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May the Lord Grant You His Peace.


I am writing you on the occasion of the blessing of the new building at San Damiano Friary. It is a joy to be able to participate in this event which marks a new stage in the development of the formation program at this site.

This is a moment of joy for Our Lady of Consolation Province which has endeavored to provide adequate resources for the friars in this friary. We are most grateful for the generous benefactors who made this building possible. It is also a moment of joy for the CFF Federation which runs one of its two post-novitiate programs in this friary.

It is also an occasion to speak about the possibility of extending the resources of this program to friars of other jurisdictions (both from other countries and from other branches of our wider Franciscan family). This will be a constant reminder that our Order is worldwide, and that we depend upon each other to more fully live our Franciscan charism.

An important aspect of the new building is the expanded recreation space to foster further growth of the fraternity. It is often in leisure activities that we come to know and respect each other more.

May the Lord's blessing be upon the friars living here: the stable community, the formators and the friars in formation. May this building be a symbol of hope for those who need to hear and experience the message of Christ's love with which we have been entrusted.

  
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