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SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

September 20, 2007

To all the Ministers in Our Lady of the Angels Region

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are again at the beginning of another season. The weather is crisp in the evening and warm during the day, and the sky is such a beautiful blue! What a way to prepare for the *Transitus* and Feast of our beloved Father Francis! I hope this letter finds you, your families, and your fraternities in the best of health and happiness.

There are several very important items about which I must tell you and also remind you.

1. I will be leaving for the annual *NaFra* meeting on October 2, 2007. Each year, we celebrate a wonderful liturgy remembering all those Franciscan brothers and sisters who have gone home to the Lord during the past year. Our regional Vice-Minister, Diane Menditto, SFO, has been kind enough to compile a list of those deceased members of our region. However, her list is not complete. If you have not already sent or given Diane your list, please get it to her as soon as possible so I may have the National Council pray for those we love and have lost this past year. Diane's telephone number is: 201-343-0950. Her E-mail address is: dianefmdfm@aol.com. Thank you for your assistance with this annual collection of names.
2. On Saturday, November 17, 2007, a *Day of Recollection* will be held for all the newly professed (three years or less) at St. Bonaventure's Church, Paterson, NJ. It will begin with registration and hospitality at 9:30AM and will begin no later than 10:00AM. It should end at approximately 2:30PM. The place will be the Bishop Malloy Hall, across the street from the front of the church. Please encourage all the newly professed in your fraternity to attend.
3. On Saturday, November 10, 2007, the *Annual Chapter of Ministers* will be held from 9:30AM, for registration and hospitality, until 3:00PM. As always, your fraternity **MUST** be represented, either by yourself, or by your duly authorized delegate, who must carry a letter of authorization with him/her. This year is even more important as we will be having our *National Visitation* from our new National Minister, Patrick Mendes, SFO, and one of our National Spiritual Assistants, Fr. Kevin Queally, TOR. All ministers have been contacted numerous times by mail, E-mail, telephone, and in person. All will be represented. There will be no excuses accepted for a missing fraternity.

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4. If anyone is planning on attending our *Annual Regional Retreat* in October, please be sure to contact John Ras, SFO as soon as possible.
5. There will be another *Formation Day* held on March 2008 in New York. More information will be forthcoming soon.
6. Please remember that if you have any changes in personal information such as address, telephone number, e-mail, or if you have new members coming into the fraternity, or current members who have moved or gone elsewhere, you must contact us to let us know. We cannot keep current records of our membership if we do not hear from you.
7. On that note, please make sure that you have returned your fraternity report and your fair share (per capita) to John Ras, SFO. John keeps the database and that information is also transferred to the National database. Let's do our best to keep current.

I look forward to seeing all of you on November 10, from about 9:30AM until 3:00PM at 96TH Street, New York City, Holy Name Church, in that beautiful chapel under the church. Please invite all your fraternity members. Everyone is invited and welcome to attend.

Peace, good, love, and prayers,

Your sister,

Marcia

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