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Dear Sisters and Brothers in St. Francis,

May the Lord give you Peace!

I am writing to extend to you and to the members of your fraternity an invitation to join with your sisters and brothers in our annual Regional Retreat weekend for 2010. This year, we will once again be using the beautiful facilities of the Mt. Alvernia Retreat House in Wappingers Falls, NY.--an easy commute by car or by public transportation.

This year we are planning a double treat of sorts. We will offer both the Regional Retreat for all professed members under the leadership of Fr. Robert Williams, OFM Cap. For those who attended our Convivenza in April, you met and were impressed by Fr. Robert, our new Regional Spiritual Assistant from Stigmata Province. In addition, a separate "track" will be offered specifically for our candidates in initial formation led by Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM, Regional and Provincial Spiritual Assistant from Holy Name Province, on the theme of Commitment. This will enable us all to be together at the same time and place, share meals, recreation and prayer and worship while allowing for two completely separate sets of input talks and experiences geared to the participants whether candidates or professed. So please encourage your candidates to attend and share the experience with others who are in the process of initial formation and be supported in prayer by all the sisters and brothers of the Regional Fraternity. And please also encourage all of your professed members to attend in order to share this uniquely Secular Franciscan weekend together.

Enclosed please find two registration forms—one for Initial Formation Candidates and one for Professed members. Please duplicate as needed. The Regional Executive Council is subsidizing the weekend for all in order to keep the cost down as low as possible. In addition, a limited number of partial "scholarships" are available for those who would like to attend but are unable to because of cost constraints. Please contact Richard Spana, SFO, Regional Treasurer, for details regarding the scholarship. Please also note that dinner will not be served on Friday—only refreshments—so please be sure to have dinner before arriving at the Retreat House.

I look forward to sharing this important opportunity for spiritual growth with you and the sisters and brothers of your fraternity.

Fraternally,

Ron Pihokker, SFO
Regional Minister