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Jn 7:38

“Whoever believes in me, rivers of living water will flow from within him” was the theme of the 3rd European OFS & Youfra congress in Lithuania 2018

- St Francis said to his friars in his rule “Beyond all they should desire to possess the spirit of the Lord and His holy operation”
- Follow the Holy Spirit and ask Him for a true spiritual renewal in your life, in your fraternities. A real new Pentecost. Veni Sancte Spiritus!





The Church in Europe is facing a fundamental crisis of faith

- Which is why strong local communities such as OFS & Youfra are of vital importance. The European Franciscan family is asked to renew its commitment to the mission given to St Francis of Assisi “Go and repair my house which as you see is falling into ruin”
- Today we need to give an authentic testimony to the world about our unity with the Church through acts of love
- How do we testify (martyria), celebrate (liturgia) and serve (diakonia) ?





Well4Africa.eu

- One of those ways of serving is expressed in collecting funds for water wells in Africa. Well4Africa was set up 3 yrs ago as a project to raise funds to enable people in very remote areas to have access to clean drinking water. So far about €46,755 has been raised enough for 3 boreholes.



Pope Francis writes in his encyclical *Laudato si*

- “Access to safe drinking water is a basic and universal human right, since it is essential to human survival, and as such is a condition for the exercise of other human rights. Our world has a grave social debt towards the poor who lack access to drinking water ”



Our Lady Queen of the Franciscan Family

- In March 2017 an icon of The Queen of the Franciscan Family was created in Lithuania. It was consecrated and started its pilgrimage among the European OFS & Youfra fraternities. The icon pictures our Holy Mother Mary holding the infant Jesus with the 3 saints of St Francis, St Clare & St Elisabeth of Hungary below.
- An icon represents a person's desire to see their God. The God who became man. It is the means that helps a person to pray & come closer to God. Mary is the bearer of God because she gave birth to Jesus



The mission of the icon's pilgrimage is to visit all OFS & Youfra fraternities in Europe and to promote the devotion of the Franciscan Crown Rosary (the 7 joyful mysteries) which is said every Saturday

The icon may also be venerated in Franciscan religious fraternities & parishes. It is very suitable to bringing into families with small children as well as sick & elderly members of our fraternities. Together with St Francis let us offer ourselves, our families, fraternities and the whole Franciscan family to the Queen of the Franciscan Family for her intercession to lead us to her son Jesus.











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