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PREFACE

Dear Brothers

It is our pleasure to offer you this compilation of citations dealing with the theme of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation. They come from the *General Constitutions and General Statutes* (1985-2004), the *Ratio Formationis Franciscanae* (1991, 2002), and the *Ratio Studiorum* (2001). It is good to remember that these documents were fashioned taking into account earlier documents of the Order, especially: *The Franciscan Missionary Vocation in Today's World* (Extraordinary General Chapter, Medellin 1971; *Formation in the Order of Friars Minor* (Extraordinary General Chapter, Medellin 1971); *The Vocation of the Order Today* (General Chapter, Madrid 1973); *Documents on Formation* (Plenary Council, Rome 1981); *The Gospel Challenges Us* (Plenary Council, Bahia 1983); *Fraternity in Mission* (Plenary Council, Guadalajara 2001), etc..

These citations in turn have served as the foundation for statements elaborated in other documents and resources of the Order, including: *Ongoing Formation in the Order of Friars Minor* (1995); *The Spirit of Prayer and Devotion* (1996); *Fill the Whole Earth with the Gospel of Christ* (1996); *Instruments of Peace: A Franciscan Resource Book* (1999); *Orientations on the Pastoral Care of Vocations* (2002); *You Are All Brothers* (2002); *May the Lord Give You Peace* (2003); *OFM Priorities: Followers of Christ for a Fraternal World* (2004); etc..

The principal reason for this compilation is to make it easier for friars to find the theoretical and practical citations which will help with both reflection on JPIC themes, and with the service of animation in their Entities and Conferences. It is meant for all friars, but should be especially helpful for Provincials and Custodes, for Secretaries of Formation and Evangelization, and for Formators and JPIC Animators. We believe

that an attentive reading of these citations will encourage new initiatives among the friars, thus sparking renewed interest in this essential dimension of our charism.

This short booklet is divided into six sections: JPIC, component and dimension of our Franciscan charism; the cultural and social place of Friars Minor; JPIC service; JPIC Formation; JPIC structures in the Order; and general organizational and pedagogical guidelines. Each section contains some related citations. The selection is not meant to be exhaustive, but rather offers possibilities for reading and reflection. As a point of information, the particular Statutes for both the Rome JPIC Office and the International JPIC Council are also included.

May this small volume help us discover with greater clarity the value of JPIC as an integral part of our charism so that, together with the other organs of animation of the Order, we might integrate it into all aspects of our life as Friars Minor.

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JPIC TEXTS

(GGCC, GGSS, RFF, RS)

I. JPIC, component and dimension of our Franciscan charism

- «The friars, as followers of St. Francis, are bound to lead a radically evangelical life, namely: to live in a spirit of prayer and devotion and in fraternal fellowship; they are to offer a witness of penance and minority; and, in charity towards all mankind, they are to announce the Gospel throughout the whole world and to preach reconciliation, peace and justice by their deeds; and to show respect for creation» (*GGCC*, Art. 1, 2).
- «Formation to the gospel life of the Friar Minor – to the spirit of prayer and devotion, to the life of fraternal communion, to penance and minority, to poverty and solidarity, to evangelisation and mission, to action towards reconciliation, peace and justice – is an “organic, gradual and consistent” process that is developed on the personal and community levels during the whole of life» (*RFF*, 62).

II. The cultural and social place of Friars Minor

1. In the world of culture

- «To be faithful to their own vocation, the Friars Minor incarnate themselves in the concrete situations of the people among whom they live. They discover in them the different faces of Christ and find in them the appropriate form of Franciscan life. The Friar Minor cultivates his vocation in the concrete cultural environment in which his fraternity lives and in dialogue with the people of his own time» (*RFF*, 33).
- «The Friar Minor cultivates an attitude of good will and dialogue towards the different cultures and religions and is attentive to the signs of the times so as to live and faithfully announce the values of the Gospel to the men and women of today» (*RFF*, 26b).

- «The friars are to live in this world as promoters of justice and as messengers and agents of peace, overcoming evil and doing good» (*GGCC*, Art.68, 1).
- «The friars shall proclaim peace by word and cherish it so deep in their hearts that no one is stirred to anger or scandal, but rather that everyone is called back to peace, meekness and kindness through them» (*GGCC*, Art. 68, 2).
- «Mindful that they have been created in the image of the beloved Son of God, the friars are to praise the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit along with all their creatures; they are to restore all good things to the Lord God Most High and give him thanks for everything» (*GGCC*, Art. 20, 1)
- «Following closely in the footsteps of Saint Francis, the friars are to maintain a reverent attitude towards nature, threatened from all sides today, in such a way that they may restore it completely to its condition of brother and to its role of usefulness to all mankind for the glory of God the Creator» (*GGCC*, Art. 71).

2. Among the poor

- «The following of Christ was marked out for St. Francis by his encounters with the Crucifix of San Damiano, with the leper and by his listening to the Gospel. These experiences made St. Francis grow in his passionate love of the poor and crucified Christ, until his complete conformity with Him on La Verna» (*RFF*, 36).
- «To follow Christ, “who, for our sakes, made Himself poor in this world”, the friars divest themselves radically of themselves and everything else, and live as Minors “among the poor and the weak”, announcing the beatitudes to all with joy» (*RFF*, 10a).

- «Gospel poverty cannot be authentically understood outside a personal relationship with “the poor crucified Christ”. He makes Himself one of the least and of sinners, who wished to strip Himself in order to take on the condition of a slave. He comes down humbly into the midst of us each day in the Eucharist in order to join Himself to the poverty of each one, renewing us through His alliance. This experience alone will be capable of enabling in the Friar Minor that dynamism of joyful restitution of goods and freedom, of sharing in solidarity and friendship with the poor, which defines his Franciscan consecration» (*RFF*, 79).
- «To conform themselves to our Lord Jesus Christ, “who humbled himself, making himself obedient unto death”, the Friars Minor hold minority as an essential element of their specific vocation and live it faithfully in poverty, humility and meekness among the least of people, without power or privilege. The Friar Minor discovers his own smallness and his total dependence on God, the source of every good, and lives like a pilgrim and stranger, reconciled and peaceful, hospitable, a brother and subject of every creature» (*RFF*, 22).
- «After the example of Saint Francis, whom the Lord led among lepers, each and every friar is to give preference to the “marginalised”, to the poor and oppressed, to the afflicted and infirm; rejoicing when they live among them, they are to show them mercy» (*GGCC*, Art. 97, 1).
- «In fraternal fellowship with all the lowly of the earth and looking on current events from the viewpoint of the poor, the friars are to exert every effort so that the poor themselves become more fully conscious of their own human dignity and that they may safeguard and increase it» (*GGCC*, Art. 97, 2).
- «The friars are to strive to listen reverently to others with unfeigned charity, learn willingly from the people among

whom they live, especially from the poor, who are our teachers, and be ready to enter into dialogue with everyone» (GGCC, Art. 93, 1).

III. JPIC Service

1. Defense of Human Rights

- «In protecting the rights of the oppressed, the friars are to renounce violent action and have recourse to means that are otherwise available even to the powerless» (GGCC, Art. 69, 1).
- «The Friar Minor seeks to become aware of and work for the elimination of every form of injustice and dehumanising structures that exist in the world. He makes an explicit option for the poor, becoming a voice for those who have no voice, an instrument of justice and peace and the leaven of Christ in the world» (RFF, 25b).
- «The Friar Minor, as the herald of peace, carries peace in his heart and offers it to others and is prepared to denounce vigorously all that is contrary to human dignity and Christian values» (RFF, 34b).
- «The Friar Minor welcomes everyone with kindness, without excluding anyone, and loves all people, especially the poor and the weak, whom he serves with motherly care. He rejects violence, works for justice and peace and respects creation» (RFF, 21b).

2. Solidarity with the Poor

- «As a witness to their poverty and charity, the friars are bound to relieve the needs of the Church, offer assistance to those who are in real necessity, and share what they have

with the poor, out of the goods destined for the use of the fraternity, in accordance with the particular Statutes» (GGCC, Art. 53).

- «Goods that are given for the use of the friars are to be shared for the benefit of the poor in accordance with what the particular Statutes legitimately prescribe» (GGCC, Art. 72, 3).
- «Solidarity with the least of men should be effectively experienced as a form of “restitution”, not only through active and responsible commitment in living the everyday – in work, study, positive availability to the services entrusted, fidelity to the commitments that involve sacrifice – but also through experiences of real sharing with the poor of our times, through active, prayerful, manifest, humble and joyful presence among them» (RFF, 82).

3. *Establishment of a new society*

- «Since a large part of mankind is still in bondage to need, injustice and oppression, the friars, along with all people of good will, are to devote themselves to establishing a society of justice, liberation and peace in the Risen Christ. They are to investigate carefully the causes of each situation, and take part in undertakings of charity, justice and international solidarity» (GGCC, Art. 96, 2).

4. *Denouncing activities of war*

- «Conscious also of the terrible dangers that threaten the human race, the friars are to denounce in the strongest terms every kind of warlike action and the arms race as a very serious calamity for the world and a very great injury to the poor; they are to spare neither work nor sacrifice to build up God’s kingdom of peace» (GGCC, Art. 69, 2).

IV. JPIC Formation

1. JPIC and the following of Christ

- «The following of Jesus Christ in the manner of St. Francis leads the Friar Minor to commit himself to the Church and with her to place himself at the service of the men and women of our time, as a messenger of reconciliation and peace» (*RFF*, 3).

2. JPIC and contemplation

- «The Friar Minor contemplates God's infinite love for him and is led to search for and find Jesus Christ in the Scriptures, in history, in every aspect of life, in his brother and in all creation, in a continuous work of discernment to recognise the action of the Spirit» (*RFF*, 12b).
- «The process of formation to the spirit of prayer and devotion, which takes the context of the fraternity and the service to the lepers of our times into account, requires some special attention, among which we count:
 - the formation of an authentic liturgical spirit;
 - the introduction to the study and prayerful reading of Sacred Scripture;
 - the authentic cultivation of Marian devotion and of other devotions characteristic of the Franciscan tradition;
 - the encouragement of experiences in retreat, hermitage and spiritual exercises;
 - the education to reading one's life and history with the eyes of faith;
 - education in relationships with others and to contemplation of Christ in the poor» (*RFF*, 68).

3. JPIC and fraternity

- «The strong experience of God as Father and the Highest

Good characterised the life of St. Francis. It led him to an attitude of gratitude and praise towards the Creator for His wonders and made him a brother to all people and creatures» (*RFF*, 37).

- «The experience of the fatherhood of God and of brotherhood with Christ leads the Friars Minor to make themselves the brothers of every person and of every creature in a spirit of minority, simplicity, joy and solidarity» (*RFF*, 21a).
- «The Friar Minor sustains his life of chastity through generous dedication to the mission proper to the Order, by carefully developing a solid emotional maturity in his relationships with his brothers and with all other persons, and by a simple and serene regard for all creatures» (*RFF*, 11b).
- «The fraternity is made up of brothers that did not choose each other but are given by God to one another. It is the place in which the grace of the Holy Spirit makes visible the figure of the Christ, of whom every brother bears and expresses a feature. It is the environment of reconciliation and peace in which it is possible to encounter the living and true Christ» (*RFF*, 18a).

4. JPIC and evangelization

- «The Friar Minor gives witness of life through fraternal communion, his life of penance and contemplation, his service in the fraternity and in human society, as a man of peace, in joy and simplicity of heart» (*RFF*, 28b).
- «All the Friars and candidates should be formed to preach peace and justice through their deeds and to overcome evil by doing good. And they should show feelings of respect for Creation in so far as it is a sign of the Creator, inducing others to be constructors of peace and to safeguard creation» (*RFF*, 86).

- «The Friar Minor, faithful to the example and words of St. Francis, should especially have the ministries of Charity, of the Word, of the Eucharist and of Reconciliation at heart.
 - a. In exercising the ministry of Charity, the Friar Minor should:
 - be a servant and poor like Christ was;
 - know how to serve without recompense;
 - know how to share and practise solidarity;
 - develop his sensitivity for the real state of things so as to see the problems and understand their causes;
 - possess the ability to adapt himself continually to the needs of the Church and of the historic moment;
 - be a herald of justice, peace and reconciliation;
 - care for the recipients of charity so that they may become protagonists in their own human promotion and liberation.
 - b. In exercising the ministry of the Word, the Friar Minor should:
 - have respect and reverence for the Word of God;
 - study and meditate continuously the Sacred Scriptures;
 - recognise the presence and the action of God in history and in creation;
 - announce the Gospel while promoting the genuinely human values of every culture...» (*RFF*, 240).

5. *JPIC and studies*

- «This formation wishes to propose a Franciscan theology that responds to the challenges of our time:
 - a theology of Creation that nourishes the praise of the Creator, teaches men respect for created things and brings the light of faith to bear on the ecological problems of our time;
 - a theology and a Christology that present the salvation and the liberation offered by God in response to the appeals and the needs of the poor of today;

- a theology that leads to respect for the human person and his rights;
 - a theology that aims at the construction of a fraternal world (justice, peace, ecumenism);
 - a theology that is firmly tied to an eschatological vision in which it finds the strength for a daily self-commitment» (*RFF*, 227).
- «The Friar Minor, who has received the gift of feeling himself loved, reconciled and freed, is a custodian of hope. Study, especially of Sacred Scripture, united to a serene and critical analysis of today’s society prepares him to listen to God, who calls him, and, through the poor, the excluded and the suffering, to announce the word of liberation» (*RS*, 27).
 - «The Friars Minor form an evangelising Fraternity. Study, joined to sanctity of life, is “a fundamental requirement of evangelisation”, since it contributes to the building of the Kingdom of God, forms in order to evangelise cultures, and makes one sensitive to the promotion of justice and the defence of human rights» (*RS*, 28).
 - «In the early Franciscan experience humans, nature and God are linked together by an intense degree of sympathy and affection”. Each creature, shaped by God, “bears a likeness of Him”. Therefore, nothing that exists is foreign to the interest and the love of the Friar Minor» (*RS*, 48).
 - «While man is tempted to make an instrument of creation, the Friar Minor, following the example of St. Francis, finds it instead to be a motive for praise, in an attitude of reverence and even of submission. This attitude offers him a totally singular perspective in his approach to and study of creation» (*RS*, 49).
 - «The Order encourages the friars to dedicate themselves to the exact, natural and environmental sciences, in order

to recuperate “the All in all”, to admire the rays of splendour and goodness of God present in his creatures, to favour “a fraternal relationship” with them, to contribute to the quality of life and to protect the balance of creation» (RS, 50).

- «Let study in this Area be planned in such a way that the Friar Minor, knowing the light and shadows of history, may have the opportunity to:
 - acquire the perspective necessary to discern and judge the signs of the times;
 - be witnesses to the love of God towards the marginalised and the victims of all violence and injustice;
 - develop the sense of belonging to the Church and the Order;
 - acquire also the information and the criteria necessary for inter-cultural, inter-religion and ecumenical dialogue» (RS, 60).

- *«Franciscanism in our times*
 - The Missionary dimension of the Franciscan vocation.
 - Inculturation of the Franciscan charism in the different cultures.
 - The involvement of the Laity in our life and mission.
 - The “spirit” of Assisi and the present day challenges: ecological disorder, the problems of peace, the contempt for human rights, respect for life» (RS, 142).

- *«Thematic Units*
 - The Franciscan Question.
 - Franciscan History: from the foundation till 1517; Francis and Bonaventure. The Spiritualists; Conventualism and Observants; Observants, Conventuals and Capuchins; The Suppression and Restoration in the XIX Century; The Order of Poor Clares and the Order of Penance; the Franciscan Apostolic Institutes.
 - The Thought of the Franciscan Masters (St. Bonaven-

ture, Blessed John Duns Scotus, Roger Bacon, William of Ockham): God, Christ, Man, Creation.

- Franciscanism and our times: Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation in the Franciscan Vision; the Evangelising Fraternity; the Franciscan Missionary Spirit; Inculturation of the Franciscan charism in the different current cultures...» (*RS*, 148).

6. JPIC and vocational discernment

- «In evaluating the suitability of the Friar for solemn profession, some of the criteria that should be taken into account are:
 - emotional maturity;
 - manifest signs of an adequate and mature personal relationship with God in prayer;
 - personal initiative and responsibility for his own religious life;
 - ability to live and work with the fraternity;
 - ability to be active in and inclined to the service of others, especially the poorest people;
 - a sense of justice, peace and respect for creation;
 - a spirit of compassion and reconciliation;
 - ability to assume a definitive commitment to observe the evangelical counsels;
 - willingness to witness to and proclaim the Holy Gospel;
 - sufficient interior freedom and practice of poverty;
 - sense of belonging to the fraternity, the Province, the Order and the Church» (*RFF*, 215).

V. JPIC Structures in the Order

1. JPIC General Office

a. Tasks for JPIC General Office

- «The main task of the General Office for Justice, Peace and

Integrity of Creation, in dependence on the Minister General, is:

- §1 To ensure that JPIC becomes part of the life and service of the Order by collaborating with the Secretariat for Formation and Studies as well as with the Secretariat for Evangelisation, in cooperation with the JPIC Animators and Commissions of all levels.
- §2 To educate the Friars on matters regarding JPIC» (GGSS, Art. 39).

b. International JPIC Council

- «The General Office of JPIC is to be helped by the International Council for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, constituted in accordance with the norms of the Special Statutes approved by the Definitory General» (GGSS, Art. 40, 1).

c. Animation Committee

- «The Committee is composed of the Animator, the Assistant and by at least four other members» (CIJPIC ppSS, Art. 5).

2. Conferences and Entities

a. Statutes

- «Each Conference and Province is to draw up Statutes in which the integration of JPIC into the life and service of the Order is provided for during both initial and ongoing formation as well as for those that are, in a specific way, engaged in JPIC» (GGSS, Art. 40, 2).

b. Commissions

- «A Commission for JPIC, composed of members from each Entity of the Conference, is to be instituted in each Conference. The task and function of the Commission, as well as the norms for the election of its President, are to be established by appropriate Statutes, which require the approval of the Conference» (GGSS, Art. 41, 1).

- «The said Commissions, in all that regards JPIC, must cooperate in a suitable way with the Franciscan Family, with “Franciscans International”, with the Commissions of the Dioceses and Religious Institutes as well as with the organisations of civil Society that enjoy a good reputation» (GGSS, Art. 41, 2).

3. Entities

a. Local JPIC Animators

- «Each Province and the other Entities of the Order are to have an Animator of JPIC» (GGSS, Art. 42, 1).
- «The tasks of the Animator of JPIC, who always operates in dependence on the Minister Provincial or Custos, are to be defined in Special Statutes. He will promote and coordinate the integration of JPIC into the life and services of the Province or Custody; and, above all, he will support JPIC undertakings on all levels» (GGSS, Art. 42, 3).

b. Council or Commission

- «Wherever it is possible, a Council or Commission is to be appointed, which is to help the Minister Provincial and the JPIC Animator in promoting the formation and work of JPIC within the confines of the Province» (GGSS, Art. 42, 2).

VI. General Guidelines

1. Organizational Guidelines

a. In the Order

- *General Curia*
 - The General Office for JPIC, with an Animator (Director) and a Assistant; and, «if it seems opportune, by a General Definitor as a link with the General Government» (cfr. PpSS, JPIC Office, Art. 3, 1).

- The International JPIC Council (cfr. *GGSS*, Art. 40, 1).
 - The Animation Committee (cfr. *PpSS*, JPIC Office, Art. 3, 3).
- *Conference*
 - A JPIC Commission, composed of the animators of each Entity (cfr. *GGSS*, Art. 41, 1).
 - A president - coordinator or delegate- (cfr. *GGSS*, Art. 41, 1).
- *Entities*
 - A commission or council, where possible (cfr. *GGSS*, Art. 42, 2).
 - An Animator (cfr. *GGSS*, Art. 42, 1).
- b. *Animation tasks for JPIC Office*
- *Formation* (preparation of resource materials; organization of workshops and seminars, etc.).
 - *Coordination* (International congresses; International Council; Animation Committee; etc.).
 - *Communication* (General government; conference JPIC presidents; local JPIC animators; JPIC web page; etc.).
 - *Collaboration* (General secretariats for Formation and Evangelization; Antonianum; conferences and entities; commission for ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue; and with like-minded organizations from the Franciscan family, the Churches and society, etc.).

2. *Pedagogical Guidelines*

- «The Franciscan formation of the entire Order is to be regulated in accordance with the Ratio Formationis and Ratio Studiorum that are approved by the Minister General with the consent of his Definitory» (*GGSS*, Art. 74, 3).
- «Each Conference of Ministers Provincial, each Province and each other competent Entity is to draw up its own

Ratio Formationis and Ratio Studiorum, observing the requirements of law and safeguarding the unity between initial and ongoing formation. These Rationes Formationis et Studiorum, approved in accordance with the Particular Statutes, are to be ratified by the Minister General» (GGSS, Art. 77, 3).

a. *General Principles*

- *Formation environments* (cfr. *RFF*, 43).
 - In the Fraternity (cfr. *GGCC*, Art. 129, 1. 130; *RFF*, 70, 1; *IF*, 47-48).
 - In the Church (cfr. *RFF*, 30. 31. 74; *IF*, 52).
 - In society (cfr. *RFF*, 25a. 32. 33. 49. 133; *IF*, 48. 53).

- *Personal values*
 - Freedom
 - Responsibility
 - Discipline (cfr. *GGCC*, Art. 129, 2. 132. *RFF*, 54).

- *Formation project*
 - Holistic – includes all personal aspects and all aspects of the charism - (*GGGG*, Art. 127, 2-3. 128. 136. 154, 1-2. 160, 1; *GGSS*, Art. 102, 1; *RFF*, 45. 46. 222; *IF*, 38).
 - Theoretical and practical (cfr. *GGCC*, Art. 127, 4. 153, 1-2. 154, 2. 158, 1; *RFF*, 53. 47. 48. 82).
 - Organic, gradual and consistent (cfr. *GGCC*, Art. 133; *RFF*, 51. 52. 57. 89).
 - Open to new possibilities (cfr. *GGCC* Art. 131, 1-2; *RFF*, 50).

- b. *Those responsible for formation* (cfr. *IF*, 59)
 - The Triune and One God (cfr. *RFF*, 94. 141; *IF*, 29).
 - Every friar (cfr. *GGCC*, Art. 137, 1; *RFF*, 40. 61. 96. 114; *IF*, 59-60. 70-71).
 - The Fraternity –local, provincial, universal- (cfr. *GGCC*, Art. 139, 1. 141, 1-2; *RFF*, 115. 118. 124-134; *IF*, 54.62.65).

- The ministers –local, provincial, general (cfr. *GGCC*, Art. 134. 137, 2-3. 138; *RFF*, 93. 120; *IF*, 63-64; 66-67.73).
- The formators –ongoing and initial- (cfr. *GGCC*, Art. 139, 2. 141, 1-2; *GGSS*, Art. 83; *RFF*, 98-104. 135-143).

Abbreviations:

<i>GGCC:</i>	<i>General Constitutions</i>
<i>GGSS:</i>	<i>General Statutes</i>
<i>RFF:</i>	<i>Ratio formationis francescanae</i>
<i>RS:</i>	<i>Ratio studiorum</i>
<i>IF:</i>	<i>Incipiamus fratres</i>
<i>ppSS:</i>	<i>Special statutes of JPIC Office and Council</i>

THE SPECIAL STATUTES

1. For the Office JPIC

Nature and purpose

Art. 1

The General Office for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC), at the General Curia of the Friars Minor, offers help and assistance to the Minister General and his Definitory for animating and coordinating all that regards justice, peace and integrity of creation, in conformity with the General Constitutions, the General Statutes and the decisions of the General Chapters and Plenary Councils of the Order.

Art. 2

The main duty of the General Office for “Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation”, in dependence on the Minister General, is:

1. to assure that JPIC becomes a part of the life and service of the Order by collaborating with the Secretariat for Formation and Studies, as well as with the Secretariat for Evangelisation, in cooperation with the JPIC Animators and Commissions of whatever level;
2. to instruct the Friars about questions regarding JPIC” (GGSS Art. 39, 1-2).

Organization

Art. 3

1. The General Office of JPIC is composed of an Animator (Director) and an Assistant; and, if it seems opportune, by a General Definitory as a link with the General Government. The Members of the Office are appointed “ad nutum Ministri Generalis”.
2. “The General Office of JPIC is to be helped by the International Council for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation, constituted in accordance with the norms of the

Special Statutes approved by the Definitory General” (GGSS art. 40,1).

3. The General Office for JPIC should have an Animation Committee, appointed by the General Definitory.

Art. 4

The task of the JPIC Animator is to put the decisions of the Minister General and his Definitory on justice, peace and the integrity of creation into practice.

He should, in particular:

1. inform the Minister General and his Definitory about all the commitments and activities of the Office and present, at the end of each year, a detailed programme for the coming year. This programme must be approved by the General Definitory;
2. coordinate the activities of the Office in collaboration with the Assistant;
3. organise the annual sessions of the Animation Committee and the meetings of the International Council (ICJPIC);
4. prepare, with the Animation Committee, an annual report on the activities of JPIC in the entire Order, to be sent to the General Definitory and all the Entities;
5. propose people competent in animation regarding specific projects in the field of JPIC to the Minister General;
6. collaborate with the Franciscan Family, with the universal Church and with public institutions that operate with the same objectives as the Office of JPIC.

Art. 5

The Assistant collaborates closely with the Animator General; and substitutes for him in the Office during his absence.

In addition, the Assistant has the duty of:

1. redacting and preserving the acts and documents of JPIC;
2. encouraging communications between the Government

- of the Order, the Conferences, the Entities and the local Animators on the topics and projects of JPIC;
3. working in the area of the administration of the Office;
 4. keeping and updating the data bank for the different mailing lists of the Office.

Budget

Art. 6

Before the beginning of the financial year, the Animator of the Office, in close collaboration with the Bursar General, prepares a budget, which, after an examination by the Definitorial Economic Commission (DEC), is submitted to the Definitory General for approval. At the end of the year he presents the final balance.

The said Statutes were up-dated by the General Definitory during its session of the 16th March 2005.

(Prot. n. 095419)

2. Of the International Council for JPIC

Art. 1

The International Council for “Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation” (ICJPIC) of the Friars Minor is a consultative group, constituted by the General Definitory for the purpose of helping the JPIC Office, the General Definitory and the Conferences in the important task of *formation, conscientisation, animation and commitment* of the Order in the field of JPIC.

Art. 2

1. The members of the ICJPIC are: the delegates of the Conferences, one for each Conference, elected by them in accordance with their own Particular Statutes and the norms of the ICJPIC; those who make up the Animation Committee; and other possible members appointed by the Minister General.
2. The delegates of the ICJPIC can be elected from among the Animators for JPIC who carry out JPIC promotion activities in the Conferences, or otherwise have competence in the sector.

Art. 3

The duties of the ICJPIC are:

1. to encourage the knowledge and application of the documents of the Church and of the Order of Friars Minor which regard JPIC;
2. to collaborate with the Secretariats General for Formation and Studies and Evangelisation, and other Offices of the General Curia, in order to promote Franciscan spirituality regarding JPIC in initial and on-going formation;
3. to analyse the aspects of JPIC that are present in the tradition of the Franciscan charism and their application in the present-day world;
4. to gather and transmit documentation and information

- regarding JPIC, especially those that concern the activity of the Friars Minor;
5. to present suggestions, proposals and projects to the Minister General and his Definitory for the animation of the Order in the field of JPIC;
 6. to present suggestions, proposals and projects to the Conferences and Entities;
 7. to help and encourage the activities of the JPIC Animators;
 8. to reflect on the purposes and priorities that emerge from the work of ICJPIC Assemblies and to formulate suitable evaluations about their application to the life and activity of the Friars;
 9. to propose modifications to the Special Statutes of the ICJPIC to be submitted for approval by the General Definitory;
 10. to present the list of candidates for the Animation Committee.

Art. 4

1. The Assembly of the ICJPIC is convoked by the Animator of the JPIC Office once every two years: extraordinary meetings may be convoked with the prior consent of the General Definitory.
2. The Assembly is carried out in accordance with the agenda and programme of work approved by the Assembly itself at the proposal of the Animation Committee.

Art. 5

1. The Animator of the JPIC Office, having consulted the ICJPIC, proposes the members of the Animation Committee to the Minister General and his Definitory for their appointment. The Committee is composed of the Animator, the Assistant and by at least four other members.
2. The Animation Committee must answer for its actions to the ICJPIC.

3. The members of the Committee remain in office for four years: half of the members are appointed every two years.
4. The Animation Committee should meet at least once a year.

Art. 6

The duties of the Animation Committee are:

1. to help the Animator of the JPIC Office in carrying out projects suggestions proposed by the Assembly of the ICJPIC and approved by the General Definitory;
2. to prepare the agenda and programme of work to be submitted for the approval of the General Definitory;
3. to propose and encourage new initiatives and projects in the field of JPIC;
4. to prepare, with the Animator of the JPIC Office, an annual report on the activities of JPIC in the Order, to be sent all the Entities.

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