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To the International YouFra delegates  
YouFra national councils  
International YouFra councilors

## **In preparation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> International YouFra Assembly**

Dear YouFra members,

Peace and good!

As you were informed in our previous letter, the CIOFS Presidency decided to postpone the 3<sup>rd</sup> International YouFra Assembly scheduled for this summer until next year, 2021. All of us were looking forward to meeting in Mexico this summer, but the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic changed our plans. As Tibor Kauser, OFS General Minister, said in one of his letters, even if we are afraid or confused, we need to be thankful for all good that God is providing to us in these moments. God did not leave us alone, and He certainly will bless our efforts in preparation for the International YouFra Assembly that we will have in the summer of 2021. Information about the exact dates will be sent to you at a later date.

Even though our meeting is postponed, some important topics can still be addressed during these extraordinary times. This situation can bring us closer to each other, especially through prayer.

### **1. Questionnaire**

Again, we remind all of you to send us information about your National fraternity by way of the questionnaire (Annex 1). This questionnaire is very important for collecting international data about all fraternities. We ask you to send it at the latest by 15<sup>th</sup> of July 2020. We hope that the National councils will use this time to collect the needed information and send it to us.

Please send the completed questionnaire to e-mail address: [andrea.odak@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.odak@gmail.com) or [coordination@youfra.net](mailto:coordination@youfra.net).

### **2. Laudato si – Amazonia around the World**

Before the pandemic, the International coordination team started a project called *Amazonia around the World*, which is related to the Encyclical letter *Laudato si*. As a fraternal gesture of

communion and solidarity with the cry of Mother Earth and our brothers and sisters of the Amazon region, we proposed that every YouFra national fraternity organize a project of planting trees in their own country. The deadline for this project Amazonia was June 30, 2020, but because of the current situation, it can be done at any time up to the next International YouFra Assembly. We hope that all National fraternities will be part of this project, and that together, we can make this small loving nature initiative.

You will find more information about this project in attachment (Annex 2) or if you have questions, please write to [andrea.odak@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.odak@gmail.com) or [coordination@youfra.net](mailto:coordination@youfra.net).

### 3. YouFra webpage

A new International YouFra webpage is finished and you will find it at [www.youfra.net](http://www.youfra.net). We are very thankful to God and to all the OFS and YouFra members who worked on it. Bob Stronach from OFS-USA set down the platform for the webpage, and Felix Chocojay, YouFra Guatemala, and Anamarija Marijanović, YouFra Bosnia and Herzegovina, uploaded all the materials.

The webpage is still missing some data about National fraternities, but we hope to finish it with the information you are to send us in the questionnaire. Also, we hope you will send us all the news that you have about your National fraternities so that our webpage can be updated every day. All information or questions can again be sent to: [andrea.odak@gmail.com](mailto:andrea.odak@gmail.com) or [coordination@youfra.net](mailto:coordination@youfra.net).

Dear brothers and sisters, may we continue to be united in Christ.



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