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Dear brothers and sisters of all the countries of the Intercontinental Frater,
We greet you fraternally, feeling still in our hearts the presence of everyone in the VII Intercontinental Committee that took place in the city of Segovia, Spain from August 17 to 22 of this year.

We are one way, the body of Christ, salt and light in the world; everything we do in our Frater are deep and grounded footprints that we leave in the life of every person we touch and in movement. That is why we want to let you know the achievements, agreements and challenges that have emerged in this committee. The lived experience invites us to reflect, to commit ourselves with responsibility, with love and solidarity with our movement.

Great commitments were made:

The presentation and approval of the reform of the Intercontinental statutes, thanks to the commission of statutes and to all the fraternists who participated actively during these four years so that they finally presented themselves to the committee. An agreement or resolution was also approved for all countries to ratify the new intercontinental statutes.

In short, the coordinators of each continent will send to their respective countries:

- a. The full text approved by the committee, of the reform of the intercontinental statutes;
- b. The resolution or agreement of the committee, of 08/19/2018, for the ratification of all the countries.

With the result of the ratification, the new statutes will be sent to the Vatican.

It has been an enormous work carried out conscientiously and with a great fraternal spirit. The deadline for sending the ratification response from the countries will be March 30, 2019. By that date, the continental coordinators should have the answers from all countries.

- c. The letter that will be delivered to Pope Francis was presented and will be sent to you for your knowledge.
- d. The affiliation of Taiwan, was approved unanimously. It is the first Asian country that joins our movement and that for many years was preparing for this great moment. Mary Wang

presented the fraternal and evangelizing life of Taiwan, stating that they have assumed and live the principles of the Fraternity. We share excited this moment.

- e. We also have challenges that help us think and reflect on our role within the fraternity. How committed are we to the spirit of the Fraternity? The current core team finished its term and there were no candidates to choose a new team. This critical and difficult moment, made us have a deep look from our heart towards the action of each one in the Fraternity. *RISE UP AND WALK is not just a biblical phrase, it is an act, it is a lifestyle that invites us to be evangelizers like Jesus. The expression that our brother Pope Francis often tells us: "he who does not live to serve, does not serve to live" is very applicable to our fraternity ... And, being united, can not be better said than with the words of Our founder Father François: "Light alone, it's fine. Lighting together is better. A piece of insulated wood, however flaming it may be, is soon extinguished. Many pieces of wood together make a nice flame, a flame that lasts. United to light. "*

With all this, the committee internalized our journey and reached the following agreements:

Given the lack of candidates on the committee, the current Core Team will continue for an additional year on an interim basis, and the following steps were indicated:

1. The continental teams commit themselves to look for candidates to form the Core Team among the Fraternities of their countries until February 28, 2019, date in which the continental teams will have received the proposals.
2. The continental teams will evaluate if the proposed candidates meet the requirements (profile) to be an intercontinental coordinator and advisor, as indicated in article 43 and 44 of the bylaws. Once the candidatures have been confirmed, they will be sent to the countries together with the information of their journey in the Fraternity. The deadline is until March 31, 2019.
3. The continental teams will ask the countries for proposals for the procedure to be followed in the voting. The deadline is until May 31, 2019.
4. The Intercontinental Team determines which process to follow in the voting among the proposals made, until June 30, 2019.
5. Voting for the election of the new Intercontinental Core Team will take place in August 2019.

We invite you to participate actively in this process and support your continental teams, so that you can make the best choice and decision for the fraternity. Let's not forget that together we will always achieve much more and everything will be for the common good of our movement. We are responsible for each other. We have to help and dignify the lives of so many people we have not yet reached. Our brother Fr François used to say: "Sow, sow, sow ..." May our love of the Fraternity be reflected with enthusiasm and joy, also with responsibility and commitment.

Core Team