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SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

September 13, 2008

To the Ministers of Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity

My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope this letter finds you, your families and your fraternities all well and happy. We are back to school and back to work from the summer and have many wonderful things happening this fall.

Firstly, I would like to invite you to the extraordinary meeting and time of recollection for ministers and for those running for, or considering running for, the responsibilities of a Council position in their respective fraternities. I'd asked you to mark it on your calendars a few months ago. It will be held at St. Bonaventure's Church, Paterson, NJ on Saturday, October 11, from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

As we are so often guests of the fraternities, St. John Vianney and St. Elizabeth of Hungary, at St. Bonaventure's, we are asking that every attendee bring a contribution for the coffee and refreshments for that day. It could be bagels or rolls and butter, donuts, pastries, fruit, juices, or anything else you would like to contribute. Also, please bring your brown bag lunch. We hope to see you there.

Second, in speaking of St. Bonaventure's, we have been invited by the pastor, Fr. Daniel Grigassy, OFM, to attend a special presentation. His letter states the following.

"Throughout this year of 2008, we have been observing the 130th year since the Dedication of our Church in 1878. To celebrate our Franciscan Heritage, we have marked the calendar with several events, one in which you may be particularly interested.

On Saturday morning, September 20, Teresa V. Baker, SFO, the Chair of the National Franciscan Formation Commission, will lead us in a Morning of Prayer and Recollection. Her topic for the morning will be, "Francis Through the Eyes of Bonaventure." What better way for us to prepare for the Solemnity of Our Holy Father Saint Francis on October 4?

We would begin at 9:00am and join the parishioners for the 11:30am Mass, followed by a brown bag lunch. We will conclude by 1:00pm. Admission is free and parking is ample. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely in Christ and Francis,
Fr. Daniel Grigassy, O.F.M., Pastor"

This will be a great experience for everyone. Teresa is an author of several of the books we use in formation, Chair of the National Formation Commission, and very well schooled in St. Bonaventure. She is a lovely person and a good speaker. You will definitely enjoy this event.

Next is a reminder about the Regional Retreat.

Please send in your reservation forms and checks to Richard Spana, SFO.

Last is the reminder that every fraternity MUST be represented by the minister or his/her delegate at the Chapter of Minister, Saturday, November 1, 2008, at Holy Name Church, Our Lady of the Angels Chapel, 96th Street, NY. This will be our regional election.

I look forward to seeing you all at these events. May God bless you always.

Your sister in Francis and Clare,

Marcia

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