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**FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL BEGIN NEW PASTORAL CARE INITIATIVE
DURING PANDEMIC CRISIS**

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The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, a male religious community in the Catholic Church, announces a new COVID-19 Prayer Hotline. As this pandemic continues to spread throughout the United States and abroad, the friars recognize that many people are being hospitalized without the benefit of pastoral or family visits. This new pastoral care initiative is targeted specifically to those suffering and dying without access to a priest or the sacraments of the Church. CFR priests and brothers will be available for conversation and prayer during this difficult time through this COVID-19 Prayer Hotline.

Anyone aware of an individual hospitalized without the benefit of pastoral care is invited to call the COVID-19 Prayer Hotline to arrange a direct conversation with a friar and the person afflicted with this virus. Hospitals are encouraged to post this COVID-19 Prayer Hotline at all nursing stations.

Through this new tele-ministry, the friars are also available to offer support directly to family members who are unable to be with their loved ones as well as to health care workers who are serving COVID-19 patients.

Please call the COVID-19 Prayer Hotline at 914 527-1413.

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