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Mary, the Holy Mother of God

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 2022 (July 1, 2021 thru June 30, 2022). Among these are our budgets for Continuing Formation.

The ancient philosopher Socrates said that "Education is the kindling of a flame, not the filling of a vessel." Several years ago, our Minister General challenged us to "fan the flame of our charism." Continuing formation gives us the opportunity to kindle the flames in our minds and hearts, and it and reminds us that our growth in the consecrated life is a lifetime journey of discipleship and holistic personal development (Capuchin Constitutions 23:1, 2). *Vita Consecrata*, the Apostolic Exhortation on Religious Life (1996), further reminds us that, "Continuing formation...is an intrinsic requirement of religious consecration" (69). 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 (when it is again safe to do so), purchase a set of DVDs for a video lecture series, subscribe to an online service, 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, 2021.* 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 (805) 688-5630 Ext. 235. Thanks for your consideration and for your efforts to grow as a friar and minister in the Church.

Fraternally yours,



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