

Greetings Dear Brothers and Sisters in Francis and Clare,

May the Lord give you His peace!

This letter is to *invite you to join with all the Secular Franciscans in Canada* in our effort to successfully gather Youth from across our Nation to Cap de Madeleine and Trois Rivieres, the birth place of our Canadian Franciscan Heritage and the perfect place for our Pilgrimage which will be **July 19th til July 22nd 2010**. This is the **1st National Pilgrimage** sponsored by the **Secular Franciscans of Canada** for Young People attracted to the Charism of St. Francis, and will be the beginnings of a **National YOUFRA Canada**.

What can you and your fraternity do?

- 1 Please PRAY for the success and safety of all who travel to this event and ask for the intercession of Blessed Fr. Frederick, whose tomb we will visit.**
- 2 Please PROMOTE Take the attached posters and information to places where there may be young adults interested in coming to this event.**

As well perhaps consider some of the following ideas: .

- 1 Ask your fraternity to consider financially sponsoring one young person to this event.**
- 2 If you are close to Cap de Madeleine there may be other ways you can help possibly with transportation of those travelling a distance?**
- 3 As you will see with the Agenda and Registration Form, our lodging only covers breakfast and evening meal, perhaps your fraternity could contribute to the expenses of our snacks for break times i.e. water, juice fruit etc.**
- 4 Some of the workshops will have costs i.e. the making of Franciscan Crown Rosaries, perhaps you could help defray these expenses or some of travel expenses for those presenting. We will also have some miscellaneous expenses any financial contributions will help.**
- 5 Use this event as a means to gather and form deeper community with the young people in your area by doing fund raising events for the Youth who will attend the Pilgrimage perhaps consider this event as a PREPARATION for WYD 2011 in Spain. Also attached is information for YOUFRA and WYD 2011.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us. You may reach me at colleenmacalister@yahoo.ca May the Lord bless you and keep you and give you His peace.

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