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Most High, all power-full,
good Lord, Yours are the
praises, the glory, and the
honor and all blessing.
To You alone, Most High, do
they belong and no human is
worthy to mention Your name.



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Dear brothers and sisters in St. Francis,

Get ready dear readers, this special formation issue of the *TAU-USA* is filled with such exciting, entertaining and educational articles that it will be hard to put down once you start reading.

First and foremost of course, are the many articles written about the “For Up to Now” (FUN) formation manual. This issue captures the essence of the manual and presents it from every point of view. We hear from the members of the National Formation Commission, and from ministers and formation directors who were good enough to share their experience and expertise. We hear from several regions who have held their first presentations in “Forming the Formators” workshops; we hear from regional ministers who share their thoughts and concerns; and learn of their future plans for implementing the manual.

As you read the articles, it is clear that FUN is not just for the newcomers to our beloved order, it also serves as a rejuvenating shot-in-the-arm for the rest of us. I must admit that I am filled with renewed pride in being a Secular Franciscan, and in seeing the incredible dedication and love in the creation and presentation of this wonderful manual. These are indeed exciting times for our order. Our National Formation Commission has clearly done what was theirs to do, but they haven’t stopped there. Turn to page 40, you’ll find that they are welcoming invitations from the regions, to attend workshops, give presentations and answer questions “on the spot.” They are so invested in FUN that they are willing to give more of their time and efforts while asking only for room and board.

It is now our turn; let us begin—together.

Anna



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