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Dear Associate Members of the Franciscan Federation,

It is November, and this is when we begin to think of next year! We would like to describe, once again, our Associate Membership for you to consider your 2022 renewal or to join for the first time.

Associate Membership is a category that enables a group of people to align themselves to the Federation. Such groups can present themselves in a number of ways based on common Franciscan values and witness, or similar interests and mutual appreciation between them and the Federation.

Some examples are:

- a business that provides services to religious organizations,
- a non-canonical Franciscan movement or community,
- an ecumenical Franciscan group,
- a Third Order Secular Fraternity,
- a province or community of the First or Second Order,
- a sponsored service of a Franciscan Order or Congregation.

And what are the benefits of membership?

- Getting to know other people whose work and witness complements yours.
- Reading the Board's monthly BRIEFING, sent by e-mail, that features plans and decisions.
- Receiving UPDATES by email about spiritual enrichment opportunities and events among sponsored by Franciscans.
- Providing Franciscan Federation members with goods for sale as a vendor at our Annual Conference, for a small fee.

We hope this is helpful in encouraging you to explore this opportunity. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Peace and all good,

Sister Carol, sfma and *Sister Lilia, loof*