

Ordre Franciscain Séculier
Fraternité nationale du Canada



Secular Franciscan Order
National Fraternity of Canada

2022 National Elective Chapter
Centre de spiritualité des Ursulines, Loretteville, QC
July 14-17, 2022

January 31, 2022

Dear Regional Ministers,

In conformity with the provisions of the National Statutes, I am writing to convoke the 2022 National Elective Chapter of the National Fraternity of Canada. This chapter will be held at the Centre de spiritualité des Ursulines in Loretteville, QC (on the outskirts of Quebec City). The chapter will begin with registration of participants on Thursday, July 14th, beginning at 3:00 pm, and will conclude with the noon day meal on Sunday, July 17th.

Please note that the National Elective Chapter is composed of the members of the National Council, the Regional Ministers, the Regional Spiritual Assistants, and two delegates from each region elected by the respective Regional Fraternity. Those occupying these positions are expected to attend the chapter. A limited number of observers may also attend this chapter.

As a result of the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the convocation of the National Elective Chapter could not take place until now and, although the pandemic situation remains fragile, it is our hope that it will have stabilized by July and that restrictions will not prevent the chapter from taking place. The venue for the chapter is currently open to groups and has confirmed its availability for our chapter. However, in the weeks and months ahead, you will be provided with updates as necessary.

One of the important subjects that will be addressed at this chapter will be the restructuring of our national fraternity. As you already know, the report of the OFS National Restructuring Commission is currently being discussed within each region and proposals stemming from this report will be presented at the national chapter. Although the specific changes to the structure of the regions will not be known until the national chapter has met and approved the changes, it is clear that changes will be required in both francophone and anglophone sectors. As a result, the National Council is requesting the postponement of all regional chapters that could be impacted by the decisions taken at the national chapter regarding the restructuring of the regions. This includes all regional elective chapters in the francophone sector as well as the regional elective chapter of the Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity.

Additional details around the chapter, including the agenda, registration forms, and the submission of resolutions and nominations, will be communicated in the near future.

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Please circulate this letter of convocation to all of the local fraternities within your region. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Fraternally,

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National Minister

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