



Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity

October 29, 2018

Re: Today's 25th Anniversary of The Divine Mercy Region (DMR)
DMR "Logo" Submittal

Dear Ministers of the Divine Mercy Regional Council,

It is with great joy I remind you today is the 25th Anniversary of our Region! Please share with your fraternity today's milestone and joy experienced by those first OFS members who participated in establishing our Divine Mercy Region (see attached for names) October 29, 1993. We keep in prayer all Franciscans deceased and living that built and build-up this Region!

We, like our founder of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) St. Francis, find ourselves in his same situation, called to rebuild the Church! At all levels, National, Regional and Local we experience a rebirth of our Franciscan community by participating in events at all levels.

In building up our Divine Mercy Regional community and at the request of OFS-USA at their recent National Chapter that Region's submit their "logo" to them in preparation for the 20th OFS-USA Quinquennial Congress, I ask local fraternities try to create a draft logo for our Region that the Regional Executive Council (REC) will review. Please submit draft logo ideas to REC Secretary Theresa Brown by February 2019 in hopes of a reveal at our DMR spring gathering!

Further, please know as Minister of the Divine Mercy Region, I am your contact to help you address any issues you may be experiencing in your fraternity that you cannot resolve at the local level. Please feel free to call me between 3pm and 7pm at 989-708-8788 or email me at jgraczykdivinemercury@aol.com. Know all of us on the REC are available to help your fraternity in their respective roles; eg. Treasurer to treasurer, etc.; you received a Roster of the REC in August. Please take the liberty to contact members directly.

Lastly, as Minister of the 10th Regional Executive Council (REC), I speak on behalf of the entire REC that it is our honor to serve in the footsteps of St. Francis our founder and all those that have gone before us who persevered in trying times to rebuild the Church and our Region.

If we missed you at this past weekend's Regional event, then we look forward to you at our next DMR gathering in April 2019. Enjoy this great day of rejoicing for our Region!

On Behalf of the 10th Regional Executive Council, Peace & All Good to you & your Fraternity,

Jim Graczyk, OFS

Divine Mercy Regional Executive Council Minister