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SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

March 2015,

Brothers and Sisters in St. Francis and St. Clare,

Peace be with you!

The Secular Franciscan Constitution emphasizes the role that formation plays as an essential and ongoing activity in our lives as Franciscans.

Begun by the preceding states, the formation of the brothers and sisters takes place in a permanent and continuous way. It should be understood as an aid in the conversion of each and everyone and in the fulfillment of their proper mission in the Church and in society. (Article 44)

The Regional Council has made a commitment to promoting formation in all of the fraternities throughout the Region. To help the local Fraternities to deliver a high quality Formation program to their members, the Regional Formation Team will be sponsoring a Formation Workshop titled “Forming the Formator”, on **Saturday May 16, 2015, at St. Bonaventure’s Church at 174 Ramsey St., Paterson, NJ.** This workshop is open to all local Formation Directors, Formation Teams, Spiritual Assistants and anyone else interested in formation. Make sure that you bring a copy of the FUN Manual. If you don’t have a personal copy of the FUN manual, you should be able to borrow your Fraternity’s copy. We will begin the day with coffee and registration at 9:30 AM. As always, we ask that you bring along a **“brown bag” lunch.** Please see page two for the day’s complete schedule.

Please let me know if you will be attending this workshop by May 1st. You may e-mail or call me using the information on the left-side of this letter. I look forward to seeing you on May 16th.

Pax et Bonum,

Ed Wojciechowski, OFS
Regional Formation Director,
Our Lady of the Angels Region

Forming the Formator Workshop Schedule

- 9:30 a.m. - Registration and Coffee
- 10:00 a.m. - Welcome and Opening Prayer
- 10:15 a.m. - Roles, Responsibilities and Resources for Successful Formation
- 11:00 a.m. - Break
- 11:15 a.m. - Adult Learning Methods and The Fun Manual
- 12:15 p.m. - Brown Bag Lunch and fellowship
- 1:00 p.m. - Fun Manual Application Breakout Session
- 1:45 p.m. - Break
- 2:00 p.m. - Spirituality of the Formator
- 2:45 p.m. - Wrap-up and Closing Prayer