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FOLLOWING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MOTHER FRANCES IN EUROPE

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Dear Sisters and Novices,

Following the 2013-2017 Congregational Plan, you can see that for 2016 there is a program titled **“Following in the Footsteps of Mother Frances in Europe.”** It is a two-week formation program for the Sisters with Temporary Vows and Novices who are close to temporary profession which will be held in Italy, Austria and Germany. Certainly your formators have already started with you the required preparation. I believe that preparation is essential in order to have a basic foundation, to increase one’s interest and to ensure a successful outcome for our congregation.

In 2015, we had an excellent experience with the program “Following in the Footsteps of Mother Frances in the U.S.” for the sisters who made or were to make perpetual profession. Now, using the same goals, this program in Europe is offered to you in order to learn more about and appreciate our history, charism and mission. The title chosen for this formation experience is **Remembrance - Gratitude - Presence - Prophecy**. It will take place from June 28 through July 13, 2016. You need to arrive at least the day before and leave no earlier than July 14, 2016.

At the beginning, there will be an introduction and time available to get acquainted by using a symbolic object that you will bring from home. The first two days will be devoted to listening, reflection, prayer and silence. Then we will visit the places related to Mother Frances’ life, and/or significant places connected to our congregation’s spirituality and history; guided tours and time for reflection, prayer and sharing will also be available. Through virtual tours you will visit the places you won’t be able to visit in person. There will be two days for integration toward the closing date with the summary of the various experiences. Enclosed in this letter is the program. Upon your arrival in Rome you will find a schedule for each day of the program.

I extend greetings and welcome from the General Council and invite you to prepare through prayer your desire to get acquainted with each other in order to create meaningful and lasting relationships. To do that you need space and time, so I invite you to leave tablets, mobile phones and unnecessary things at home. Bring good shoes/sandals for walking and necessary things including medicines. You will find a Bible in your room; we will use the same song books we use for other international meetings. Do not forget to bring your joy and enthusiasm as persons who want to follow Jesus more closely and together fulfill the mission of Jesus.

In Christ

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General Superior

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