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to all Ministers and Custos of the Order

Rome, 3 november 2022

Dear Brother Ministers and Custos,

May the Lord give you peace

I briefly accompany the Order's *instrumentum laboris* and *Ratio Evangelizationis* on which the General Secretariat for Missionary Evangelization worked, whom I thank for their passion and commitment. A little more than a year after the General Chapter we have in our hands this instrument, the fruit of listening to different brothers and the joint work of the Executive Committee, the Secretariat and the General Definitory.

This journey now continues in each Entity of the Order and I ask you to accompany this work with great care, encouraging the listening of brothers, lay and other consecrated Franciscans in a style of fraternal and ecclesial participation. I trust that with this further step the journey will proceed well, so as to offer to the international Fraternity not so much one more document, but a text that is the fruit of the work of many and such as to help us to verify what we already do, and it is much, and to orient in an ever more charismatic and attentive sense to this time our witness, evangelization and mission.

I thank you for your co-responsible participation in the animation of our Fraternity and wish you all the best on the journey that continues "*for this* he sent you throughout the whole world, that you may bear witness to the voice of him in word and deed and make known to all that *there is no one Almighty except him.*" (*Letter to the Order*, 9).

Faternally

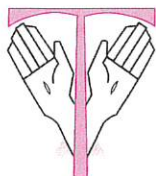
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Rome, November 3, 2022

To all Minister Provincials and Custodes

To all the Provincial and Custodial Secretaries for Missionary Evangelisation

Dear Brothers,

may the Lord give you peace!

The General Secretariat for Evangelising Mission received the mandate from the General Chapter in 2021 to elaborate a Ratio Evangelizationis for the Order, "in harmony with the teaching of the Magisterium of the Church and the documents of the Order, through a basic process at the level of Conferences and continental areas, starting from the process already undertaken by the SGEM" (mandate no. 20).

Following the instructions of the mandate, the General Secretariat promptly initiated a process of involvement at the level of Conferences and Entities, urging them to make their own contribution to this process, considering the different realities and circumstances in the life of the brothers in each continent, region, and province. The methodology chosen for the purpose of this task is based on the synodal approach promoted by Pope Francis, by our Minister General Massimo Fusarelli, OFM and his Definitory, and by the members of the Executive Council for Evangelising Mission (ECEM).

Following this process, we have thus far advanced the document as follows:

1. Meeting with the Secretaries and representatives of the various Conferences in March, 2022.
2. Work of the CIME (International Council for Mission and Evangelization) and presentation of the concluding document to the General Definitory in March, 2022.
3. Appointment by the General Administration, in May 2022, of the three members of the ECEM who are to lead the process of the elaboration of the Ratio.
4. In July 2022, the first meeting of the ECEM took place to draft an Instrumentum Laboris for the Ratio, based on the final document of the 2022 CIME Assembly. This was done in order to facilitate the participation of the brothers members of the Order, as well as that of our lay brothers and sisters who accompany us in our ministry, as well as to provide a means through which information obtained as a result of this work can be processed.
5. During the month of September of 2022 the Instrumentum Laboris was presented to the General Administration for its revision and approval. Having arrived at this point in the process, we can now continue with the work that the Instrumentum Laboris asks of us for the eventual development of the Ratio Evangelizationis. Your participation in the development of this document is very important for the Order.

To this end you are encouraged to: 1. Read and become familiar with the Instrumentum Laboris in its entirety.

2. Distribute the document among the brothers members of your provinces and custodies, making use of the best means available to you for this purpose, and in accordance with your circumstances.

3. Coordinate (either personally or by delegating the responsibility) the reflection and response to the contents of the document. This is an important responsibility; therefore, we ask that you dedicate to it the necessary amount of time in order to obtain the most relevant information for the process.

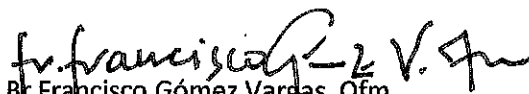
4. If possible, we are also asking you to include in this process the participation of our lay brothers and sisters, as well as that of the members of other religious communities with whom we share our ministry.

5. Finally, contribution to the development of the document must arrive, in writing, at the email address of the General Secretariat for the Missions (missgen@ofm.org), in Rome,

**before the 8th of March, 2023.**

The results of your work can be sent by the particular Provincial Minister, the Custos, or the Secretary for Evangelising Mission of the particular entity. Brothers, let us continue on this journey responding with the joy of having been called to live the Gospel as brothers and minors, to continue our growth as authentic followers of Christ in the style of St. Francis, assuming with even greater strength the gift and responsibility of witness, proclamation, and mission in our time. Let us remain united in prayer and communion, with gratitude for the life and service of each other.

Faternally,

  
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