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OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGIONAL FRATERNITY SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

August 13, 2009

RE: **SEPTEMBER 11- 13 INITIAL FORMATION REGIONAL RETREAT**

Dear Local Fraternity Formation Directors,

Just a quick reminder of the September 11 – 13 Initial Formation Regional Retreat at the St. Lawrence Friary in Beacon, New York. The retreat is critical for the Initial Formation Inquirers and Candidates who will be making the lifelong commitment of profession into the order.

No matter what state in life, we all face difficult situations which challenge our faith, our Secular Franciscan commitment, and our love for God and for each other. We need to get away from the cell phones, the TV, the hectic schedule and the “to do” lists. The retreat offers candidates the peace and quiet time they need to be with Our Lord – to talk, to listen, to pray, to reflect and to discern on their vocation in becoming a Secular Franciscan.

The theme of the retreat is Conversion—focusing on St. Francis’ conversion, life changes and journeying, theory of conversion and recent Franciscan models of conversions. Since candidates will be coming from different fraternities, they will be sharing their knowledge & experience with each other. The retreat also will provide them with a larger regional family view of the order. It will offer them the opportunity to meet their peers and make new friends.

The retreat will start on September 11, Friday. Supper will be at 5:30PM and the first retreat session will begin at 7:30PM. On September 13, Sunday, the local Formation Director or Team Members or Council Members are encouraged to join the candidates for mass at 11:00AM and lunch at 12:00PM. Departure from the retreat will be at 1:30PM.

Attached is the registration form for the retreat. Please complete the form ASAP with a check made out to *Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity* for \$150. Please send the form and check to me at the following address:

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154-67 24th Road
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If you are driving to the retreat and can provide transportation for others, please fill in the attached car pool information. If you need transportation, please specify on the attached form.

Hope to see all your candidates and you at the retreat.

Peace and God Bless.

Virginia Chin

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Our Lady of the Angels Regional Formation Director

All Initial Formation Retreat information and forms are available on our website at <http://www.ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/formation.html>