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TO PROVINCIALS, CUSTODES AND JPIC ANIMATORS

Dear brothers,

May the Lord give you peace!

I am pleased to inform you that the Office of Justice and Peace, in collaboration with the Conference of Our Lady of Guadalupe, has confirmed the realization of the course that - in line with the guidelines of the General Definitory, "Moving to the Peripheries as Brothers and "Lesser Ones" ... Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation"- promotes the formation of our JPIC animators (especially the new animators). The course is a critical part of the formation plan of the Order for all the brothers and the response to the demands of our history and the need to offer permanent formation to all brothers.

The title of the course will be: "Migration: causes, walls and Franciscan perspectives" and will be carried out in Spanish and English. The general theme of the course will be the Human Rights, and it will cover issues related to migratory movements, human trafficking, sexual and labor exploitation, corruption and the reality of refugees in the context of the American Continent.

The course is scheduled from April 9 to 16 in the city of Guadalajara, Mexico. The 9th April, the first day of the course to which the new JPIC animators of the Order are addressed, will offer an opportunity to build together - based on the experience and the reflection of each participant - to accompany better the processes of change in our evangelical and Franciscan spirit. The second part from April 10 to 16 will be a more systematic session, through the employment of tools, to build a vision that would help us to face the urgent changes of the current world.

In response to the challenges of reality where we are present in the world and in fidelity to our way of life, I request, in a fraternal way, to encourage the participation in this course to all JPIC animators, especially those who are beginning their service. We can also extend the invitation to participate in this course to the laymen and women as an opportunity to strengthen and deepen their commitment to live the Gospel in today's world and as a way to collaborate with them in our common mission.

Enclosed you can find the course program and some other details. For more information about the course, please contact the JPIC Office here at the General Curia at the following address: pax@ofm.org

God bless this initiative!



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JPIC Course 2018
“Migration: Causes, Walls and Franciscan Perspectives”
9 – 16 April 2018, Guadalajara - Mexico

9 APRIL

Session for the new JPIC animators

8.40

Welcoming greeting

Minister Provincial

9.00-12.30

“JPIC Animation: A Challenge for the Minor Brothers”

15.30-19.00

“Strategies to make an animation plan”

10 APRIL

9.00-12.30

“Sociopolitical history of migration in America”

15.30-19.00

“Social, economic, political violence and climate change”

11 APRIL

9.00-12.30

“Industrialization of production: displacement field-city/periphery”

15.30-19.00

“The unfair distribution of wealth: Social inequality”

APRIL 12

9.00-12.30

“Physical and symbolic walls: prejudice, xenophobia, fear and discrimination”

15.30-19.00

“Corruption of authority: Who to trust?”

APRIL 13

9.00-12.00

“Exodus and Diaspora: a biblical interpretation of the migratory phenomenon”

14.30-19.00

Meeting with migrants and refugees

APRIL 14

9.00-12.00

“The slavery of the 21st century: kidnapping, human trafficking, sexual and labor exploitation”

15.30-19.00

“Migratory policies: Natural person vs corporation”

APRIL 15

9.00-12.30

“Care for sister Earth: common good and the right not to migrate”

15.30-19.00

“Religion and Culture: opportunity for encounter, dialogue and welcome”

APRIL 16

9.00-12.30

“Experience of work and common good in the spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi”

15.30-18.30

“Franciscan Humanism: Calls for socio-political advocacy”

19.00

Certificate delivery

JPIC Office - General Curia

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Costs

The registration fee for the Course: USD 150.00 (one hundred and fifty dollars),

The contribution for accommodation and meals: USD 230.00 (two hundred and thirty dollars for ten days)

The costs of the course can be paid in two modalities:

1. In cash (in USD) during the same course to one of the brothers of the JPIC Office.
2. Make a bank transfer to the General Bursar to the JPIC COURSE account. You must notify for send the bank coordinates that it's for the JPIC course.

If any brother needs help, please write to pax@ofm.org mentioning the difficulty and the reasons.

Date and place

April 9 to April 16, 2018

“House of prayer, valley of mercy.”

Address: Calle Jesús # 954, Colonia Valle de la misericordia, Tlaquepaque, Jalisco, Mexico.

Telephones: +52 33 36010435 | +52 33 36011266

Airport

Guadalajara Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla International Airport - Mexico

The brothers of the Province of the SS. Francisco and Santiago in Mexico offer the transfer from the airport to the house of prayer (roundtrip) you must notify in advance the arrival time.

Arrival – VISA – Registration

1. For the practical aspects of participation (arrival and departure times) and other elements, please kindly contact Br. Enrique Arias., OFM, email: kenosis.07@gmail.com
Cellular/WhatsApp: + 52 1 81 15383784
2. For the brothers who need to process VISA to enter Mexico, they should write to Br. Enrique Arias kenosis.07@gmail.com who will ask the Provincial Secretary for the invitation letter. They must attach:
 - First passport page (scanned or legible photo)
 - Address of the embassy or consulate of Mexico in your country
 - Address and telephone number of the brother's house to send the original invitation letter (some embassies accept the letter in digital format, others only the original letter)
 - Brother's email to send the letter in digital format.
3. If you wish to consult if it is necessary or not to apply for VISA, you can see the website: <https://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/washington/index.php/seccionconsular/15-informacion/230-paises-requieren-visa>
4. To register for the JPIC 2018 Course and confirm your participation, you must write to the JPIC Office of the General Curia paz@ofm.org before March 31, 2018.
5. For other needs and information, you can also write to our JPIC Office in Rome: Br. Rufino Lim, Br. Jaime Campos at the e-mail address: pax@ofm.org