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Curia Generale dei Frati Minori

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Very Reverend and Dear Father General

Peace and all good. I understand from our confrere Brother William Short and the Provincial John Hardin that the Chapter was very affirmative of your leadership and thankful for your presence during these difficult days. Congratulations. I want to assure you of my own continued support and prayers. The brothers who came back from the meeting at St. Francis Retreat were most enthusiastic about your meeting with them. Thank you so very much for making this effort.

I have received with gratitude a copy of the obedience you have issued to Father Johannes Freyer, OFM, to come and teach at the Franciscan School of Theology in the Spring semesters, 2016-2018. And now, if I may, I would like to prevail upon your kindness again.

Father Martin Cabajo Nunez, OFM, has on a regular basis come to study with our friars at Berkeley and make use of the academic resources of that area. I would like to ask your permission for him to teach some courses in moral theology at our new location in Oceanside for one semester for three years, the academic years in the Fall of 2016, 2017, 2018. This three year commitment allows us to plan in a significant way for our own growth and promotion of the Franciscan intellectual tradition.

I believe that with his presence coupled with that of Father Freyer's a new path can be opened up in the Order for cooperation between study centers. I would do my best, on our part, to facilitate a reciprocal relationship between our mutual faculties should the PAA request such a relationship. This would be good for the Order, I think, and encourage our global understanding of the importance of education in the Franciscan tradition.

Father Martin brings to us an expertise that would complement our introductory courses in moral theology and medical ethics. His own expertise in the social doctrine of the Church and the interface between ethics and mass communications would be beneficial not only to ourselves but also the

students who come to us through our affiliation with the University of San Diego. I know Father Johannes' course in Social Entrepreneurship and Franciscan Economic Ethics was very well received by the USD students.

I can see from my own vantage point a significant cooperative intellectual path for the Order in its future development, and I humbly request this favor of you, at the same time recognizing your own responsibilities and being willing to accept whatever decision that is made.

May God bless and keep you. We look forward to your visit sometime in the future and would certainly want to invite our friend Cesare Vaiani, with whom I have worked at previous General Chapters.

Peace and all good.

Fraternally

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph P. Chinnici OFM".

Joseph P. Chinnici, OFM

President and Rector

cc. Michael J. Higgins, OFM, Vice President for Academic Affairs