Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular

Province of the Immaculate Conception—USA

St Joseph Friary

501 Walnut Street Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

15 July 2024

Feast of St Bonaventure

**RE: Appointment of Myriam Miranda, O.F.S., as**

**Spiritual Assistant to St Joseph Fraternity, Cocoa Beach, Florida**

With this letter as Delegate of the Provincial to the Secular Franciscan Order (PSA), and at the recommendation of Dr John Deaton, O.F.S., Spiritual Assistant Certification Formation, and Mike Ruff, O.F.S., former Minister, Lady Poverty Fraternity,

**Myriam Miranda, O.F.S.,**

Formation Director, Mother of the Living Gospel Fraternity,

is officially appointed Spiritual Assistant to St Joseph Fraternity, Cocoa Beach, Florida.

On behalf of the Province of the Immaculate Conception—USA, and in the name of Father Frank Scornaienchi, T.O.R., Minister Provincial, we offer you our prayers and thanks for answering “the call within the call” to spiritually assist our sisters and brothers in the Franciscan witness to live the form of the Gospel.

In keeping with the norms established by the Conference of National Spiritual Assistants (CNSA), your term of appointment runs co-terminus with the term of the Provincial (2018-26), with the possibility of re-appointment, with a maximum of 12 years.

The Spiritual Assistant fulfills the essential pastoral and formative roles within the Secular Franciscan Order. I recommend you to continue deepening your own Franciscan vocation together with your new responsibilities. Resources you should have on hand:

*Essential Documents of the Secular Franciscan Order, 2014*

*Revised Handbook for Spiritual Assistants to the Secular Franciscan Order, 2012*

*Franciscan Family Connections, 2011*

May the blessing of the Most High come upon you and remain with you.

Father Christopher, T.O.R.

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