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October 7, 2010

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On Sunday night, I attended the beautiful Transitus service at St. Bonaventure's Parish in Paterson, NJ. The lector read a quote from St. Francis to the friars, "My brothers, we must begin to serve the Lord and God. Until now we have done very little." We have all heard these words many times. It is time to take them to heart.

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) is at the heart of our Order. Caring for the poor and marginalized is how we live a Gospel life and put life to the Gospel.

The National Fraternity (NAFRA) has urged each region to establish a common Apostolate. A few months ago, each fraternity in the region was asked to name a JPIC coordinator to be part of our region's JPIC committee. A letter was included in the *Troubadour* with the same request. To date, only six fraternities have responded. The committee needs to be established so that it can begin its work for our Regional Fraternity in promoting Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.

Our Lady of the Angels Region is having a National Visitation at the Chapter of Ministers in a few weeks. We will not have time to establish a common Apostolate before the National Visitation, but if we at least have a JPIC committee it will show we have made some progress.

Please contact me as soon as possible. "...we must begin..."

Pax et bonum,

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