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OFS Fraternity and Franciscan Youth

Dear brothers and sisters,

Peace and good,

It is a great joy for us to share the celebration of the Franciscan Centenary. The new Secretariat of Formation has prepared the annual formation material to be shared in our local fraternities, but the proposal has a responsibility and a challenge. **This fraternal meeting must be together with the local Franciscan Family**, as proposed by the Conference of our Franciscan Family.

Therefore, we invite you to accept our proposal, to gather and celebrate together. In this year 2023 our material proposes two moments:

- **The Nativity set... 800 years of celebration... 800 years of joy.**  
- **The Rule... a lifestyle... 800 years of journey.**

Attached you will find the material that we hope will be sent and to work on. We invite all the fraternities to send us their meeting experiences, photos, stories and to share the joy of celebrating our history, our life and our charism with the rest of the world.

We greet you with the hope that Chiara and Francesco will continue to accompany us on our journey of service and that the Risen Jesus will support us with the strength of his love.

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