



CONGREGAZIONE DELLE SACRE STIMATE
DI NOSTRO SIGNORE GESÙ CRISTO



FABER – II INCONTRO INTERNAZIONALE
STIMMATINI: LAICI E CONSACRATI INSIEME



VERSO I DUECENTO ANNI DELLA NOSTRA STORIA
TOWARDS THE SECOND CENTENARY OF OUR HISTORY
CAMINHANDO PARA OS DUZENTOS ANOS DE NOSSA HISTÓRIA

Fazenda Santana (Brasile) dal 24 al 31 agosto 2015

Dear Confreres,

Dear Lay Stigmatines!

Towards the 200 years of history ...

It is now the time for us to prepare for the 2nd International Meeting of Stigmatine Laity. The meeting will take place in Brazil, at our community in Fazenda Santana (Corumbataí - Sao Paolo, Brazil), on 24 to 31 August 2015.

For this meeting we are suggesting:

- ◊ 4 lay people as representatives of each province;
- ◊ A confrere of each Province who accompanies them.

However, there is no problem if you will send more representatives, what is more important is that each province has a representative and is made present.

We want to reflect together our way of doing, in sharing the Charism of St. Gaspar Bertoni with those around us in the different places of our pastoral works and with those who want to try to live the spirituality of our Founder.

The program/activity includes:

- ◊ The arrival and accommodation of participants **(24 August)**;
- ◊ A day of spirituality;
- ◊ Formation: The Laity according to the Second Vatican Council;
- ◊ Formation: The Laity in the Stigmatine History;
- ◊ Visit to Casa Branca (the tomb of Bro. Giovanni Roberto).
- ◊ A guided tour;
- ◊ Presentation of the various groups of the Laity;
- ◊ Reflection on how to place this reality of Laity in the Bertonian Spirituality;
- ◊ Evaluation and final greetings;
- ◊ Departure **(August 31)**.

It is good that we take into consideration that:

1. August 24 is the scheduled date for the arrival;
2. The "history of the Laity" must be presented by each province/delegation: (Who started? When it started? At the moment how many groups do you have? How many members in each group? What do you do? What are your activities? How does one can join the group, do you have rules in it? Is there a need of preparation when one enters or joins? Do members make promise or vow? Who accompanies them? etc...).
3. Kindly prepare a cultural presentation of your country (about 4 mins.);
4. Bring a picture/image of the Virgin Mary which is popular in your country.

For contact reference, the General Council has indicated Fr. Tadeu Lima, his e-mail address: padetad@hotmail.com. Through his email address, kindly:

- ◊ Send the names of participants, before or on the 10th of July;
- ◊ Send the texts/notes regarding the "history of the laity" for the necessary translations into different languages, by July 20;
- ◊ Inform us if someone arrives in Brazil before August 24 or wants to stay in Brazil after August 31;
- ◊ Send a photocopy of the passport if someone needs a special letter to be presented to the custom authorities or for visa purposes.

We hope that this meeting will give all participants and all of us Stigmatines an enchanting moment of mutual understanding and fraternity.

See you soon,

General Council

Rome 24 June 2015