



CONGREGATIO
PRO INSTITUTIS VITAE CONSECRATAE
ET SOCIETATIBUS VITAE APOSTOLICAE

Prot. n. N. 107¹ /2006

DECREE

The Religious Institute of *Franciscan Friars of the Renewal*, whose General House is located in the Archdiocese of New York (USA), was founded on April 28, 1987 by eight Friars Minor Capuchin: Benedict Groeschel, Andrew Apostoli, Glenn Sudano, Pio Mandato, Robert Stanion, Stanley Fortuna, Robert Lombardo and Joseph Nolan, and was erected as a Clerical Religious Institute of Diocesan Right on May 28, 1999 by His Eminence, the Cardinal John O'Connor, the Archbishop of New York (USA).

In imitation of St. Francis of Assisi, the friars seek to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, as a prophetic witness that life is a pilgrimage to the Father, of faith, hope, and love of God and neighbor, made possible by the Holy Spirit. They participate in Christ's renewal of all things through their prayer, fraternal life, service of the poor, and evangelization, as a complement to the work of those whose mission is to serve parochially.

In their testimonial letters, His Eminence, Archbishop Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan, of the Archdiocese of New York (USA), together with the Ordinaries of the other Dioceses wherein the *Franciscan Friars of the Renewal* are present, submitted their requests for Pontifical Recognition for the Institute.

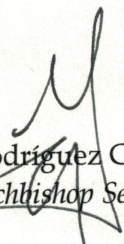
His Holiness, Pope Francis, after having received the favorable opinion of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, granted the request of the Archbishop of New York on May 10, 2016.

With the present Decree, this same Congregation declares that the Clerical Religious Institute, the *Franciscan Friars of the Renewal*, is a Clerical Religious Institute of Pontifical Right and is to be recognized as such throughout the world.

Moreover, this Dicastery approves and confirms the text of the Constitutions presented in the English language, a copy of which is held in its archives.

All things to the contrary notwithstanding
Given at the Vatican this 13th day of June 2016
The Memorial of St. Antony of Padua.

Joao Braz Card. de Aviz
Prefect


✠ José Rodríguez Carballo, O.F.M.
Archbishop Secretary