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Dear Mission Friend,

A heartfelt "thank you" to all of you who held our Order in your thoughts and prayers during the first week of May. In the US from Massachusetts to Florida, we are now the Province of Our Lady of the Angels. That is the name of the small chapel outside of Assisi where Francis first gathered the Friars telling them to "never leave this place". Our presence and obligations also include Brazil (an area under our care), Costa Rica (a part of our Province), and England, Scotland, and Ireland (also under our care). We were grateful to hear that in Eng., etc. we are the Order gaining the most new members at this time.

May 5 was THE day on which we became a new Province and the opening ceremony included men from the other North America Provinces and two of the three Bishops we have. Now comes the serious work of so re-organizing ourselves that we can tackle our fraternal life and ministry in each of these countries. We are depending on the help of the Lord and the inspiration of our founder – St. Francis.

With the onset of Spring and May, I hope each of you have been feeling energized in getting out to walk, staring your flower beds, and – where you can, planting your gardens. It is the time to appreciate new life, just as we have. May all of you include letting all those you meet know you appreciate them by your smiles and warm greetings. Take care and God bless.

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