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To all the brothers and sisters of the  
Secular Franciscan Order  
and of YouFra

My dear Sisters and Brothers all over the world!

May the Lord give you his peace!

I have already turned to you in March, when we had to realize that this worldwide pandemic had deep impacts on our life and we had to face big challenges, maybe bigger than ever. Our life changed from one day to another. We did not know much about what we could expect. We knew God would not punish mankind with a pandemic, but the uncertainty about the will of God has been great.

Certainly, there is still no clarity about the final solution of the strange situation that we have had to live, but we know God will never abandon us. Though life is not easy, we can feel the love of God. We know that though we cannot always enjoy the personal contacts with each other, we can always be in a personal contact with God. Prayer has become more significant in our life. This is precisely why, in the name of the CIOFS Presidency, I am encouraging all of you to join in the following day of prayer. Once again, this will make us closer to one another, while confirming the strength of prayer and the contemplative aspect of our life.

For this, I announce a

worldwide day of prayer for the Secular Franciscan Order and the  
Franciscan Youth  
on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 2020

in order to have a new start at beginning of the first day of the new ecclesial year, which is the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent and the Feast of all the Saints of the Seraphic Family, asking the intercession of the Franciscan saints.. I invite each and every secular Franciscan sister and brother and the YouFra members to join with praying that day the Seraphic Rosary (Franciscan Crown).

The prayer day will begin on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 06.00 pm CET, and will conclude on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 06.00 pm CET. For further details and reminders, the CIOFS website and the CIOFS facebook page will be used, so please, follow these media.

As we hear the news, it is presumed that in the coming weeks the world will reach the peak of the pandemic, but we still have to be patient and enduring. However, the time when we hope to meet each other in person, will be closer day by day, week by week. Let us ask the Lord of the times to give us *“right faith, certain hope and perfect charity, sense and understanding”*<sup>1</sup>, so that we can live these times according to his intention.

I ask all whoever may read this letter to forward it so that every brother and sister can learn about this day of prayer and can join.

Asking the intercession of our seraphic father Saint Francis and all the Saints of the Franciscan Family, I send you my most heartfelt greeting

Your minor brother



Tibor Kauser  
CIOFS Minister General



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<sup>1</sup> St. Francis, Prayer before the Cross