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Dear Brothers:

On the eve of the traditional celebration of our Founder's feast day, I am happy to inform you that the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life has approved the revision to our Rule. I am further delighted to share with you that, with the exception of one article, all the modifications and changes to the various constitutions and statutes were approved as presented. The revision to the original article 71 (article 73 in the Revised Rule), which concerns the Liturgy of the Hours, was not approved; therefore, article 71 in the current Rule remains as written.

We owe a debt of gratitude to a number of individuals for this overwhelming approval of the many modifications to our 1987 Rule. In particular, I wish, on your behalf, to thank the members of the two Commissions for the Revision of the Rule who prepared the September 2012 draft that served as the working document for the General Chapter Capitulants. My sincere thanks go to Brother Ambrose Payne who ably shepherded the debate and eventual approval of the revisions. I am also grateful to the members of the Writing Committee who prepared the official French version of the Revised Rule for submission to the Vatican: Brothers Diego Muñoz, Andres-Pierre Gauthier, Allen Geppert and Rafael Matas. Finally, I thank our Procurator General, Brother Felicien Bora, who prepared the necessary justifications for the proposed revisions to the constitutions and statutes of the 1987 Rule.

Due to the good work of these and many other Brothers, the revisions to our Rule seek to inspire our continual following of Jesus Christ and our faithful response to the calls of the Spirit and the charism of our Founder. We have consecrated ourselves to God to procure his glory by fulfilling "together and by association" our apostolic ministry of education (RR, 2). This is the joy of our mission.

We will now begin the work of preparing our Revised Rule for printing and distribution to all the Brothers of the Institute. Happy Feast Day, Brothers!

Fraternally,

Brother Robert Schieler, FSC
Superior General