



Franciscan Federation

of the Sisters and Brothers of the Third Order Regular
in the United States

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Dear Congregational Leadership Team Members,

Peace and all good!

How will we remember the year 2020 as a Federation? A pandemic that changed so many lives, the postponement of our Annual Conference that had promised so much, and a commitment to meet on Zoom to pray for our world, see each other, and review our survey responses?

How will we remember 2021? Our co-conveners' attentive preparation for our re-scheduled in-person Conference in Denver became well-attended virtual Conference sessions spanning May and June, our Board's meeting the challenges and calling for a 'transformational year,' and now, a new model of leadership and resolve for a 'preferential option for the young' lead us toward 2022.

And what do we look forward to in 2022? This one membership letter is asking our Third Order Regular Congregations to join or to renew their presence among us. Other letters are going out to our Congregational Associates, Executive Leaders of Franciscan Organizations, and Emergent Group members, as well as others. We continue to both 'widen the tent' and 'streamline' our focus on the future – open to the Spirit and each other!

And what are the benefits of membership? Sitting around the same table, hearing the news firsthand in the Board's monthly BRIEFING, having access to news about spiritual enrichment and other events among us, being active and counted on to share responsibilities, and being aware of each other as sisters and brothers in this Franciscan family.

Please return the attached response forms and your financial contribution when you can.

Thank you!

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