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**JPIC:  
Love the Lord, Love His Kingdom, Love the Earth**

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

May the Lord Give You Peace as you begin to celebrate this beautiful Season of Creation. I look forward to hearing how you celebrated this season in your fraternities. May the Lord guide us and direct us as we pray and act for all of creation. We know our Beloved Saint Francis, the patron saint of ecology, is smiling at his family, now 800 years later, still honoring what he taught us – to be in universal kinship with all. And, by the way, the St. Francis team is walking the Appalachian Trail virtually, planting trees and collecting plastic bottles. Join us if you wish. We are a small team and welcome more Franciscans on the journey.

As we begin the school year, I wanted to bring a wonderful resource to your attention. We all want to reach out to young adults and tell them about our Order, invite them to Come and See. Members of our national Spirituality and JPIC focus group produced a resource guide to assist fraternities around the country in thinking through ways to reach out to young adults. We are in gratitude to Ellen Ferrone, OFS, for keeping this project moving forward. I am attaching to this letter a copy of the guide. Please take a look, pass it on to those who may benefit from some of the ideas, and send me any feedback. I am attaching it in two formats. The smaller format can be printed and folded into a booklet. The larger can be printed and inserted into a notebook.



Peace and All Good,  
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