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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and all good to each of you!

As you are aware, in 2014 the Council began a new way to do *Propositum*, soliciting articles from all the congregations wishing to contribute an article. We have received only positive responses about the three editions that have been posted on the web-site. At our last IFC-TOR Council meeting the format of *Propositum* was again evaluated, We thank all the contributors and share with you the enthusiastic gratitude of those who shared their impressions of the 2016 *Propositum – Living the Gospel Interculturally* with us. Therefore, it was decided to continue in the same way for the 2017 issue.

For 2017 | Responding in the Margins of Society | Due: October 31, 2016

*We reach out to the people on the margins
of society and Church, especially women,
and we pledge ourselves to defend their cause.*

This theme (prophetically chosen at the 2013 Council meeting) challenges us even more with the words of Pope Francis and his calls to the Church in *Laudato si'* and *Misericordiae Vultus* especially. Our reflections on Responding on the Margins of Society will be inspiring and hope-filled for all.

We would like the General Minister, or a sister/brother delegated, to tell us about how the members of the congregation are giving witness to the Third Order Charism in the lived reality of the sisters/brothers. The article, no more than one page with or without pictures, should be submitted electronically to the General Secretary. For Congregations without Internet, you can send your article on paper and you will receive a copy of *Propositum*, 2017, as a booklet as requested.

Please send your articles for *Propositum* to Sr. Margherita Merlino, General Secretary, at her email: secretary@ifc-tor.org by **October 15, 2016**. Please remember to give the name, country and language of the sister/brother who writes the article.

We look forward to your sharing with us again in this website format for *Propositum*.

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