

Quinquennial Statement

Proposal for a Prophetic
Commitment from the SFO

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- In a spirit of Christian unity and love, over four hundred members of the **Secular Franciscan Order** gathered in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from July 3 to 8, 2007. They celebrated their 17th Quinquennial Congress. Representatives came from all over the United States as well as from Caribbean islands, Canada, Australia, India and Latin America.

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- During their days together, they focused on the *multicultural nature* of their Order. Several cultural groups were highlighted, including Eastern Rite Catholics, Filipinos, Italians, Koreans, Mexicans, Native-Americans, Syro-Malabar Catholics from India and Vietnam.

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- The Secular Franciscans modeled inclusion of all cultures and races during the Congress. The Secular Franciscan Order has committed itself to an intentional effort to transform racist attitudes and all forms of exclusion that separate and oppress the people of God.

