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# SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGIONAL FRATERNITY

March, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in St. Francis,

Greetings of peace to you and to your fraternity!

As Secular Franciscans, we know how important *fraternity* is in our calling.

*"The fraternity must offer to its members opportunities for coming together and collaborating through meetings to be held with as great a frequency as allowed by the situation and with the involvement of all its members." (Constitutions 53:1)*

We meet regularly with our local fraternities and in our Clusters or on Retreat. However, there is one, true opportunity for *all* of us to gather in fraternity as a **Regional Family**. This special time each year is our *Chapter of Mats*, also known as *CONVIVENZA*. At Convivenza everyone in the Region can come together to pray, learn, share and socialize. It should be the highlight of our year as Secular Franciscans in Our Lady of the Angels Region.

You have already received a "save the date" card announcing this year's gathering. (We thank Dolores Jules, OFS, for always offering her talents to create these invitations for us!) You will find more detailed information and an agenda for the day on page two of this letter. Please share this information with *everyone* in your fraternity. It is important that each member be made aware so that everyone is offered the opportunity to attend Convivenza.

Our gathering will be held on Saturday, April 25th, 2015, at Holy Name of Jesus Church, West 96th St. at Amsterdam Ave, Manhattan, NYC. We will begin with coffee and registration at 9:00 A.M. As always, we ask that you bring along a "brown bag" lunch. Please see page two for the day's complete schedule and directions to Holy Name Parish.

Please let us know how many will be attending from your fraternity by April 15<sup>th</sup>. You may e-mail or call me using the information at the left-hand side of this letter.

Thank you for your service to the Order. I look forward to seeing you on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Blessings,

Diane F. Menditto, OFS  
Minister, Our Lady of the Angels Region

## **SCHEDULE OF THE DAY**

- 9 AM - Registration and Coffee
- 9:30 - Morning Prayer
- 9:45 - Welcome and introduction of guest speaker
- 10 AM-10:30 - Talk: Fr. Matthew Pravetz, OFM
- 10:30-10:45 - Bathroom break
- 10:45 -11:30 - Questions and small group sessions
- 11:45 - Mass - (Homily continues Joy of the Gospel Theme)
- 12:30 to 1:15 - Lunch (Brown Bag)
- 1:15-2:15 - PowerPoint: "Joy of the Gospel and the OFS Rule" (Diane Menditto)  
followed by group sharing.
- 2:15 - Wrap-up and out

## **DIRECTIONS**

**Holy Name Parish**  
**207 W 96th Street**  
**New York, NY 10025-6337**  
**(212) 749-0276**

George Washington Bridge (Lower Level is better) to Henry Hudson Parkway South  
DOWNTOWN Exit at 95th Street Follow curve of exit and proceed to W. 95th Street Pass  
through 3 lights (Riverside Dr., West End Ave., and Broadway)

You can park in a garage between Broadway and Amsterdam Ave.

The church is on the corner of Amsterdam and West 96th Street.

Holy Angels Chapel entrance is on West 96th Street (go down the stairs).