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To all National Councils of YouFra
To all National Councils of SFO
To International Councillors of YouFra and SFO

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Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace and all good!

As we have already announced in our letter dated July 21st, 2010, the **YouFra International Gathering will take place during the days August 12-15**, just before the World Youth Day (August 16-21) in Madrid. We are about to complete the organization of this YouFra International Gathering and for this reason we are sending herewith the latest information regarding this event. We ask you to read carefully the following information.

1. Registration

Registration to participate at the YouFra International Gathering has already been closed as of December 31, 2010. Each National fraternity could have registered up to 20 participants. In case more representatives needed to be booked, notification should have been made at the moment of registration. According to these criteria, we are including below the list of participants who have already been registered, for you to please note any possible error:

1. Albania	20
2. Bolivia	6
3. Bosnia and Herzegovina	25
4. Brazil	1
5. Canada	8
6. Central African Republic	13
7. Chile	2

8. China	10
9. Congo-Brazzaville	2
10. Costa Rica	2
11. Croatia	25
12. Dominican Republic	10
13. France	10
14. Guinea-Bissau	5

15. Hungary	20
16. India	3
17. Italy	5
18. Lithuania	5
19. Malta	20
20. Malawi	5
21. Nicaragua	2
22. Nigeria	4
23. Pakistan	22
24. Panama	20
25. Philippines	20
26. Poland	45
27. Portugal	21
28. Romania	6

29. Slovak Republic	1
30. Slovenia	7
31. South Africa	5
32. South Korea	30
33. Spain	20
34. Togo	1
35. Ukraine	18
36. Uganda	3
37. USA	4
38. Venezuela	20
39. Vietnam	16
Total	463

We ask you to please verify the above information pertaining to your own Fraternity, asking the one responsible for the group to complete the attached form (attachment n. 1).

2. Responsible person

Every National fraternity participating at the Gathering should assign **one person only to be responsible** for any communications with the team organizing the International Gathering, before and during the celebration. The responsible person for the group should complete the attached Form (attachment n. 1). Communications may be done through the following e-mail: youfrawyd2011@gmail.com.

3. Participants information

The responsible person for the group should make sure to send the following information, **before June 20, 2011**:

- ✓ Travelling details:
 - a. Data, time and flight number, arriving in Madrid / date and arrival time for those coming with other means of transportation;
 - b. Days on which group will participate with the Franciscan Youth (in case there is no intention to participate from August 12 through 21, 2011)
- ✓ List of participants (boys and girls)
- ✓ List of minors participating (minors need authorization signed by their parents. List should also be divided between boys and girls)
- ✓ Registration form for each participant (attachment n. 2)

4. Arrival

Participants should arrive at the Madrid (Barajas) International Airport either on August 11th or August 12th. Once at the airport, they should walk to the “Metropolitan” entrance, at Terminal 2 and 4, where there will be members of the Franciscan Youth from Spain to welcome everyone, and who will accompany travelers to the Santa Rita School (Colegio Santa Rita). Phone number which could be used in case assistance is needed upon arrival is:

+ 34 679 97 22 57 (cell)

In case participants would need to go directly to School Santa Rita, they should previously inform the organization team. School name and address is as follows (information applying also for those coming with other means of transportation):

***Colegio Santa Rita
Calle de Eugenia de Montijo, 53
28025 Madrid
Metro: Eugenia de Montijo (Line 5)**

*(For address detail, you may also consult Attachment n. 3 and n. 4)

There will be no one welcoming participants before August 11th. Those arriving before this date, should look for accommodations in Madrid on his/her own. Lodging at the School starts on August 11th, when participants may come directly to the School. Those arriving after August 12th, may also come directly to the School.

The first meal at the School will be at dinner time on August 12th.

5. Registration at WYD

As we have already announced in our previous letter, we advise everyone to register at the WYD (www.madrid11.com) as a group under Package A2. This way we will have the opportunity to remain at the same place where the YouFra International Gathering will take place.

When registering, at the WYD, a code will be given to the group, which is very important, as it will make possible for us to remain together with all Franciscan Family groups, in celebration of main events of the WYD (the Vigil and the closing Eucharist). You should notify this ID of the group (in Attachment n. 1), as soon as possible, to be able to join groups.

Afterwards, you will be receiving an invitation from “Preferred group link” from the part of the group named “**Famiglia Francescana**” which you should accept. You should neither accept other invitation nor make invitations to other groups.

6. Visa

Visa for participating at the World Youth Day is free. Moreover, it is not associated with the registration, so participants who are considering participating in the WYD, can now apply for a visa, even before enrolling at WYD. To apply, you must contact the corresponding Spanish Embassy, or, if you encounter difficulties, your national conference of bishops.

(<http://www.madrid11.com/es/component/content/article/2/728-visados>).

7. Insurance

During all days of the YouFra International Gathering (August 12-15) and the WYD (August 16-21), all participants who have registered and who have paid the registration fee for the YouFra International Gathering and for the WYD, will be covered with an insurance policy from the part of the organization of both events.

8. Registration fee

As we have already informed, registration fee covering the YouFra International Gathering is **Euro 60**. This fee includes meals for the three days, accommodations and all supporting material for the different activities which will take place, including the visit to the city of Alcalá. The participation fee is paid upon arrival in Santa Rita College.

We take this opportunity to ask any fraternity, either from the SFO or Franciscan Youth, a financial assistance for those participants representing poor countries. Participants, who may have some opportunity to contribute an extra Euro 10 as a solidarity fund, may offer same on top of their registration fee.

9. What to bring?

Each participant should bring:

- ✓ Sleeping bag and mat. We sleep on the floor.
- ✓ Bathing suit. Showers are shared.
- ✓ A radio to be able to follow translations.
- ✓ Music or animating instruments.
- ✓ Priests are asked to bring alb and stole.
- ✓ The Franciscan joy to meet brothers and sisters!

Each group should bring:

- ✓ Soil from each of their country.
- ✓ Their country flag.
- ✓ An animating activity for the Feast of the Nations (each country will have a maximum of 5 minutes to present themselves). If a group would wish to show a presentation on their fraternity, should do it through the distribution of a CD or other

material which should be handed to the participants, because **there will be no chance of showing them during the Gathering.**

10. The theme and the program

The main theme of the YouFra International Gathering will be *Give me true faith*. The approximate program is attached to this letter (attachment n. 5).

All relevant information about this Gathering may also be found on the following website: www.madrid11.youfra.net.

11. Franciscan Family

During the WYD, the Franciscan Family will have for the first time the possibility of meeting together. This common meeting will be at the Church of San Francisco el Grande under the name of “**Franciscan Village**”. This will be dedicated to meet and share with the Franciscan Family during the WYD. The “Franciscan Village” will have different activities, animated by different groups from the Franciscan Family (conference, prayer, concerts). It is important that we, as members of the Franciscan Family, attend this important event, specially the meeting with the General Ministers, the Festival of Joy and Franciscan prayer.

All relevant information about this you may find on the following website: www.ff2011jmj.org.

With the joy of being able to meet again, we send you our fraternal greetings,

Encarnación del Pozo
SFO General Minister

Ana Fruk
CIOFS Presidency Councilor for the Franciscan Youth

Lucy Almirañez
CIOFS Presidency Councilor

Fr. Ivan Matić, OFM
General Assistant

Attachments:

- 1) Registration form for person responsible for the group
- 2) Registration form for each participant
- 3) Directions from the Airport Madrid Barajas to the School Santa Rita
- 4) Map of subway in Madrid
- 5) Program of the YouFra International Gathering