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ANNEX 11

Address of Dom Lorenzo for the Opening Ceremony of the 10th Congress of IBSSA

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As I recall the significant achievements and works of the 9th International IBSSA Congress, to which I was fortunate to participate, and as the Working Sessions of the 10th International IBSSA Congress begins, I wish I could have been among you.

However, higher duties prevented me from being with you today, because of my responsibilities as a religious Leader and Servant of the Church. But I assure you that as I officiate during the coming days the Services of the Holy Week, commemorating once more the Passion, Death and Resurrection of My Lord Jesus Christ in the Church Cathedral of the American Orthodox Catholic Church of Dallas, Texas, I will have each one of you in my mind and in my prayers.

This is an especial occasion for celebration; you are already congregating for the tenth year, to plan, coordinate and bettering the activities of the International Association of Bodyguard and Security Services. For all those of you that were here on the first International Congress, this date is marked with the sign of Victory. Look at all the work done, at all the refinement obtained through hard work and dedication! You can be proud and consider that the IBSSA of today has been made with your efforts, with your enthusiasm with your loyalty, with your work and with your hands.

Nevertheless, remember that the celebration of ten international Congresses means also that all of us are getting ten years older, and that even the strongest of us is not eternal. With that truth over the table, a truth that we must accept and face, even when we may not like it, we must plan ahead a new strategy, that of securing for the posterity what we have created. I urge you therefore to begin a very important new IBSSA action, that of searching actively to incorporate new generations, new younger IBSSA members, so during the years that we may still enjoy active and productive lives, we can prepare those younger members and transmit to them our experience and our hopes, so one day, when we must pass the torch from our hands to a stronger and younger ones, we can rest peacefully, knowing that our work will survive and continue for generations to come.

During my message of last year 9th International IBSSA Congress I urged you to be always mindful of the important social values of your work, and that at all times you should act professionally, quickly and effectively, just and impartial; that in the execution of your duties you should act always mercifully, looking at all times to restrain disorderly conduct by causing the less possible harm to the opponents, but without endangering whatever you are required to protect, or endangering yourselves. I pleaded to you to uphold at all times your ethic principles, to respect the human rights of every individual, and to bear always in mind not to be discourteous, rude or abusive of your power. Should I ask you this year something less?

As I invoke upon you the protection and the inspiration of the Almighty Creator of all, I wish you a good and profitable work during the working sessions of this 10th International IBSSA Congress. God bless you all

+ Dom Lorenzo, O.S.B.