



9 November 2007

To: Friars and Lay Partners of the St. Joseph Province
From: Daniel Anholzer, Provincial Minister
Re: Praesidium Accreditation

Dear brothers and ministry partners:

We are pleased to inform you that we have earned Praesidium accreditation. Praesidium accreditation confirms that an individual order or congregation has been found by an independent team of specialists to meet or exceed all standards for accreditation.

To attain accreditation, we underwent a long educational process and a rigorous assessment to clarify our responsibilities, identify best practices, and evaluate the extent to which we are meeting these defined standards.

We are in compliance with the highest current national standards for protecting children and responding to allegations. We have acted upon the call to accountability and transparency in how to protect children, handle allegations of sexual abuse, reach out to victims, and supervise members who have sexually abused.

Our accreditation will remain in effect for three years, and during this time we will uphold fundamental organizational values and stringent safety practices that demonstrate our commitment to protecting those in our care from abuse.

Praesidium, the accrediting body, is the national leader in abuse risk management and has worked with thousands of companies worldwide for 20 years. More information about Praesidium accreditation is available at www.PraesidiumInc.com

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Anholzer, Capuchin
Provincial Minister