

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts. 1.8



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Beloved National Family,
Greetings and peace to you, and a blessed Pentecost!

I am forwarding a message from our General Minister Tibor Kauser, which is a heartfelt Pentecost greeting, and more. Tibor's Spirit-filled letter is informative, formative and encouraging.

Tibor's inspired letter is addressed to "Secular Franciscans all over the world", so please share it widely. I urge that it be read and discussed within each local fraternity.

With Spirit-filled certitude, Tibor calls us to have a clear vision of our identity and mission. *"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world." John 17.18*

With the fire of love and conviction, Tibor asks that we examine our deep responsibility to make our fraternities real and alive. *"There is no Pentecost... if we close ourselves from each other..."*

With apostolic fervor, Tibor exhorts us to make an impact on society, especially *"where culture is not a praise" of all God has given and wants for us.*

With holy zeal, Tibor enjoins us to live the Rule which must be *"a part of our life, a daily nutrition."*

In unity of the Spirit, and in the joy of belonging to this worldwide Order, Tibor invites us to prepare for the upcoming XV General Chapter where *"... each and every one of us will be the instrument of God towards the others."*

The letter begins and ends with the Holy Spirit. It is a beautiful Pentecost message from our beloved Minister.

As we contemplate this letter, and as we live our lives, let us be fully open to the comfort and grace of the Holy Spirit who, as Tibor reminds us, is the real General Minister.

"Oh breath of God, unite us in action!"

With love and prayers,
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