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PRESS RELEASE

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From May 9 - 14 the 79 General Ministers and/or their delegates from 64 religious institutes gathered at the Domus Pacis in the shadow of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels for the celebration of the 10th General Assembly of the International Franciscan Conference of the Institutes and Monasteries of the Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis, with the President of the IFC-TOR, Sr. Deborah Lockwood, convening the gathering.

The theme of the assembly, which celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Rule and Life approved by Pope St. John Paul II on 8 December 1982 with the Apostolic Brief Franciscanum Vitae Propositum, was "Growing in universal love with undivided hearts".

on this theme Leading the participants in reflecting were Christina Muelling (Germany) and Sister Ivoni Lourdes Fritzen (Brazil): their reflections, as is true for the other written material shared during the assembly, will be available to the general public on the Conference's website, www.ifc-tor.org

On the last day of the Assembly the voting members elected the new council to lead the IFC-TOR for the next four years:

President

Sr. Frances Marie Duncan – from the USA · Living in Rome General Minister of the School Sisters of St. Francis

Council Members

Sr. Daisy Kalamparamban – from INDIA · Living in Rome

General Minister of the Franciscan Handmaids of the Good Shepherd

Sr. María Luisa García Casamián – from SPAIN · Living in Rome

General Councilor of the Tertiary Capuchin Sisters of the Holy Family

Sr. Beatriz Vásquez Mayta – from PERU

General Councilor of the Franciscan Sisters of the Fourteen Saints

Fr. Brian Terry - from the USA

General Minister of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement

Sr. Rute Almeida Guimarães – from BRAZIL

General Minister of the Franciscan Sisters of the Providence of God

Sr. Nancy Celaschi Secretary General Assembly