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of the charism of Saint Francis

To our Secular Franciscan Brothers and Sisters in Haiti

Dear Fr. Walter Jiménez, SFO National Spiritual Assistant,

Dear Secular Franciscan Brothers and Sisters and, in particular, each one of you who had been touched by this terrible earthquake,

of the Saint Francois d'Assise Fraternity, *Yvette Dorcon, Claudette Bonaventure, Horace Benejour, Olivia Guervil, Anithése Moise, Francoise Calixte, Alice Lafortune, Nadege Cassamayor, Despene Mariyolla, Benoit François, Soeurette Atimy, Desvallon Desprez, Martha Benjame, Mme Jerome Philipe, Antoine D'esir, Jean-Lovisky Polycarpe, Vierge Adrien, Gertrude Théogene, Mathide Jean St Cyr, Samuel Mathieu, Monique Gaudin, Edner Noel, Sonia Glaudin, Paul Luc Deplat, Marie Dapfney Boyard, Rea Desrosiers, Helene Jean Pierre, Metayer Luckener, Joseph Gustav Tancyl, Jesusla Belhumeur, Nurose Fabien, Azic Yves, Jean Adrien Elie, Yverose Bernadel,*and

of the Saint Antoine de Padoue Fraternity, *Baptiste Nancy, Dorilas Ruthe, Dorilas Maris Jo, Lahens Leonel, Pierre Agathe, Eskel Scruve, Aimable Ketia, Etienne Marie Erline, Pierre Suzie, Aguste Necker, Dimarche Jeanine, Dorvil Junior, Elise Beaujour,*

May the Lord give you peace.

Many thanks to Fr. Walter for having given us concrete news on the present situation in Haiti.

It was very painful for us to read about how many of you have lost their homes, their personal belongings, their work, and even a dear one, amongst whom some Secular Franciscan brothers.

During the April 10-17, 2010 meeting of the CIOFS Presidency, we presented to the Lord during the Eucharist each brother and sister who lost their life :

- from the Saint Antoine de Padoue Fraternity: *Assilien Roseline and Salomon Marie-Ange,*

- from the Saint François d'Assise Fraternity: *Marcel Hector, Anaise Barhelus, M et Mme Duton Emmanuel, Louiza Bonaventure, Andréa Louis-Charles and André Gilbert Baptiste.*

Dear Secular Franciscans, the entire Presidency Council, serving all the SFO members, express to you our deepest fraternal compassion and communion, and assure you of our prayers. All of your Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters wish to help you and bring some relief to your distress.

« The earthquake of 12th January of this year hit us in many ways: the loss of our brothers, the destruction of homes, etc., but we have conserved the most precious: unity and solidarity of the brothers and sisters. Together we are all fighting to rise up again, while at the same time helping one another. »

Brothers and Sisters, let us tell you how proud we are as we read this witness of your Spiritual Assistant ! We thank the Lord as we recognize in you the authentic spirit of our Father Saint Francis.

We were all touched to hear from Brothers Jean Jacques Nicolas and Jean Lovinsky Polycarpe about your urgent desire to see the face of your Sister and Minister General. We have the same desire to see all of your faces as well and to express to you our fraternal nearness. What prevents me from coming to see you at the moment is the very feeble health of my husband, Juan.

However, a delegation of the Presidency Council will come to visit you in my name, if possible from 10th to 15th June, to meet with you on the beloved, troubled land of Haiti, which has become an icon of the wounded body of Jesus - wounded but risen.

Yes, Jesus is risen from the dead! He is alive !

We hope that each one of us, dear Brothers and Sisters, may find in the Risen Lord the daily bread of strength and courage to persevere in our vocation, and along our respective journeys. Jesus is always with us. This, He has promised us.

We entrust all of you to the intercession of the maternal love of Mary, our Queen and our Mother, and to the Holy Angels

We look forward to meeting you personally through the members of the CIOFS Presidency who will be our delegates.

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