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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Pace e bene!

In February 2019, I was invited to attend the CCF, Conference of Franciscan Congregations. It was a pleasure to be there and share about some of the common issues and hopes of Third Order Regular Franciscans in France.

One of the things discussed was the role and importance of the IFC-TOR, the International Franciscan Conference of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis. There was much said about the way the IFC-TOR Council addresses the goals of the Conference as stated in the Statutes. Now, emphasis is placed on the website because of its capability to disseminate information worldwide. It is published in six languages, French being one of them. PROPOSITUM is posted twice a year translated into the six working languages of TOR. Other input is given by Franciscan sisters and brothers worldwide and is published in the original language.

At the meeting, the sisters present asked if materials could be made available in French. I said that I would look into the possibility of the TAU Series, which was written in English, being translated into French. Sr. Margherita and Mr. Neto, along with the translator, have worked many hours to provide the first part of this input in French.

We want to inform you that it is now available on the website: <https://www.ifc-tor.org>. Any of your sisters or brothers may access the articles in French (or any other language) by using this link and clicking on Français. We would like your feedback on the usefulness of the article, the translation, the use of the website by you and your sisters or brothers. Translation is an investment of time and resources and we want to make sure that we are making wise decisions with conference funds. Please send your reactions to Sr. Margherita Merlino, General Secretary, at secretary@ifc-tor.org.

Thank you for your help in the new endeavor.

I wish you peace and every good,

Sr. Deborah Lockwood
President, IFC-TOR