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To the National Councils of YouFra  
To the National Councils of the OFS  
To the International Councilors of the OFS and YouFra

Dear brothers and sisters,

May the Lord give you peace!

In the mandate of the General Chapter, the CIOFS Presidency continues to take care of the young people of the Franciscan Youth. Thus, after the document on Fraternal Animation, we entrust to you the document, *Guide for the Formation of a New YouFra Fraternity*.

With this guide we want to help all those brothers and sisters who are dedicating their time and effort to work with young people for the birth and establishment of a new Franciscan Youth fraternity. We hope that it will help to establish a fraternity that is well-organized, stable and vibrant. We have tried to clarify some essential and important elements necessary for starting a new Franciscan Youth fraternity. By following these directions, we hope that it will gradually become a fraternity that is established and recognized at all levels. Attached to this guide you will find some examples of forms that can be helpful.

Since the reality of youth is very dynamic, and sometimes it is very diverse from different countries, it is necessary to clearly define the key points from which we can begin the journey in YouFra. For this reason we have mentioned in the guide the necessary fundamentals for the establishment of a new Franciscan Youth fraternity. Every beginning and birth of a new Franciscan Youth fraternity must be accompanied with brotherly love and dedication by all those responsible that are listed in the document.

We hope that this document, with its directions, will help us have a more uniform and clear situation from the beginning of the path up to the establishment and organization of the Franciscan Youth fraternity. In addition, this document also serves to help the growth of our mutual communion in which we live our fraternal life, according to the example of St. Francis.

Fraternal greetings,

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