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To all brothers and sisters of the  
Secular Franciscan Order and  
Franciscan Youth

Dear brothers and sisters from the whole world!

May the Lord give you peace!

It is with great joy that we announce the celebration we are having this year of the “**800 years of the Memoriale Propositi (1221-2021)**”. On the Memoriale we find details of the many aspects of the fraternal life; how to embrace those who ask to be part of the fraternity, details about the profession...

*We find in this Document, the spiritual life of the penitential movement of those first brothers and sisters who followed St. Francis way of life, which may be synthesized as follows:*

- *Penitential life: fasting, works of mercy, prayer life.*
- *Life in fraternity: live human values, caring for people, bring family to the fraternity and be carriers to brothers and sisters of the peace and good.<sup>1</sup>*

We may confirm that this Document was inspirational at the beginning of our way of life, for this reason, we are celebrating as an Order, 800 years of its promulgation. We are also sharing this celebration with our dear brothers and sisters from the TOR (Third Order Regular).

We encourage our fraternities to deepen in the knowledge of our history, so we may strengthen even more the values of our Order which keep alive throughout the centuries. Getting to know our

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<sup>1</sup> Secular Franciscan Order, its history and its Rules, Fr. Valentín Redondo OFMConv.

history is a powerful ground to build up today's history, which challenges us to make life our Rule and our GGCC.

This year we will be sending to you, different documents which will serve as formation material, for the months of February, May and August. This is a material about the history, also included will be monthly videos so that all fraternities may get to know more about the **Memoriale Propositi** and deepen into the knowledge of our origins.

History teaches us that vocation and mission may and should be constantly re-interpreted, so we don't live out of times through the different historic-cultural-political periods. At the same time, we should strive to keep faithful to the original vocation as people of our own time.

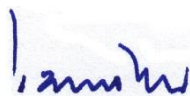
In fact, history is made every day, so every day we must ask God for the wisdom to read the signs of the times, which are always related to God's plan for us. Our roots mean "being encouraged" to make history according to God's plan.

We encourage you to celebrate this event in our Order, with your fraternities, organizing meetings, formation spaces, etc. and even sharing these moments with all brothers and sisters around the world. For this we would ask you to send photos of these celebrations to the CIOFS Secretary by September 30, 2021.

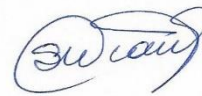
Today we continue leaving traces on the same path: a path filled with commitments, presences, successes and failures. The most important thing is to be part: we are the path of today, so we should fully live the fraternity that is a treasure of our charism.

Asking the intercession of our Seraphic Father Saint Francis and of our dear sister Clare, we send you our most fraternal greetings.

Your brother,



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CIOFS Minister General



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