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Rev. Fr. Anthony Morello, O.C.D.,
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Little Rock, Ark. 72206

Dear Rev. Father,

Our General Definitory accedes to your request for the establishment of three Third Order jurisdictions in your Country, as formulated at the First National Congress of the Third Order in the United States, held in August, 1973. It appreciates the pastoral motive to coordinate better and promote a more efficient assistance to your Chapters.

Without prejudice to the rights of our Fathers in Muenster-Indiana, and with the consent of the Provincials concerned, we approve the institution of three jurisdictions as indicated in your letter.

The Provincials and their respective delegates can exercise all rights of competence accorded them by law and as stated by the Rule of the Third Order Secular and by the Statutes for the United States. Moreover, outside their respective jurisdiction, although they do not have other rights of government, provincials and their respective delegates may preside at the reception and profession ceremonies of our tertiaries.

In conformity with what has been agreed upon at the same Congress by the Provincial Delegates, and when approved by the Provincials concerned, the three general jurisdictions are to be as follows:

I Western Jurisdiction:

Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada,
Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.

(Jurisdiction of California Province)

II Central Jurisdiction:

Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas.

(Jurisdiction of Oklahoma Province)

III Eastern Jurisdiction:

Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

(Jurisdiction of Washington Province)

As Moderator of the Apostolate of the Order, I take this opportunity to express my gratitude for what you have achieved so far, and for what you may plan towards the expansion of our Third Order in the United States. I welcome too any worthy initiative, which, I assure you, will find corresponding encouragement here at the Central Government.

I would appreciate receiving continued information and suggestions which would contribute towards a more efficient and fruitful service on our part. Perhaps the eventual creation of a National Third Order Secretariat could assume, among other responsibilities, this information service for us.

Sending my good wishes to all the Chapters of our Third Order in the United States,

I remain,

Sincerely yours in Our Lord,

P. Tarcisio Ancilli, ocd
Def. Gen. & Moderator of the
Apostolate, OCD