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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Peace and all Good!

May the Holy Spirit who came anew upon us on this recent Feast of Pentecost fill your hearts and souls with each gift of which you have most need.

We are writing with a few updates concerning the position of executive director. Our search resulted in several applicants, mostly from the United States and mostly native speakers of English. They came with a variety of expertise; some would qualify for an executive officer for many organizations with many levels of organization. However, few had any knowledge of the Italian language. The few that had, only were starting to learn it and running an office in Italy needs the highest level of the Italian language. One woman, who is known by and had worked with one of our members, sent in her information.

She is a resident of Rome and speaks Italian and English fluently and knows Spanish. She has worked in publication and as a teacher of Italian and has started several non-profit associations in Italy for social concerns with which she is involved. Father Brian, Sister Maria Louisa and Sister Frances Marie interviewed her on Saturday, May 27, 2023, and came to realize that her skill set, personality and self-starting initiatives would be a good match for what is now needed for the IFC-TOR. We are still in the stages of negotiations, but this looks promising.

As in all things, progress is slow to achieve. If all works well, she will start in September. Our first task will be to assess what exactly is needed by the members and their institutions. Next, she will help to develop the programs to help meet those needs. For that purpose, soon, you will receive a questionnaire regarding needs and talents to share. From this information, committees will be formed to start to produce what is needed by the members.

We realize that all of us are very busy and have much to do, however, if you feel that the IFC-TOR has importance, we pray that you will be willing to share the information when presented with your councils and other sisters and friars so that we can revitalize this organization and make it a useful tool for formation and leadership.

Treasuring the gifts of the Spirit within us, we remain your brother and sisters in Christ,

Sister Frances Marie Duncan, OSF

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