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To National OFS Councils of Europe
To National YouFra Councils of Europe
To International YouFra and OFS Councillors

Object: Definitive registration OFS-YouFra European Congress

Dear Brothers and Sisters OFS and YouFra,

Peace and all Good !

As you already know, the European Congress of Franciscan Youth and Secular Franciscan Order will be held from 9 to 15 July 2012. We are in the final stages of preparation of this Congress. Here are the final instructions and information about the meeting. Please read the following carefully.

1. Final registration :

Each national Fraternity could have registered up to 5 representatives to the OFS, and the National Council of YouFra in its totality. Here is the list of pre-registrations received to date

	COUNTRY	OFS	YOUFRA
1	Albania	0	3
2	Germany	5	x
3	Austria	3	x
4	Belgium	2	x
5	Belarus	0	0
6	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	2
7	Bulgaria	0	x
8	Cyprus	0	x
9	Croatia	4	8
10	Denmark	2	x
11	Spain	0	6
12	Estonia	0	x
13	Finland	0	x
14	France	5	7
15	United Kingdom +	5	x
	Gibraltar	2	x
16	Hungary	3	0
17	Ireland	0	x
18	Italy	4	3

19	Latvia	0	x
20	Lithuania	5	11
21	Malta	4	0
22	Moldova	0	x
23	Norway	0	x
24	Netherlands	4	x
25	Poland	3	7
26	Portugal	2	0
27	Czech Republic	1	x
28	Romania	0	x
29	Russia	0	x
30	Slovakia	1	0
31	Slovenia	5	4
32	Sweden	1	x
33	Switzerland	2	x
34	Ukraine	3	7
	CIOFS	13	1
	Total	79	59

We ask you to please verify the information concerning your own Fraternity.

In case you have forgotten to pre-register, you can still do so by sending an email to : ofsjefra@gmail.com

2. Responsible person for every national group

Every National Fraternity participating will nominate **one OFS responsible** and **one YouFra responsible**. They will be in charge of any communications with the Congress organizing committee, before and during the Congress.

We request the responsible person for the group to fill in *the form for the responsible person for group* (Attachment n.1). These can be sent by e-mail to: ofsjefra@gmail.com

3. Information about the participants

The responsible for group must send the following information **before May 15th 2012**:

- Trip Features: date, time and flight number arriving in Paris, or approximate date and time of bus arrival or the car for those who come by other means of transportation.
- List of participants (men and women)
- An individual registration form for each participant (Attachment n.2)

4. Welcoming

Reception of participants who come on their own will take place at the **Ermitage Sainte Thérèse** in Lisieux, 23 rue du Carmel, Monday July 9th during the day (Sunday July 8th if necessary). Please indicate your arrival time.

The host phone number in **LISIEUX** is **+33650252128** (= Birgit Nicolas' mobile phone number)

People arriving by plane will be welcomed at the airport on the day and time of arrival of their flight as indicated on their registration form. They will be then transported to Lisieux.

The host's phone number in **PARIS** in case of any difficulties is **+33698544155** (= Jean de Zelicourt's mobile phone number)

If participants want to go directly from Paris to Lisieux on their own, - after having previously notified the organization – please follow these directions: take the Metro or bus to *Gare Saint Lazare*, then take a train direction to *Caen* or *Trouville-Deauville*, and get off at the station of

Lisieux (the journey takes 1 hour and 40 minutes). Before arriving at the station in Lisieux, please call us and we will pick you up.

5. The visa

If you need a visa to attend the Congress, please let us know so that we can send you a formal letter of invitation and support.

6. Insurance

All participants who have registered, will be covered with an insurance policy from the part of the organization of France for the duration of the Congress, from July 9 to 15.

Regarding the medical and hospitalization insurance, each member should ensure they buy their individual health insurance before leaving their country.

7. The price of participation

The price of participation in the Congress reflects a concrete spirit and act of sharing:

50€ for each OFS participant - 40€ for each YouFra of the following countries (trip not included):
ALBANIA – BELARUS – BULGARIA - LATVIA – MOLDOVA – RUSSIA – UKRAINE

210€ for OFS and 150€ for YouFra for the following countries (the trip is not included):
BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA – CROATIA – CYPRUS – CZECH REPUBLIC – ESTONIA – FINLAND – HUNGARY – LITHUANIA – NORWAY – POLAND – ROMANIA – SLOVAKIA – SLOVENIA

390€ for OFS and 270€ for YouFra for the following countries (the trip is not included):
AUSTRIA – BELGIUM – DENMARK – FRANCE – GERMANY – GREAT BRITAIN – IRELAND – ITALY – MALTA – NETHERLANDS – PORTUGAL – SPAIN – SWEDEN – SWITZERLAND

This price includes all costs for the week: meals, accommodation, rental of premises and equipment needed for the proper functioning of Congress.

Fees should be paid on arrival in Lisieux.

8. What to bring?

- If I am a YouFra:

Each participating YouFra should bring:

- Sleeping bag and mat (it's very Franciscan, as at the WYD)
- Toiletries (towel, glove, soap ...)
- Bathing suit
- Music and/or animating instrument, if possible

- If I am an OFS member:

Each OFS member should bring:

- Toiletries (towel, glove, soap ...)
- Musicians should bring their musical instrument if possible
- **Priests** are invited to bring their alb and stole

- and each National Council should bring:

- Their country flag
- A poster or photo or banner of a saint to be shown on the first evening and to be used for the procession
- A short animation (2mn) for the festive and cultural *Festival of the country* (on the first evening)

- The slide show or a 5 minute-long video with: 1. A joy and a thanksgiving, 2. A difficulty, 3. An expectation in the life of the OFS/YouFra Fraternity 4. A proposal of answer to the challenges or a moose of new evangelization.
- Documents to be presented at the stands, with a few specific items from the country, to share.

9. The theme and the program

The Congress will allow us to appropriate the conclusions of Chapter XIII International in Sao Paulo. The challenges we face are outlined in these conclusions. The main theme is the call of Jesus (Lk 5,4) to put out into the deep: *Duc in Altum!* For this, we must have got to know each other, to welcome each other in our common vocation and in our differences. (See program attached).

In the joy of sharing together in this first Congress, with our fraternal greeting,

In the name of the organizing team of the OFS-YouFra Congress,

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PS : *Attachments:*

- 1) Registration form for person responsible for the group
- 2) Registration form for each participant
- 4) Map of Paris Underground Metro subway in Madrid
- 5) Program of the Congress

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