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To all YouFra International Councillors
To all YouFra National Councils
To all OFS International Councillors
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

With great joy that we inform you of the fruits of our Extraordinary International Assembly YouFra, Lisbon 2023.

YouFra International Councilors 2023-2026

We officially present the new YouFra International Councillors and Substitutes elected and appointed for the period 2023-2026.

	Area	Councillor / Substitutes	Name	National Fraternity	E-mail Address
1	Central and North America	Councillor	Sergio René Alvarado Merlos	El Salvador	councillor_01@youfra.net
		Substitute	José Israel Vidales Tinajera	Mexico	
2	South America and Portuguese Africa	Councillor	Diego Ventura	El Salvador	councillor_02@youfra.net
		Substitute	Thais Mota Guerra	Brazil	
3	Europe & Mediterranean	Councillor	Juliana Kolanjian	Lebanon	councillor_03@youfra.net
		Substitute	Lucia González Bermejo	Spain	
4	Asia, Oceania and Francophone and English Africa	Councillor	Patrick Martins Santos	Brazil	councillor_04@youfra.net
		Substitute	Mark Christian R. Almazan	Philippines	

During the Extraordinary Assembly it was possible to elect only Thais Mota as a substitute, due to the lack of candidates at that time, for this reason the YouFra International Coordination proceeded to appoint the substitutes in the vacant areas.

The responsibilities of International Councilors are established in article 29 of the YouFra International Regulations ad experimentum. The substitutes support the International Councilors in the animation and accompaniment of the area that each one corresponds to and in the specific services of the International Coordination.

New YouFra International Regulations - Ad Experimentum 2023 - 2026

The Assembly also approved the new YouFra International Regulations as Ad Experimentum for the period 2023 - 2026, which means that this document must be analyzed by all national fraternities during these next three years to continue with the approval process. We hope to have the participation of all the national fraternities so that our regulations really present our reality in the world. We thank our sister Ailén Natalí from Argentina for the support she gave to the International Coordination by creating and managing the base document for the new International Regulations Youfra ad experimentum.

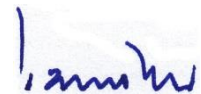
Members of the YouFra International Coordination 2023 - 2026

In addition to their service as Councillors, the International YouFra Councillors also have specific services in the International YouFra Coordination, which are appointed internally by the International YouFra Coordination itself. In accordance with the International Regulations YouFra ad experimentum 2023 - 2026 in section IV subsection C, the current International Coordination of YouFra is composed as set out below.

1. **Felix Chocojay:** International Coordinator
2. **Juliana Kolanjian:** Vice-coordinator and Animator of the Franciscan children's and adolescents' groups
3. **Patrick Martins:** Secretary
4. **Diego Ventura:** Responsible for formation and treasurer
5. **René Alvarado Merlos:** Responsible for Communication and JPIC
6. **Silvia Noemí Diana:** Fraternal Animator OFS;
7. **Noemi Paola Riccardi:** Responsible OFS of Franciscan children and adolescents.
8. **Fr. Carlos Campos TOR:** Spiritual Assistant

We invite you to contact the YouFra International Councillor corresponding to your area, to be informed of all the news of our international fraternity. And we also ask that you join in prayer for our brothers and sisters as they begin this service for Franciscan Youth around the world.

Faternally



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Minister General of the CIOFS



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Attachments:

- 1. Presentation of new areas of the YouFra International and responsible International Councillors*
- 2. International YouFra Regulations ad experimentum 2023 - 2026*