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Dear Sisters and Associates,

The celebration of the Franciscan Centenary for 2024 has a twofold dimension: Celebrating the Gift of the Stigmata and Contemplating the Cross. An outline of the upcoming plans to observe this step of the centenary is as follows:

- 1. The statuary of the Nativity scene will remain in place on the landing outside of chapel through the feast of the Epiphany of the Lord.**
- 2. January 14, 2024—Entrance procession with San Damiano cross (from St. Francis of Assisi Church). A brief ritual at the end of Mass in the Gathering space outside of St. Clare of Assisi Adoration Chapel.**
- 3. Renewal Days, beginning with Friday, February 2, 2024**
 - a. Each month a PowerPoint frame will highlight an image of the Cross of San Damiano in St. Francis Convent Family Room and the house televisions.**
 - b. St. Francis' "Praises of God" will be prayed after Communion.**
- 4. Lenten presentation by Sr. Mary Shaw—"Solidarity with the crucified and the excluded of our world" -- January 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the St. Francis Convent Family Room.**
- 5. July 2, 2024—Foundation Day -- presentation by a representative from Enos Gardens.**
- 6. Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.—Taizé prayer in St. Francis of Assisi Church**

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"In celebrating the Centenary of the Gift of the Stigmata as a Franciscan Family, we are invited to restore the dimension of prayerful and contemplative silence in our daily lives,...that allows us to listen to ourselves, to others and to God..." (Conference of the Franciscan Family, 2023-2026, pg. 4)

May you receive gifts of grace and share these gifts with others throughout the Centenary.

Franciscan Centenary Committee,

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