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Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Brothers:

Peace and all good!

With the beginning of another year, it is time for us to begin to prepare our personal, community, office and ministry budgets for FY 2019 (July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019). Among these are our budgets for Continuing Formation.

Chapter II of our Capuchin Constitutions reminds us that formation in the consecrated life is “a journey of discipleship guided by the Holy Spirit” that “must be life-long” and involve “the whole person...human, cultural, spiritual, pastoral, and professional” (23:1, 2). Its purpose is “to make the life of the brothers and fraternities become conformable to the Gospel,” our First Rule, “according to the Capuchin-Franciscan spirit, taking into account the diversity of times and places” (23:3).

Please consider a plan and budget for your continuing formation this coming fiscal year!

We again invite *communities* to submit requests for continuing formation. If you are a local minister and would like to organize a community outing to a play or musical performance, purchase a set of DVD's for a video lecture series, subscribe to a webinar series, host a small play by local artists, or set up a book club for the friars in your house or area to read and discuss a compelling work of literature, please feel free to do so. Feel free to be creative, keeping in mind our vows and the principle of “the minimum necessary, not the maximum allowed.”

You will find that the format of the Continuing Formation Budget Request Form is similar to that of previous years. *Please submit your Continuing Formation Budget Form by February 15, 2018.* It may be submitted via e-mail or “snail mail” (USPS). If you have any questions or concerns about the form or process, please do not hesitate to contact me at jscelichowski@gmail.com or (414) 232-9705. Thanks for your consideration and for your efforts to grow as a friar and minister in the Church.

Fraternally yours,



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