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### Memorandum

To: All Bishops

From: Msgr. Ronny Jenkins *RJ*

Date: December 22, 2009

Subject: **FR. EMIL COOK, AND "APUFRAM".**

The Office of the Minister Provincial of the Conventual Franciscan Friars has asked that the bishops of the United States be advised of the situation of Fr. Emil Cook, OFM Conv., and ministries he is related to which operate under the organizational names "APUFRAM" ("Asociación Pueblo Franciscano de Muchachos y Muchachas") and its fundraising arm, APUFRAM International.

APUFRAM has not demonstrated, to the Minister Provincial's satisfaction, that adequate safe environment programs have been enforced at locations it operates. As a result, Fr. Cook's Major Superior has denied him permission to raise funds in the United States. Thus, the Conventual Franciscan Friars do not endorse any fundraising whatsoever in the United States by APUFRAM, Fr. Cook or APUFRAM International.

If further information is needed, contact may be made with the Office of the Very Rev. James D. Kent, OFM Conv., Vicar and Acting Provincial, at 812-923-8444.