

March 18, 2026

Dear Sisters,

As you know from the last letter you received from the Central Administration, we are asking all Local Chapters to convene this Spring as we begin to prepare for Chapter 2027. Your Local Chapter Convener will be or may already have offered you dates to meet to discuss the materials for your gathering as a Local Chapter.

In this packet, you will find:

- The Article: "Completion and Religious Communities – How the End May Be a New Beginning" by Mark MacDougall
- The Booklet Entitled: *Legacy Born of a Franciscan Heart*

We ask that you read this article prior to your meeting. Some parts of this article are already highlighted for you because we want to stress their particular importance for us at this time in the life of our Congregation.

Also, please peruse this reflection booklet as it is meant to prepare you with the prayer and process for your gathering. We encourage you to spend time with the graphic on cover of this booklet as well. These were our words during the Summer Gathering of 2025. Please bring these items to your Local Chapter meeting, along with any thought-provoking ideas these materials may have stirred up in you as prepared to meet with your group. We look forward to you sharing the fruits of your time together.

Let us offer prayers for one another as we face what is ours to do in preparation for our Summer Gathering of 2026, our Chapter of 2027 and beyond.

Jeanne Bessette, OSF

Jeanne Bessette, OSF
President

Peggy Quinn, OSF

Peggy Quinn, OSF
Councilor

Susan M. Bruno, OSF

Susan M. Bruno, OSF
Councilor

Rene Simonelic, OSF

Rene Simonelic, OSF
General Secretary

MJ Griffin, OSF

MJ Griffin, OSF
General Treasurer