

Day of Celebration, May 22, 2021

MEMORIALI PROPOSITI

I am Sr Dolores Caneo, a Councilor on the IFC-TOR Council. Sr Deborah Lockwood, President of IFC-TOR, cannot be here today due to COVID restrictions and sends this greeting to all of us gathered today:

Honored Guests, Brothers and Sisters,

Cardinal Mario Grech, secretary General of the Synod of Bishops;
the most Reverend P. Roberto Genuin, minister general of the Cappuchins;
Fr. Lino Temperini, keynote speaker;
Sr. Nancy Celaschi, representing the IFC-TOR;
Signor Attilio Galimberti, representing the OFS;
Fr. Amando Trujillio Cano, representing the TOR.

The Lord give you peace!

On behalf of all the Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular, joined together in the International Franciscan Conference, I welcome you to this celebration of the 800th Anniversary of Memoriale propositi, a foundational document for members of the Third Order of St. Francis.

We rejoice in the initial inspiration of St. Francis to provide a way for people living an “ordinary life” to follow in his footsteps by living his charism. We are grateful to all our sisters and brothers who have embraced the charism of St. Francis over the years. They have applied and adapted it to their particular circumstances and, thus, passed on to us a charism vibrant and needed in our world today.

Today we celebrate 800 years of fidelity to the vision of St. Francis. We are thankful and we are inspired to deepen our understanding and commitment to this way of life.

As St. Francis said, “Let us begin again, ... for up until now, we have done little or nothing.”

Now, we go forth together.

Welcome to this day and to the continuing journey!



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