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To all National OFS Fraternities

Subject: Greetings and news from the Secretariat for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and all good!

We express to you our fraternal greetings on behalf of the Secretariat for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) as well as provide an update of the work we have done. As communicated by our Minister General in his letter of 2 May 2023, the JPIC Secretariat has been established and is operational pursuant to Article 40.5 of the FIOFS Statute ad experimentum and is based at the International Council of the OFS, in Rome, via Putti n. 4, interior 6.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, for us as Secular Franciscans, JPIC is a way of living our vocation. It is our mission and it embraces all aspects of life in all its dimensions, from individual prayer to the actions in fraternity, from formation to the realization of our mission in the world. (CCGG Art. 18).

The JPIC Secretariat constitutes a permanent structure at the service of the Secular Franciscan Order. It has the task of coordinating the activities of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation within the Secular Franciscan Order as well as promoting, together with other ecclesial and non-ecclesial organizations, the achievement of common goals in the pursuit of well-being and the achievement of results for the benefit of all.

The JPIC Secretariat, in accordance with the Statutes of the International Fraternity of the OFS, performs the following general functions:

- a) To prepare JPIC resources for use by National Fraternities;
- b) To prepare and propose to the presidency of the CIOFS the participation of the OFS in the various initiatives within the framework of the JPIC;
- c) To represent the OFS at JPIC events;
- d) To facilitate the exchange of information between the national fraternities of the OFS and other organizations;

e) Other assignments determined by the Presidency of CIOFS.

The Secretariat has now completed the preliminary or initial phase of its implementation and has drawn up and obtained approval of its basic documents:

- Regulations of the JPIC Secretariat
- Work Plan
- Development of the International JPIC Directory.

We are working on the implementation of our Work Plan which considers activities and tools that will be of great help for the development of this service in all the fraternities of the different levels, including:

- Construction of the "JPIC Time" calendar, where all the activities carried out by the JPICs of all national fraternities will be recorded,
- Publication of the "JPIC News", a small news bulletin about JPIC events, events and performances.
- Construction of the "JPIC Calendar", a specific calendar where information is given on all planned JPIC or related events.
- Develop and awareness and training programme to support the operations of JPIC
- Build a JPIC virtual library.
- Implementation of the JPIC Advisory Group as an integral part of the Secretariat.
- Creation of a world map of needs or situations requiring attention by JPIC.

With regards to the successful implementation of our action plan, it is important that everyone participates in a collaborative way. We ask for your support and we will provide frequent updates on our work plan.

In this way we will be able to walk together as one big family in defense of justice, peace and the integrity of creation and, with God's help and the assistance of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to move forward.

The brothers and sisters who make up the JPIC Secretariat are:

- Pietro Ferri (Italy) - Coordinator
- Ricardo Herrera Sandi (Costa Rica) - Secretary
- Maria Iadanza (Australia) – Member
- Adilson De Pina (Capo Verde) - Member
- Ana Maria Raffo Laos (Peru) - Member (Advisor to the CIOFS Presidency)
- Br. Stefan Acatrinei OFM Conv - Member (Conf. of CAS Spiritual Assistants)

The Rules of Procedure for the JPIC Secretariat are attached.

We leave you with the words of our seraphic father St. Francis: "We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, also in all your churches that are in the whole world, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world" (2 Test, 5; FF111).

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