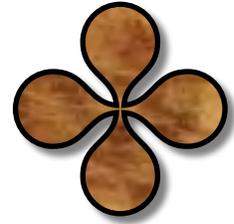




CIOFS Submits Report on Management of the Order (MOTO) Initiative *YOUR Input Is Important*



By Mary Stronach, International Councilor

The *Instrumentum Laboris*, a report from CIOFS on the “Management of the Order,” which General Minister Tibor Kauser, OFS, referred to in his Pentecost Letter, is ready for your review.

After three years of surveys, meetings and reporting by 45 National Fraternities around the globe, our International Fraternity’s Management of the Order (MOTO) Committee has submitted a report summarizing proposals and recommendations in eight priority areas: formation, fraternal life, building a fraternal and evangelical world, leadership, communications, finance, spiritual assistance, and Franciscan youth.

Tibor asks all members of the Order to read this report carefully and to consider the proposals. How do they impact the Order at *all* levels? Which proposals should we prioritize? What can we do at each level to address these priorities? What can our regional and local fraternities do to support the Order in ensuring proper implementation of the priority recommendations?

The *Instrumentum Laboris* will be a working document for the General Chapter in November 2017. The next step is for the National MOTO Committee, the National Executive Council, the regional fraternities and all local fraternities to review the proposals in the *Instrumentum Laboris*, in preparation for our own NAFRA Chapter in September 2017. When you read the the report, you'll note that many proposals are listed there, many more than can be reasonably accomplished. Prioritizing and deciding which proposals to recommend to CIOFS will be an important subject on our agenda at Chapter.

As International Councilor, I am charged with reporting our recommendations to the General Chapter in November. All the International Councilors from around the world will then review the proposals and make final recommendations to the Presidency. These recommendations will be given a timeline and will go back to our national fraternities to share and implement.

As our General Minister said in his letter, “Management has to be a common management at all levels... [With your help and input] the General Chapter will be able to enrich the common experience.... We will meet to strengthen our identity, to celebrate the diversity and to build the unity in the International Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order”... and to animate and guide the Order at all levels.

The *Instrumentum Laboris* has been uploaded on the NAFRA website.* *Please download it and bring it to your fraternities to discuss and evaluate.* Your suggestions and recommendations are important to us so we can accurately reflect the thoughts of our OFS-USA National Fraternity to the international level. The National MOTO Report we submitted to CIOFS is also on the website for your convenience.

Please send your thoughts, recommendations and general input to our National MOTO Committee, care of Mary Stronach, at stonach@kateriregion.org.

In a related matter, your National MOTO Committee has reviewed the second set of surveys that were sent to our English, Korean and Spanish brothers and sisters. Those who responded to the second survey (432 members) shared the same concerns and priorities as the initial group (2,009 members), as given in the National Report to CIOFS.

Our website address is www.nafra-sfo.org. The **Instrumentum Laboris and related documents can be found by clicking on the banner at the top of the page.*