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SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

June 29, 2007

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

God bless you all, your fraternities and your families. As we enter the summer season I pray that everyone will have good health, peace and blessings, and lots of fun this summer!

Speaking of the summer, there are several things I would like to bring to your attention and remind you to put on your calendars.

- 1. If you have not already received a call from one of the regional council members, you should expect to receive one shortly. We are updating all our regional records and will be calling individually to each fraternity minister with a list of questions we need answered. Please do your best to answer these questions accurately, or to get the information we need if you do not know it when we call.
  - 2. Reminder that the summer picnic is again at the Sisters of Ringwood in Ringwood, NJ on Saturday, July 28, from 11:00AM until 5:00PM.

    There will also be Mass there at 4:00PM with Fr. Trezza, OFM, as presider. Please bring your food and drinks, your bathing suit, and a lawn chair if you wish. Picnic tables are supplied and there will be 2 lifeguards at the pool. We will also have the conference center available to us. There is air conditioning in that building in case it gets too hot outside. This year there will be no hot coffee provided. There are too few people who drink it to make it worthwhile. If you need your hot coffee during the day, please bring it along in your thermos. The price this year will be \$10.00 per adult and free for children not yet in high school. Please call me with a count as soon as possible so I can convey the number of people attending to the good Sisters.
  - 3. The Chapter of Ministers will be held on Saturday, November 10, at Holy Name Church, at 96<sup>th</sup> Street in NY, from 9:00AM 3:00PM, in the chapel under the church.

Every minister or the minister's delegate (with a letter from the minister giving that person the authority to be the delegate from the fraternity) must attend. This is expected as your duty and part of your requirements as minister.

This year, as you know, will be our visitation from the National fraternity. One of National Spiritual Assistants, Fr. Kevin Queally, TOR, and our National Minister, Patrick Mendes, SFO, will preside over this visitation. Please invite all your fraternity members to attend also.

4. The *Annual Regional Retreat* will be held at St. Mary's Villa, Sloatsburg, NY, on the weekend of October 19 – 21. You should have received a letter from John Ras, SFO, giving all the information about this retreat.

Please do not schedule fraternity events on the weekend of the annual retreat. This is a time of fraternity building and we expect many more people to attend than have in the past.

- 5. You should also be receiving a letter from John Ras, SFO, concerning your annual report and the fair share amount that is due. This amount is \$25.00 for each fraternity member, except for those who are lapsed.
- 6. We are planning several formation days in the coming months. The first will be a day for formation directors at Holy Angels, Little Falls, NJ on September 8, from 10:00AM 2:00PM.

Our North Jersey Cluster is already scheduled for that day, but we will use it for formation instead. I expect that every formation director will make every effort to attend or to send a member of the formation team.

- 7. We will also have another *Formation Director Day* in NY, perhaps at 96<sup>th</sup> Street, on March 8, 2008 from 10:00AM 2:00PM. Again, I expect all formation directors to attend or to send a formator.
- 8. We will also be having our first *Convocation for the Newly Professed* (within 3 years). This will probably be held on November 17, 2007 with the place to be announced.

My dear ministers, please make sure you put these very important dates on your calendars and, most importantly, share this information with your fraternity members. I cannot stress the need for good communication.

If you need directions to any of our events, please refer to our website, www.OurLadyoftheAngelsRegion.org. Once there, click on the calendar of events, go to the month and then the day of the event. Directions should be available there.

Thank you for your cooperation in all things.

Your sister and servant.

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