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Karin, Croatia, August 22, 2026

Dear Brothers Tyler, Kevin, Domingo, Philip, Brian, Joan, B. Carlos, Nathaniel, Joshua, and Maikel,

May the Lord give you peace!

On your Solemn Profession and Priestly Ordination, I reach out to you with these fraternal words. You are certainly experiencing an important and beautiful moment in your lives, a true invitation to begin anew and to continue seeking the beauty of the mystery of God that has already been given to you throughout your journey with our Brother and Father Francis.

Dear Brothers, may you give your definitive "yes" to the Lord's call to live the Gospel as Friars Minor, embracing this vocation as a path of freedom, self-giving, and mission.

May the beauty of the gift of the Spirit, invoked during the rite of your Ordination, always be renewed in you, so that you may faithfully fulfill the ministry entrusted to you and become a living image of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve.

I would simply like to recall to you the words of Saint Francis:

"Listen, sons of the Lord and my brothers, pay attention to my words. Incline the ear of your heart and obey the voice of the Son of God. Observe His commands with your whole heart and fulfill His counsels with a perfect mind. Give praise to Him because He is good; exalt Him by your deeds; for this reason, He has sent you into the whole world: that you may bear witness to His voice in word and deed and bring everyone to know that there is no one who is all-powerful except Him. Persevere in discipline and holy obedience and, with a good and firm purpose, fulfill what you have promised Him. The Lord God offers Himself to us as to His children."
(Letter to the Entire Order, 5-11)

As the entire Order rejoices with you and with the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the USA, I rejoice with you and invoke upon you the Seraphic Blessing. Once again, I entrust your lives and your ministry to the protection of the Holy Mary, Mother of God, and to the intercession of Saint Francis and Saint Clare.

Fraternally,



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