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To the Ministers, Custodes, and Provincial Delegates
of the European Circumscriptions
and of the Middle East, Turkey, Greece, and Jerusalem

Re: Częstochowa Encounter 2021

Dear brothers,

Peace to you! I am writing to you concerning the meeting of the European circumscriptions which will take place at Częstochowa, October 11-16 of this year.

You have all received the worksheet/Aid (*Instrumentum laboris*) intended to seek the involvement of every individual friar of our provinces, custodies, and delegations in light of the meeting. Some circumscriptions have already sent in their syntheses of the responses and suggestions offered by their own fraternities to our Secretariat. We would encourage all the others to do their utmost to ensure that their respective summaries can arrive no later than the end of June (the deadline had been set for the 15th), to allow those coordinating all the responses to make their synthesis which will then be presented at the October meeting.

Concerning the €500,00 budget envisioned for covering the various meeting expenses, some circumscriptions have already sent their share in, while many others have not yet done so. We urge you to make the bank transfer with the special notation "Incontro Europa 2021": Curia Generalizia dei Frati Minori Cappuccini - IBAN: IT 76 P 02008 05038 000003380827 SWIFT (or BIC): UNCRITMM.

On Sunday, March 21st of this year, the members of the Commission met online for updates and we discussed the October meeting in light of the current Covid-19 situation. We have put off until our meeting of June 19 any decision about whether the meeting will take place in person or remotely underscoring that, in any case, one way or another, the meeting will go on as planned. We are already working on a possible Plan B, and are in contact with people who can help us develop a digital platform if the meeting is held remotely. We will update you following our next Commission meeting.

Additionally, we would ask that you access our website to register. Follow the instructions found on the registration form. Any changes that result from whether the meeting is held in person or remotely will be made subsequently. The access link where you can register is: <https://europa2021.ofmcap.org/registrazione/>

It would be good and appropriate, if you aren't doing it already, to ask every local fraternity to recite the prayer you already received, composed specifically for the Częstochowa gathering.

We are sending you a detailed daily program for our October meeting. I repeat, if anything changes, we will update you in a timely fashion. Even if we have to move to Plan B, the number of days will be reduced, but the issues will be the same as those outlined in the text of the program.

Wishing you all the best, fraternal greetings.



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Br. Pio Murat, OFM Cap
General Councilor and head of the Commission

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Br. Onofrio Farinola
Commission Secretary

Rome, May 13, 2021