visible to all. Only in that way can the light of our resurrected Lord shine through us upon others!

I am looking forward to seeing that light shining brightly as we gather for *Convivenza on April 25<sup>th</sup>\**. We have a prayerful and informative day planned for you. Your presence will help to make our “family gathering” complete!

Joyful Easter blessings to all of you!

Diane F. Menditto, OFS  
Minister, Our Lady of the Angels Region

*Please share this with those members of your fraternities who do not have email.*

*\*Convivenza will be held at*

Holy Name of Jesus Church, West 96th St. at Amsterdam Ave, Manhattan, NYC.

We will begin with coffee and registration at 9:00 A.M.

*Complete schedule and directions on our website:*

[http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/2015\\_Convivenza\\_letter.pdf](http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/2015_Convivenza_letter.pdf)