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Introduction of the Secretariats and the Legal Office

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and All Good.

The 2021 General Chapter decided, as one of its priorities, to **implement and make operational the Secretariats of Formation, Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) and Communications, according to the decisions of the 2017 General Chapter.** (XVI General Chapter Concluding Document Art. 13.1).

In addition, the International Statute (Ad experimentum) establishes that the International Council has a **Secretariat for Formation (Art.39.1)**, has a **Secretariat for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (Art.40.1)**, has a **Secretariat for Communication (Art.41.1)**. The CIOFS Presidency appoints the members.

In addition to the tasks described in Art. 73 of the General Constitutions, the Presidency of CIOFS is responsible for: establishing a permanent Legal Office to support the service of the CIOFS Presidency on matters, questions and juridical aspects. (Art.30.1.F).

Therefore, the CIOFS Presidency in compliance with the decisions of the 2021 General Chapter and the International Statute has appointed brothers and sisters from different fraternities of our Order and of the CIOFS Presidency to serve in the following areas:

Secretariat for Formation:

- Silvia Noemi Diana OFS (CIOFS Presidency) Argentina
- Fr. Stefan Acatrinei OFMConv (CAS General Assistant) Romania
- Eremenciana Chinyama OFS (Project África-Presidency CIOFS) Zimbabwe
- Alonso Acevedo OFS Chile
- Diane Frances Menditto OFS USA
- Lucia Hidveghyova OFS Slovakia
- Mayara Ingrid Sousa Lima OFS Brazil

Secretariat for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation:

- Ana Maria Raffo Laos OFS (Presidency CIOFS) Peru
- Ricardo Herrera Sandi OFS Costa Rica
- Pedro Ferri OFS Italy
- Maria Iadanza OFS Australia
- Adilson de Pina Cabo Verde

Secretariat for Communication:

- Dina Shabalina OFS (Presidency CIOFS) Ukraine
- Collaborators.

Legal Office:

- Noemi Paola Riccardi OFS (Presidency CIOFS) Italy
- Fr. Tomàs Ginga Panzo Suva OFM Cap (CAS General Asistant) Angola
- Daniela Rebac OFS Croatia
- Mariette Fleur OFS Holland
- Gilda Suarez OFS Denmark
- Marton Beke OFS Hungary

The secretariats and the legal office have already started their service work, meetings and projects on the basis of the priorities set by the 2021 General Chapter and the work entrusted to them by the CIOFS Presidency

We continue to walk together in service to our Order.

May the Lord watch over you and bless you.

Your brother and minister,



Tibor Kauser OFS

Minister General

