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OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGIONAL FRATERNITY

May 13, 2015

Dear Fraternity Ministers and Members of North Jersey Cluster,

I am writing to remind you of our upcoming meeting of the North Jersey Cluster to take place on **Saturday morning, May 30th** beginning at 10:00 A.M. and concluding by 1:00 P.M. It will be held at the St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 50 Lodi St., Hackensack, NJ. There will be refreshments beginning at 9:30 A.M., but **no lunch**, so please plan to have lunch afterwards on your own.

We plan to begin with Morning Prayer at 10:00 A.M. (Mass will not be celebrated).

Besides the business of the cluster, our major presentation will be on the topic of **climate change**, an issue which has been addressed recently by our Holy Father, Pope Francis and which he will assuredly take up in his forthcoming encyclical on the environment. Our presenter will be Mr. Jim Andreano, OFS, a candidate from Most Holy Name Fraternity in Little Falls. Jim says this about himself:

"I am a semi-retired business executive who is now looking to give something back. I have two social justice passions in my life. One is assisting homeless families, the other is addressing climate change. I look forward to using my business communications experience to help propagate the reality and significance of climate change."

I am sure we will be challenged and hear important information regarding our precious planet and the potential impacts of climate change especially upon the poor. This is a topic which should be of the highest importance to all, but especially for us Franciscans who profess to live the Rule which teaches:

"Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which "bear the imprint of the Most High," and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship."

(OFS Rule Ch. 2:18)

I look forward to seeing you and your fraternity sisters and brothers on May 30th. Please make every effort to join your sisters and brothers of the North Jersey Cluster for this most important gathering.

Fraternally,

Ron, OFS

Ronald Pihokker, OFS
Regional Executive Councilor
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