



INTERNATIONAL FRANCISCAN CONFERENCE OF THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE THIRD ORDER REGULAR

Announcement – IFC-TOR website

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

May the Lord give you peace!

With the letter of October 1, 2015, the IFC-TOR Council invited your responses to the fifth revision of the IFC-TOR Statutes. As you may recall, the content of the Statutes was approved at the last Assembly in 2013, to be voted on at the Assembly in 2017. There were four written responses, three in agreement as written and one regarding particular points in need of possible modification. This information will be considered at our next Council meeting in May, 2016.

As we prepare for the Assembly in 2017, we know that we will be voting on the members of the next IFC-TOR Council. There was a discussion at the last Assembly about the possibility of members of General Councils to be elected to the IFC-TOR – the current Statutes have consideration of only General Ministers. The proposed revised Statute 8.2.4 reads as follows (revisions highlighted):

The general assembly is the decision-making and legislative body of the IFC-TOR. The general assembly:

8.2.4. elects the president, **who is a General Minister**, and five members of the council, **who** are General Ministers **or General Councilors nominated by their General Ministers.**

These members duly represent

the different branches of the Third Order Regular of Saint Francis
the different parts of the world;

As we prepare for the Assembly in 2017, we would like to know your thoughts on the proposed changes, as it could be voted on at the beginning of the Assembly and enacted at the time of voting toward the end of the Assembly.

- **Do you agree with this proposal?**
- **Are you in favor of having it implemented at the next IFC-TOR General Assembly in 2017?**

NOTE: This is *not* a vote, but will *indicate the leaning* of the members and be helpful information for the next elections in 2017.

We will be meeting to work on the agenda of the Assembly in May, so we ask that you return your responses to Sr. Margherita at her email by April 1, 2016. Thank you for your attention to this. Your interest and input are greatly appreciated.

May your Lent/Easter Seasons and celebrations be blessed,

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Sr. Celestine GIERTYCH, Vice-President
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