



*Il Cardinale William J. Levada*  
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Dear Knights of St. Francis of Assisi,

On this second anniversary of the dedication of the Porziuncola Nuova in San Francisco and the founding of the Knights of St. Francis of Assisi, I offer you my sincere congratulations and prayerful best wishes.

I am confident that the spirit of St. Francis is alive and well in San Francisco through the presence and work of the Knights. This spirit of St. Francis is also exemplified in the life and priestly ministry of Father Louis Vitale, OFM, this year's recipient of the St. Francis of Assisi Award. Indeed, Father Vitale's loving concern of the poor and passionate work on behalf of peace and justice is a powerful witness of the transformative power of the love of Jesus Christ at work in the world today. May all of us Knights of St. Francis reflect upon and emulate this important example!

To all the Knights of St. Francis, I happily extend my blessing. Wishing you peace and all good things, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

*William Card. Levada*

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