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# OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGIONAL FRATERNITY SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

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January 29, 2010

To: Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity - Local Fraternity Formation Directors

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

*"Within our local fraternities, the privileged place for formation, we begin our journey towards sanctity with the loving support of one another. We are encouraged to offer our lives in service by responding to the needs of the world and by recognizing the signs of our times."*  
Secular Franciscan Order International Council, Rome, Italy, November 2008

We are grateful and continue to thank God for your dedication, spiritual care and the guidance you are providing to your fraternity as the formation director. For 2010, formation remains the top priority for all the fraternities on the Local, Regional, National and International levels of the Secular Franciscan Order worldwide.

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**MARCH 1, 2010 – ANNUAL FORMATION SURVEY**

Please complete the attached formation survey by March 1, 2010, for your fraternity.

Please return completed surveys to me by postal mail, or email at:

Virginia Chin, SFO, 518 Gregory Avenue, A301, Weehawken, NJ 07086

Email: [clarevc@gmail.com](mailto:clarevc@gmail.com)

The survey is available on Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity website at:

[www.ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/formation.html](http://www.ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/formation.html)

**MAY 1, 2010 – REGIONAL FORMATION MEETING**

Saturday, May 1, 2010

9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

St. Francis of Assisi Church

135 West 31<sup>st</sup> Street, San Damiano Hall, New York City, NY 10001

**AUGUST 27 – 29, 2010 – REGIONAL INITIAL FORMATION RETREAT**

Please encourage your inquirers and candidates in the formation program to attend this retreat. The feedback from the candidates who attended the past retreats have been very positive.

The retreat will be held at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center at Wappinger Falls, New York.

**NATIONAL SFO FRATERNITY – INITIAL FORMATION FORMATOR TRAINING**

The National Secular Franciscan Fraternity Formation Team continues the writing of the new training manual for the formation of formators. Once completed, it will be submitted for approval.

**INTERNATIONAL SFO FRATERNITY (CIOFS) – ONGOING FORMATION PROGRAM**

Beginning 2010, each year CIOFS will assign a central theme for formation.

Jan–June 2010 will focus on **Profession**

July–Dec 2010 will focus on **Belonging to the SFO**

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May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and help us all in our humble service to our Lord.

Sincerely,

*Virginia Chin*

VIRGINIA CHIN, SFO,

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