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CC: General Council, Province/Region/Delegation Leaders

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Dear Sisters,

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 that will be held in Italy, Austria and Germany.

In 2015, we already had the excellent experience of the program “Following in the footsteps of Mother Frances in the U.S.” for the sisters who had made or were to make perpetual profession. I think that goals are achieved. Now, with the same goals (see enc.) this program is offered to the sisters in their first years of temporary profession and to the novices who are close to temporary profession, in order to learn more about and appreciate our history, charism and mission. The title chosen is ***remembrance - gratitude - presence - prophecy***.

The program will take place from June 28 through July 14, 2016. There will be two days of introduction and two integration days at closing date. We will visit the places related to Mother Frances' life and/or significant places connected to our congregation's spirituality and history; guided tour and time for reflection, prayer and sharing will also be available. Through virtual tours, they will visit the places they won't be able to visit in person.

Enclosed to this letter are the goals and a draft of the program that may be subject to changes. It is important that you read them to get a general idea and, above all, for an appropriate preparation of your group. I believe that preparation is essential in order to give clear background information, grow participants' interest and ensure a successful outcome of this congregational investment..

According to the program, on the first day, participants will have time available to get acquainted and for a creative sharing of the most important phases of Mother Frances' life. All the participants should know the dates, the names and the most important events; each group will have ten minutes available for a creative presentation of the part entrusted to the group.

Sr. Edda: Mother Frances' childhood

Sr. Nair and Novices from Brazil: Maria Stern and Carmel

Novices from Assisi: from the arrival in Rome through 1885, the beginning of Borgo Santo Spirito.

A group of Temporary Professed from Italy: 1885-1896

The two temporary professed from the U.S./Caribbean Province, M. Frances' travels and stay in the U.S.

Another group of temporary professed from Italy: 1896-1911

If you have questions and/or some suggestions please contact me.

Thank you for your cooperation and valuable service you offer to the people entrusted to you and the community.

In Christ

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