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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Lord give you peace!

In Circular 66/02-08, dated May 25, 2008, you were sent the interpretation of article 89.4, letter b, of the General Constitutions that was prepared by the Juridical Commission of the CIOFS and approved, following some changes, by the Presidency.

This document, in conformity with art. 5.2 of the General Constitutions, was submitted to the SFO General Chapter in November 2008, which approved the attached text.

We are now proceeding with its distribution, and calling the attention of the national councils on the need to identify and prepare Secular Franciscans, whether lay or cleric, to assume the delicate and highly important task of providing spiritual assistance to local Fraternities when necessary. We must absolutely avoid having Fraternities that do not have this essential guide, and at the same time, we must prevent the closing of some Secular Franciscan fraternities as a result of the unavailability of Franciscan religious who are members of the First Order and TOR, or religious brothers or sisters of other Franciscan institutes.

With fraternal affection,



Encarnación del Pozo
Minister General, SFO

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