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To the OFS National Councils
To the OFS International Councillors

Dear brothers and sisters around the world,

As a result of reflections made during the last General Chapter held in Assisi in 2014, the Chapter members decided that communication should be one of the priorities of the Order. One of the requests made at the Chapter referred to a concrete aspect of communication, namely publishing an international magazine that would relate the work of CIOFS, share interesting Secular Franciscan news, and spotlight OFS projects around the world.

Thus, to better communicate information about our world-wide Secular Franciscan Order, CIOFS is introducing a new publication – *Vox Franciscana* (Franciscan Voice), which will initially be published twice a year.

The inaugural issue – available in English, French, Italian and Spanish – features the CIOFS meeting in Rome, Franciscan Youth, the Africa Formation Project, and the historic birth of the OFS in Myanmar.

This first issue is being sent to the international councilors but we are working on finding the best solutions to offer it to every interested OFS brother and sister. Please share it with your fraternities. (It is available online at ciofs.org).

Vox Franciscana is a project of the CIOFS Presidency Communications Commission and needs your support to be successful. So, please share with us any extraordinary OFS happenings in your country. We seek good photos and interesting news to spotlight. (Contact your CIOFS Presidency councilor.)

Pax et bonum,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michel Janian', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michel Janian,
CIOFS Presidency Councilor
Responsible for Communications Commission