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CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF THE APPROVAL OF THE 1978 RULE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

CHIARA

She was blessed with light, inner beauty as well as outward. Feeding the poor, caring for lepers was her joy from an early age.

Her fair skin, empathic eyes, heart of love shown around her as did her gleaming, flowing, golden hair.

Though many townsmen in Assisi dreamed of having her — she refused. "I am Christ's alone," she explained.

Hearing St. Francesco preach, the 18-year-old girl's heart was set ablaze! His life of poverty and joy was her dream, too.

Late one night—using the house's death door - Clare raced to the woods, Francesco meeting her with the brothers, candles in hand.



It had been planned and now, as Francesco cut her gleaming hair, she took the beautiful gown she wore and was clothed in simple garb, her eyes shining!

She lived in radiant joy as her light attracted other women, even members of her family.

She cared for all who suffered, even though she was ill herself.

She blossomed like a brilliant flower in wisdom, charity and gladness with Popes and nobles seeking her counsel.

Clare, bright, shimmering and faithful was a song of God, brave, compassionate, humble.

by
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and All Good!

We have been making many visitations recently. Three years ago, I first visited some of your fraternities. Now Fr. Frank, Bro. Lombardo and I (*plus some members of the Regional Executive Council*) have begun the second round. Visitations take time and planning, but the rewards are great.

It has been very exciting to see that a number of our fraternities are growing. They have had success in promoting vocations by:

- *Word of mouth...offering a personal invitation*
- *Reaching out to under-represented groups (language, age, interests). You never know!*
- *Fraternity participation in apostolates that reach out to and serve the larger community*
- *Nurturing a positive attitude within the fraternity...welcoming spirit*
- *Use of brochures and other printed material*
- *Sharing our new national website, our regional and local websites and our Facebook page with Catholic friends who are not yet Franciscans*
- *Having a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram*
- *Utilizing the National vocations tool kit*
- *Spreading the example of their own joyful Franciscan lives!*

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/guidelines-forms-other-resources/>



The possibilities for attracting vocations are endless.
We need to be patient and to be open to the Spirit.

On the other side of the coin, a few of our fraternities are struggling.
This breaks my heart because they were once vibrant.

Please keep all of our fraternities in your prayers!
The Holy Spirit is always ready to strengthen and guide...
Just ask Him!

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LETTER FROM THE REGIONAL MINISTER

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OUR REGIONAL RETREAT – A JOYFUL EXPERIENCE

This year's retreat was very successful. It gets better every year!

We saw some new faces this year. We are also blessed to have among us some younger adults who are discerning a vocation to the Order. I sat in on the excellent initial formation session given by our Regional Formation Director, Ed Wojciechowski, OFS. Our aspirants, inquirers, candidates and newly professed are impressive in their knowledge and spirit. God is giving us the gift of vocations. Please pray that their call will be strengthened, and that others will be drawn to the Order through them. At the end of the retreat, I thanked Nancy Conroy and her team. We often talk about collaboration as an important part of fraternity. This was a true example of collaboration!

Many of you were given the opportunity to use your talents to serve your brothers and sisters during the retreat. You were “brothers and sisters and mothers” so that others could rest in the Lord. What a blessing you are to us!

See the pictures at the link below, they are also on the Resources page of our regional website.

http://olangels.tripod.com/region_links.html



Many of you participated in our **SERVANT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP** which was held on September 29th. We received many good comments about the day, and we hope that you have shared what you learned with your fraternity members.

See the pictures at the link below (we combined Ed Wojciechowski's and my pictures into one group)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/yPsSx24TBdtbk2Jf9>



APPEALS

As you saw in a recent e-mail to the membership, our brothers and sisters in Venezuela are in need once again. If your fraternity has not done so yet, please consider a contribution to this worthwhile cause by sending fraternity donations to our Regional treasurer who will send one check to the National treasurer.

We have also had a request for special prayers for the people of Nicaragua who are suffering under a repressive regime. Our prayers are powerful!

So, my brothers and sisters, rejoice! We are part of a very special family, the family of Francis. I pray that we will always help one another to live out our vocation and that we will reach out collectively to make our world a better, more gospel-centered place.

Peace and blessings,

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JUSTICE, PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION

THE GREEN THING

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As I was preparing my article for this issue, a friend sent me the following which I want to share with you.

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment. The woman apologized to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations." The older lady said that she was right! "Our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day," she said.

The older lady went on to explain:

"Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable besides household garbage bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (*the books provided for our use by the school*) was not defaced by our scribbling. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags. But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

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Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house — not a TV in every room, and the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana.

In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power.

We exercised by working, so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty, instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water.

We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the blade in a razor, instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing."

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space to find the nearest burger joint. But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then?

Peace,



CHRISTOPHER LEONE, OFS

DISCERNMENT

At one point or another, we've all had to make decisions in our life. Some decisions are easy to make and don't require a lot of time and effort on our part.

Other decisions, such as getting married, changing jobs, moving to another state, or answering a religious vocation, are tougher to make because they have a large and long lasting impact on our life. These life-changing events require careful prayer, consideration and guidance from the Holy Spirit in order for us to make a wise decision on how we should proceed. That's where discernment comes in.

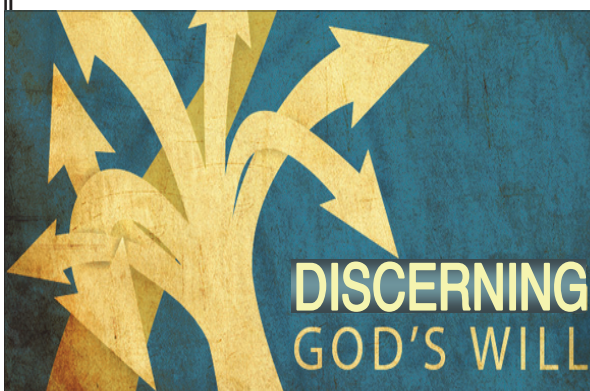
Discernment is a decision-making practice that honors the place of God's will in our lives. It is an interior search in which we seek to align our will with God's will. Discernment requires time, prayer and reflection in order for us to learn where God is leading us.



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*Here are some tips that can help you when
 you need to discern God's will in your life.*



✿ AVAILABILITY AND OPENNESS ✿

When you begin to discern God's will, the first step is to ask yourself if you are open to God's will. Is God calling me and am I free to answer God's call? We must be open to God's plan for us and be willing to act upon that calling. If we are not open to God's will, then we will stumble and not make the correct decision.

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✠ PRAYER ✠

Prayer is essential to discerning God's will and acting upon God's call wisely. We must make time to pray for the strength we need to discern and follow God's will in our life. One simple prayer often used for discernment is:

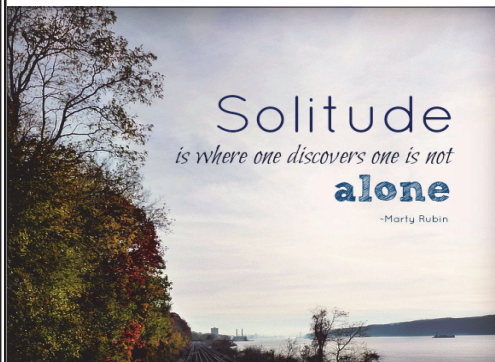
ST. FRANCIS' PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX:

*Most High glorious God, enlighten the darkness of my heart.
Give me right faith, sure hope and perfect charity.
Fill me with understanding and knowledge that
I may fulfill Your command.*

There are many other simple prayers that can also be used for discernment, but the Prayer before the Crucifix is part of our Franciscan tradition and has been used by many to discern God's will. You can also use your favorite passage from Sacred Scripture as a prayer during discernment. Do what works for you!

✠ TALK WITH SOMEONE YOU RESPECT ✠

God often speaks to us through the wisdom of others. It is a good idea to seek out the advice of someone you know and respect to help you discern God's will. It could be a close friend, a relative, a parish priest, a friar, or anyone else you know and trust. Remember that you are seeking their wisdom to help you make a decision and that they are not there to make the decision for you.



✠ SOLITUDE ✠

Although it is a good idea to seek out the wisdom of someone when making a decision, it is also important to take some time to be alone with your thoughts and let God speak to you. Know that God has a plan for you and His plan is driven by His love for you. Be honest with God. Tell Him your deepest desires and fears and take the time to listen to His answer in the silence of your heart.

✠ PATIENCE ✠

Be patient. Some decisions take longer than others. It is rare to make a life changing decision overnight.



Discernment is ongoing and can become part of a person's daily spiritual practices. We should always seek to discern God's will in our life and act according to His plan for us. Like any other spiritual exercise, the more often we practice discernment, the more it will enrich our relationship with the Trinity and lead us closer to Jesus.

Put your trust in the Holy Spirit to guide you and help you to follow God's will.

God Bless,

Ed
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BRIEFS

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SR. MARGARET CARNEY, OSF, spoke on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at the Immaculate Conception Province' Blessed John Duns Library on the topic: "Why Did St. Francis of Assisi Succeed?"

As the former president of St. Bonaventure University walked the attendees through this topic, she offered a consideration of the following areas:

Franciscans and elements of new and successful evangelization; Francis/Clare and the Church; Franciscans and secular kingdoms; and Franciscans and "Societal Grace."

These gave rise to lively questions and discussions.

Since its opening in 2015, the library has offered two lectures each year.

Past speakers include Fr. Murray Bodo, OFM, Fr. Michael Della Penna, OFM, Fr. Richard Martignetti, OFM, Sr. Clare D'Auria, OFS, and Br. Thomas W. Barton, OSF, of the Franciscan Brothers. Information on the Scotus Library can be found on

their website: <https://icprovince.org/events>



UPCOMING LECTURE SCHEDULED:

(see above website or the November issue of E-vents for further lectures and details)

APRIL 6, 2019 — Sr. Kathleen Osbelt, OSF, ON FRANCISCAN SOLITUDE.

DR. JOSHUA BENSON NAMED CHAIR OF ST. BONAVENTURE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND FRANCISCAN STUDIES



An associate professor in the School of Theology and Religious Studies at the Catholic University of America.

"Dr. Benson is Internationally renowned and his reputation as both a scholar and teacher precedes him," said Dr. David Hilmey, dean of the School of Arts & Sciences. "He represents new, cutting-edge research in Franciscan theology and his leadership will elevate the department and the university in this field of study."

I'm thrilled to have him lead our newly formed Department of Theology and Franciscan Studies." Benson earned his doctorate in historical theology from Saint Louis University (2007), his master's in Franciscan studies from St. Bonaventure (2002), and his bachelor's in philosophy from Canisius College (2000). In 2017 November, a move designed to strengthen both academics and mission, St. Bonaventure merged

the Dept. of Theology and School of Franciscan Studies. The department is housed under the School of Arts and Sciences.

"Having him on campus will strengthen the research and publications work of the Franciscan Institute," said Fr. David Couturier, O.F.M. Cap., executive director of the Franciscan Institute and director of University Planning.



PRIEST'S VOICE

by FR. SAMUEL MONACO, OFS

Most Holy Name Fraternity, Little Falls, NJ

In the aftermath of the Pennsylvania Diocese Victims Report, based on a two-year grand jury investigation from the Pennsylvania State Office of the Attorney General, looking into records of six of eight Catholic dioceses within the state, pertaining to widespread sexual abuse of children, teens, adults and the cover up, I wish to offer some personal thoughts as a priest, ordained for nearly 30 years and professed in the Secular Franciscan Order for over 20 years.

For starters, the 1st known publicized case of sexual abuse by a Roman Catholic priest in the United States was reported in 1985, when a priest from Louisiana plead guilty to the molestation of several boys.

In 2002, the *Boston Globe* and its "Spotlight Division" reported on multiple cases of child sexual abuse at the hands of priests and the cover up at the hands of church leadership in the Boston Archdiocese. Since that time the number of cases and credible allegations of child sexual abuse reported throughout the United States at the hands of perpetrators have become more publicized in the news media.



The Catholic Church has borne the brunt of most of this reporting, but the fact of the matter is that child sexual abuse in all of the controlling, damaging ways that it is administered, has become a more widespread societal crime. A crime that has infiltrated not just the Catholic Church worldwide, but other religious denominations and faith based groups. A crime that has also infiltrated schools, both private and public, athletic programs, scouting programs, youth camps, group residences, private homes and even healthcare environments.

The Crimes Against Children Research Center reports that 1 in 5 girls and 1 in 20 boys are victims of sexual abuse. This reporting can also be questioned due to the fact that many cases of child sexual abuse still go unreported in the U.S.

For priests like myself, these credible and substantiated criminal acts by brother priests are sad, appalling, and demoralizing to

the priesthood in general and completely dehumanizing. They are none other than grave acts of betrayal upon the innocence of children and can also be characterized as human rights violations. They are clearly criminal acts which bear the effects of lifelong trauma and multi-generational suffering.

The Church cover up scandal has also weighed heavily upon the credibility and trustful nature of Church leaders, including, but not limited to Diocesan bishops, Chancery personnel, Catholic school administrators, as well as priests and deacons.

There now seem to be recommendations that Attorney Generals in other U.S. states conduct similar grand jury investigations regarding Catholic dioceses of their states similar to the *Pennsylvania Victims Report*.

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It is my opinion that due to the widespread nature of child sexual abuse in the U.S. that such initiatives by state attorney general offices, involve investigations into all institutions and denominations that serve the needs of children, teens and adults, not just a select few.

There have even been initiatives as of late to ask the courts to readjust the statute of limitation laws to allow for abuse victims to bring lawsuits or initiate settlements against perpetrators for cases that would not have been considered for review by our legal system, due to these existing laws of limitation statutes, as they pertain to past cases today.

It goes without saying that the failure of the Catholic Church to properly deal with sex abuse allegations in the past, has instilled a great deal of anger and distrust towards the Church throughout the United States.

I believe that there has to be just and fair compensation given to abuse victims for such things as counseling expenses, loss of work wages, as well as pain and suffering estimates.

I also believe that the Church has to offer prompt healing and counseling services to those victims as their past cases of abuse come to light. It is also my opinion that the existing attitude of some of our leaders, be that of protecting the Church first and foremost from the shame

brought to light by abuse and cover up scandals, must now take a back seat to the prudent attitude of putting the Gospel message and the actions that must stem from it first. This has been the charism of the Franciscan Order and it must become a renewed foundational aspect of Church leadership and ministry going forth.

In more recent remarks, Pope Francis stated that the church over the years showed no care for the little ones, and that the church had abandoned them. The root cause of all this in my opinion is none other than clericalism, which in a nut shell is a classic definition of religious superiority and dominating control over others. It has been the root of most of our problems within the church and it has defiled the Roman Catholic Priesthood to this day. Fortunately, due to the diligence of professional legal advocates, the news media and law

enforcement, proper procedures and steps have been taken with regard to the reporting and investigation of all sexual abuse cases in the immediate aftermath of their acknowledgement to Church and Law Enforcement officials today.

In June of 2002, the *U.S. Conf. of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)* issued the “*Charter for the Protection of Children & Young People*” which are a set of procedures for addressing the sexual abuse of minors by Catholic clergy. While this Charter has been a successful means to minimize sexual abuse incidents and prompt more immediate reporting of allegations of sexual misconduct, there has been criticism pertaining to the Church response against those priests accused of misconduct and immediately suspended from their priestly duties, without due process and a fair investigation.

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Many of these accused priests have had to resort to civil and canon law experts to appeal for justice on their behalf to the Vatican. A famous example of this scenario occurred in 1994 when Joseph Cardinal Bernardin, then Archbishop of Chicago, was falsely accused of sexual misconduct.

The charges were eventually dropped when the accuser indicated that he was mistaken in his accusations against the Cardinal.

For those priests and bishops accused of sexual misconduct that is deemed credible and substantiated with sound evidence, the proper Church and legal procedures now in place must certainly run their course through all proper channels.

The bottom line is that more healing must now take place.

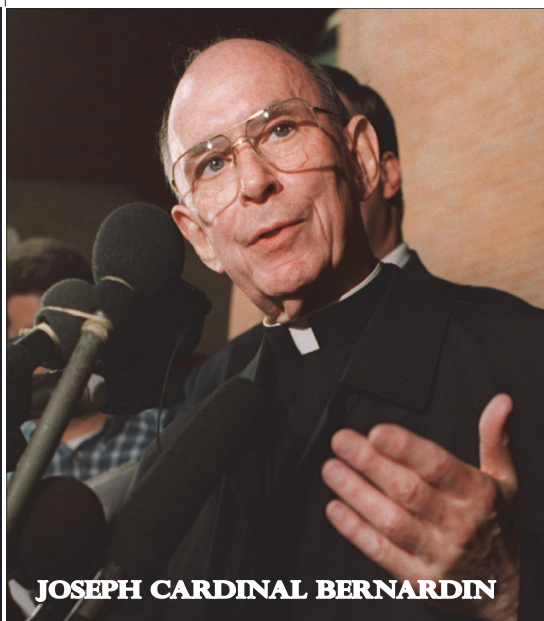
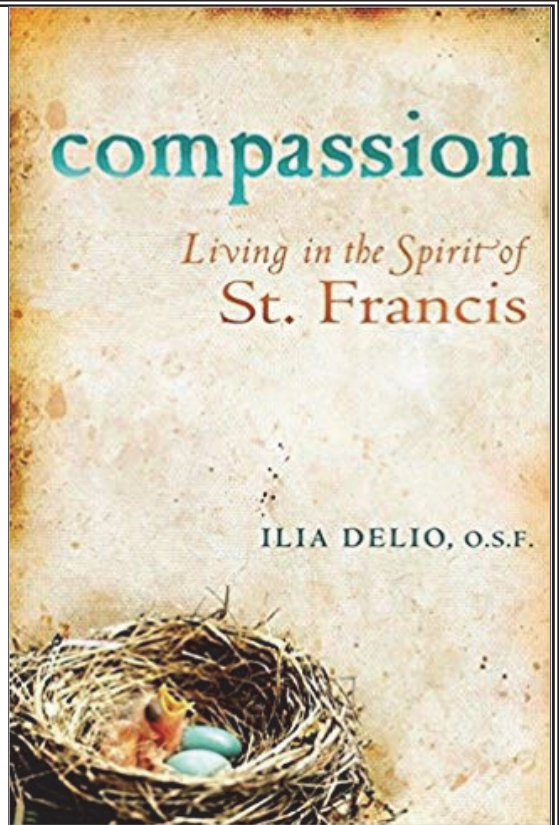
Abuse victims and their families must be led towards a healing process that will ease their trauma, give them just compensation for valid reasons and help them to journey towards a process of being able to offer forgiveness to the church and those who abused them in the first place.

In her book entitled: *"Compassion, Living in the Spirit of St. Francis,"* Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF, writes:

*"His (St. Francis)
'Canticle of Creatures'
sings of compassion,
a unity in love with
everything in creation.
Each element bears
immense dignity and
no element of creation,*

*no matter how small,
is insignificant.
Light shines through the
most humble of creatures
because divine
compassion is the
luminous thread that binds
all together in love.*

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Let us pray that the church may continue to heal from all that has defiled it, purify itself from within and serve the Lord not only in word and deed, but with compassionate, humble hearts.

FRATERNAL BRIEFS

by

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Pictured L-to-R:

Joe Wickham, OFS
Debbie Wickham, OFS
Irena Debernardo, OFS
Elizabeth Saksen, OFS
Sr. Janice Jolin, SMIC
Kate Asselin, OFS
Jody Pihokker, OFS
Patricia Rhoades

Some members of the Most Holy Name Fraternity in Little Falls, NJ, spent several hours at the Cloisters in N.Y.C. It was a great day to spend time with each other and experience the spirit of the place.

After spending several hours wandering through history and art, we finished by breaking bread together at a local diner. A wonderful experience with our sisters and brothers.

Here are quotes about their experience from some who attended.

"It was like walking back in time into the celebration of religious work all done to remember the Holy."

~ **SR. JANICE JOLIN, SMIC**

"The collection is amazing. It includes beautiful tapestries woven over a lifetime, stained glass, ancient vestments, pottery, jewelry, altar pieces, sarcophagi, and so much more. What a lovely visit with the past."

~ **ELIZABETH SAKSEN, OFS**

"I was so happy to finally get to the Cloisters after years of wanting to go. That I was able to share the experience with my fraternity brothers and sisters made it even more memorable. The tour dealing with 6th-12th century monks was terrific."

~ **JODY PIHOKKER, OFS**

"The Cloisters is less a museum than a medieval castle rebuilt (literally) in modern day New York and filled with the art of Christian Europe from the middle ages:

tapestries, paintings, illuminated manuscripts, sculpture, stained glass, monumental crucifixes, carved altar pieces, frescos, stone effigies, precious metal work, and much, much more.

My favorite exhibits were the Unicorn Tapestries, the illuminated manuscripts and the miniature wood or ivory carvings of Biblical scenes.

I hope to visit that world again in the summer when the Cloister gardens are open."

~ **KATE ASSELIN, OFS**

What the OFS Order of Secular Franciscans Means to Me



by
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Professed on
May 28, 1968,
it is now over 50 years
that Anthony R. Marinelli
was professed into the
Secular Franciscan Order.

During the spring and summer months, we would pray a weekly rosary outside someone's home or back yard, and many people would join us. We'd gather for the funerals of our deceased brothers and sisters and accompanied them down the aisle of the church during the funeral Mass as a religious order.

What most people do not know is that our original *Rule* was written by St. Francis of Assisi himself and it was recognized by Rome over 800 years ago. The *Rule* was written for men and women, married or single, who wished to follow the Franciscan way of life.

At one time seculars wore the full Franciscan habit, but with time, things changed. Before Regionalization took place, fraternities would belong to the Friar Provinces. My earlier fraternity belonged to the Italian Branch of the Immaculate Conception Province, which allowed professing members to wear a Franciscan habit if they wanted, and to choose a religious name.

We were also allowed to wear the habit on certain occasions, such as church processions, St. Francis Feast Day Mass and for our burial. Today, we wear the Tau Cross, which is our recognized habit. The Tau Cross reminds us of who we are and how we are to live.

In my younger days, when I lived in Astoria, Queens, SFO members would go on a weekly basis to Welfare Island to visit with the mentally ill and the sick. On weekends we would stop in to visit our sick and old friends who were in need of company. I always tried to bring them some joy and laughter, a song and a prayer.

I could go on and on sharing many beautiful and heartwarming stories, but if you want to know what the Secular Franciscan Order truly is, it is an exalted, enthusiastic expression of love for the poor (the poorest of the poor), of having compassion for the sick and the elderly, of giving financial help where needed, and giving totally of ourselves.

We are to live by the Gospel, and to make present the charism of St. Francis in the life and mission of the church. We are transformed to love all the people that we meet, and to present ourselves to the world as a community of love.

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We are to evangelize, to listen, to help fix, to make better, to interact with all people of every creed and color especially the children who in today's world are so much in need of guidance.

We, Secular Franciscans,
are to become another Christ.
We are to make visible to all
the love of Christ, the love
for creation, and the joy of
the beauty of God.
We are to enter into the Mind
and Heart of God.

In 2002 November, St. Pope John Paul II stated in his audience with Secular Franciscans that we must:

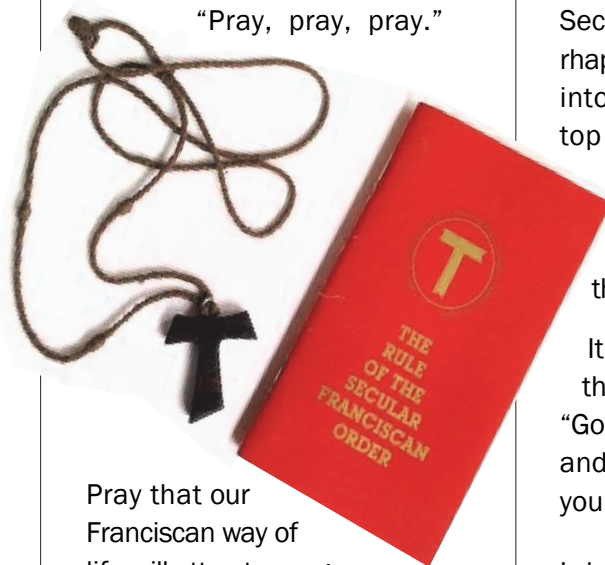
MAKE PRESENT the charism of
St. Francis in the life and
in the mission of the Church.

BECOME SACRAMENTS of Christ
and make visible the
Father's love.

BUILD a more just and
fraternal world.

As we progress and grow older,
what can we do?

"Pray, pray, pray."



Pray that our
Franciscan way of
life will attract younger
people to our Order and
continue where we leave off.
That we may become mentors
to a new generation of seculars.
With our maturing, may we
continue to communicate to
others of spiritual ecumenism,
growing in communion in the
Church— even those of different
churches. We must continue
to live beside our separated
brothers and sisters and not
treat them as strangers.

To sum it up in my own
words and feelings, our
Secular Franciscan Order is a
rhapsody of love. It's like looking
into the evening sky from the
top of a mountain and seeing all
the stars and planets
spinning around, and you
want to reach out and join
them and touch them.

It is a feeling inside you of
that love of God saying,
"Go — go and continue My work
and bring My love to whomever
you touch."

I have had the privilege of
belonging to two provinces.
My first, about twenty years with
the Province of the Immaculate
Conception-St. Rita's RC Church
in Astoria, Queens. Then, when
I moved to New Jersey, it changed
to the Most Holy Name Province—
where I am now with the St.
Peter Fraternity in Somerset, NJ.

Our salutation of *Pace e Tutti
Bene — Peace & All Good*
must be for all.



"THE GOSPEL
MUST
BECOME NOW"



FRATERNITY SPOTLIGHT



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SAINT LOUIS FRATERNITY

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Follow the Cornerstone! Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

The Saint Louis Fraternity was formally established on September 15, 1996. In April of 1993, Susan Lee, OFS, of the NYC Korean Martyrs Fraternity worked with seven inductees from the New Jersey Fraternity and held small meetings. Susan invited Friar Francisco Kim, OFM, from the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus of the Order of Friars Minor to become the spiritual advisor for the fraternity. The first meeting of the fraternity took place on May 8, 1993, in Teaneck, New Jersey where there were only 18 members at the time. Through word of mouth and the help of many Franciscan friars and ministers, the number of members grew as time passed on towards the early 2000's. The fraternity grew rich in faith and more people attended the meetings, prayer service, and retreats with the members of the NYC Korean Martyrs Fraternity.

Our fraternity is a community of Korean American parishioners gathered from many churches such as: Saint Andrew Kim in Maplewood, NJ, the parish of Saint Joseph in Demarest, NJ, the R.C. Church of Korean Martyrs in Saddle Brook, NJ, Saint Michael Church in Palisades Park, NJ, and the Church of the Madonna in Fort Lee, NJ. We meet every second Sunday of the month to pray and discuss our current missions.

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The love and guidance of Jesus Christ has blessed our fraternity to envision a greater goal of service and humility. Therefore, we started our International Missions in June 2014. Our calling was recognized when we helped with the Wells Project for Rev. Patrick Chrisanga, OFM, of Zambia, Africa.



We held fundraising lunch events in both the New Jersey and New York parishes after Sunday mass and as a result raised enough funds for the Franciscan community in Zambia to build more than 20 wells!

Father Francisco Kim, OFM, who is the spiritual advisor of our fraternity, traveled to Zambia to help complete the construction of the wells and celebrated with the villagers and the Franciscan community.

The fundraising lunch events brought great interest from many people. We received donations from many kind and supportive parishioners and many volunteers joined to help with our lunch events.

For the fund raising lunch menus, we made Korean and Japanese food such as Poke, Sushi, and Udon to our parishes.

We sent donated items to the Korean Franciscan Missionary



Sisters of Service at Zambia such as chasubles, chalices and patens, prayer books and rosaries from our generous parishes from both New Jersey and New York.

Our Lord, Jesus Christ who is our Cornerstone allows us to follow in His footsteps towards the path of love, sacrifice and the Word of God.

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Through the help of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Service from Zambia, we've contacted other Franciscan Missionary Sisters in countries such as Myanmar, Ecuador, Vietnam and Indonesia where they continue to build a strong Catholic community.

We have also sent new reading glasses, sunglasses, hats, nail clippers and other essential items for the Sisters at Myanmar to use during their daily activities.

We've helped our Franciscan Sisters from the Pentecostal Peace Village by donating money to support the children and teenagers at orphanages in Ecuador.



AS FOR THE FUTURE, we plan to hold more fund raising events to support the Franciscan Sisters and the people of Vietnam and Indonesia.

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AS FOR OUR DOMESTIC MISSIONS, our missionary team visits the Green Haven Correctional Facility in Stormville, NY to meet the Korean American prisoners about once or twice a month. We greet them and give them prayer books, daily mass readings and food. We've helped them to stay in contact with their family and loved ones.



Before Easter of 2018, we helped the prisoners attend Mass and receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.

We've visited with the seniors and disabled Korean members of our Franciscan community and prayed together.

We remember the sick and deceased Korean members of the Franciscan community by offering intercessions during masses and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

We are called to love and serve our brothers and sisters through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Our fraternity helps us to nurture our faith in God and to strengthen the relationship with our community.

We hope to inspire many people on our journey!

May God bless you! Thank you!



FRATERNITY APOSTOLATE

by
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TRASH TO TREASURE PROGRAM

What's a Pop-Top Tab ?

It's only a tab that barely weighs anything.

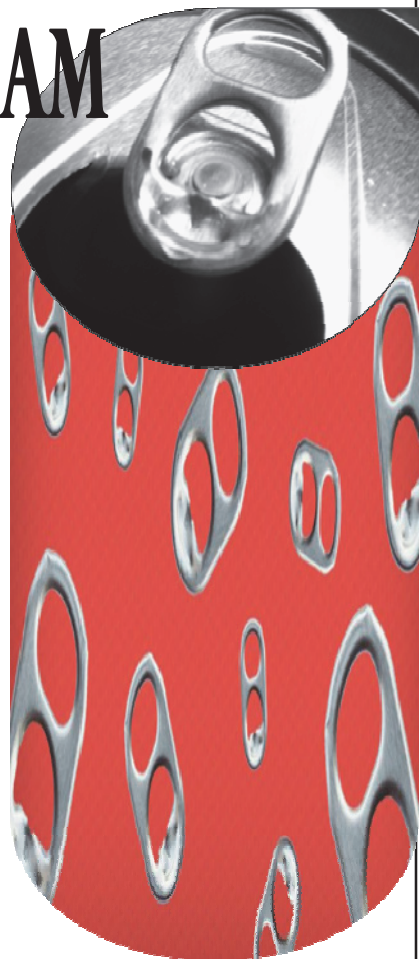
What WORTH does it have? Who WANTS these anyway?

St. Mary's Secular Franciscans have been saving Pop-Tops for the past year. So many, in fact, that they've weighed almost 50 lbs. These tabs are the only thing on soda, pet food and soup cans that are pure aluminum AND Ronald McDonald House loves them! Why? Because they take all of these pop-tops to a recycling center where they will generate money that helps support the *HOUSE THAT LOVE BUILT* — a temporary “home-away-from-home” for families of seriously ill or injured children being treated at nearby hospitals.

We think it's a fabulous way of focusing on taking something so small and overlooked, something most folks think of as garbage and turning it into something worthwhile—helping seriously ill children, their families, and our environment.

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OUR GOAL? TO COLLECTIVELY... DONATE ONE MILLION POP-TOPS FROM OUR SECULAR FRANCISCAN REGION. WON'T YOU, YOUR FRATERNITIES AND FAMILIES JOIN US IN THIS WORTHY ENDEAVOR?



Photos credit: JOSEPH J. BOROWSKI, OFS



When contacting the Ronald McDonald House, I spoke with Lynne Siedentop, Operations Director for the RM House of Central and Northern NJ, who explained how the pop-top program provides staples for those families who stay at their facilities. The proceeds from the pop-tops further aid them with the purchase of eggs, butter, bread, and fresh fruit, among other things.

This program is cumulative in our reaching the goal of one million pop-tops, they need not be accumulated all at one time. McDonald's only request is that pop-top collections be an ongoing process.

The general formula for counting the pop-tops is 1,000 pop-tops equal 1 lb.

Based upon that formula, we estimate having shipped about 50,000 pop-tops (to date) to the RM House in New Brunswick.

Our fraternity concern is that if we become the collection center for obtaining tabs from participating fraternities, the cost of having them mailed to us may exceed the cost of what they would receive at the recycling center.

Lynne's suggestion was to have the local fraternities take the pop-tops to their local recycling center, receive the cash and send the money in the form of a check or money order to the St. Mary of the Assumption fraternity with a notation of how many pop-tops were included so could accumulate the tab count with us.

However, having each fraternity take their pop-tops to a recycling facility, is to me, adding an unnecessary extra burden.

For each fraternity willing to participate in this apostolate, I will be happy to discuss a mutually agreeable arrangement for collections.

With that in mind, will you commit to start collecting these pop-tops that will help the children, their families, and the environment?

One Million pop-tops is NOT out-of-reach!
Together — we CAN do it.

Please contact me.
I look forward to hearing back from many of you.



The Time Was Right

BY JUDY JOYCE, OFS

St. Anne's Fraternity, Fair Lawn, NJ

I was born in Minnesota, but raised in California; I was the oldest of five children. At the end of my first year of college my father was transferred to New Jersey. I met Bill at college in New Jersey, and we married after I graduated. We lived in New Jersey for forty years and moved to St. Augustine, Florida in 2007.

Bill was received into the Secular Franciscan Order in 1981, and professed in 1982. He was first at the Sacred Heart Fraternity in Rochelle Park, New Jersey. When the Sacred Heart Fraternity folded in 1994, Bill joined the St. Anne's fraternity in Fair Lawn, New Jersey. Sometimes I attended the Franciscans' social gatherings, along with our five children. Every year, for the Christmas meeting, I prepared a turkey and gravy. In keeping with the Franciscans' mendicant tradition, we got a free turkey with supermarket coupons. I also attended the annual summer picnic. I met really good people and was always invited to join the Secular Franciscans, but the time wasn't right.

In 2002, we attended the Secular Franciscans' Quinquennial Convention, the "Q" in New Orleans. I attended as a visitor and was impressed with all the wonderful Franciscans I met, folks from all over the country, but the time wasn't right.

In 2007, soon after we moved to St. Augustine, we attended another "Q" this time in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The Franciscan spirit there was overwhelming. I began to feel that I wanted to be a part of this group, but the time wasn't right.

When Bill joined the St. Augustine Fraternity at Palm Coast, I accompanied him to the meetings. I was impressed with the love and warmth of the fraternity. Bill always said that I was an Inquirer for almost three decades; finally, the members of St. Augustine Fraternity convinced me to take the step as visitor, then Inquirer. On June 19th, 2010, I made my profession as a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. The time was right.

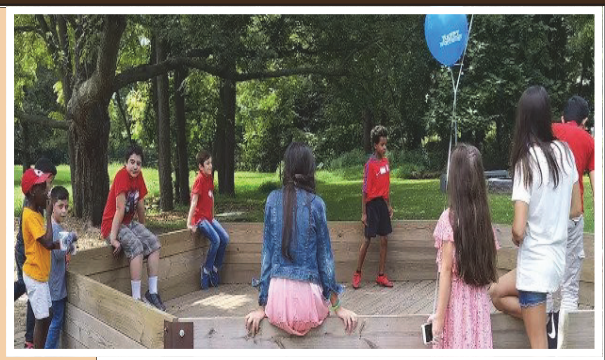
—WE ARE SADDENED TO REPORT THAT JUDY PASSED AWAY AUGUST 4, 2018.

Bill, Judy's husband, shared that,

"Judy loved being a Franciscan and participated in fraternity life both in Florida and Fair Lawn. We attended every "Q" from 2002 to 2016. For every pre-Christmas fraternity meeting, I got a fresh turkey from the Goffle Road Turkey Farm and she cooked it."



FRATERNITY APOSTOLATE



IN GIVING, WE RECEIVED

THE FRANCISCAN IMPERATIVE OF SERVICE IS PART OF THE LIVES OF ALL FRATERNITY MEMBERS AND ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 26, MEMBERS OF THE MOST HOLY NAME FRATERNITY OF LITTLE FALLS, NJ, WERE AGAIN REMINDED THAT AN ACT OF SERVICE CAN TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF THOSE WHO SERVE, AS WELL AS THOSE WHO ARE SERVED.



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Most Holy Name
Fraternity
Little Falls, NJ**



THE MOST HOLY NAME FRATERNITY is a participating organization in the *North Jersey Interfaith Cares*, a charity whose current focus is on providing assistance to refugees of the Syrian Civil War who have been relocated in our area.

We achieve that objective in several ways:

- Education and skill-building, most notably English as a Second Language training
- Direct emergency financial and in-kind support as needed and perhaps most importantly,
- Acts of fellowship and friendship

The latter was our emphasis that Sunday, when the *North Jersey Interfaith Cares* conducted its 2nd Annual picnic for the Syrian refugee families at the Wayne, NJ YMCA. The event featured plenty of food —of course, balloons, soccer games, face painting, and other activities. The children received fully loaded backpacks to help ready them for the upcoming school year. Gift cards were raffled off as well.

What made the day unique for the volunteers was the interaction with the guest families. At their urging, we had asked them to bring their ethnic potluck dishes to share with one another. We did this with some hesitancy, knowing their limited resources. Yet they overwhelmed us with what they brought; afterwards they were able to take home plenty of leftovers.



The volunteers spent the day in rapt conversation with the families. In their rapidly-improving English, they told us of the travails they had gone through to get

here, their continuing struggles in an unfamiliar and sometimes hostile environment, and their gratitude for the kindnesses that we had provided.

We ended the day having learned that gratitude works both ways.



We ourselves were grateful for the opportunity to see our guest families not as refugees, but as equals. Maybe even as friends. It wasn't exactly kissing the leper, but it was a step forward in our own ongoing formation.

For more information on the *North Jersey Interfaith Cares*, please contact us at info@northjerseyinterfaithcares.org





R E F L E C T I O N

“Silence is the
language of God.
Everything else
is a poor translation.”

Rumi

NICOLE SILDARRIAGA

St. Francis Fraternity, Hackensack, NJ

This reflection has existed in many different forms before making its way to your hands, gentle reader. As much as any millennial hates to admit this, I am in fact your average millennial, and my constant inner cocktail of nerves and perfectionism led me to write, rewrite, and keep rewriting what should have been a simple reflection on our recent regional retreat at Mt. Alvernia.

In the past two weeks, I’ve pored over my notes, I’ve written long-winded personal anecdotes, I’ve looked up facts and quotes and figures. It’s all been very “me” and it also hasn’t gotten me anywhere close to the feelings I want to express about the retreat or my decision to inquire with the Secular Franciscan Order.

Thankfully, God has just inspired me with a moment of inner quiet—a moment that has helped me to strip away the extra noise and realize that this holy soul-quiet is precisely what I’d like to address.

As I’m sure is obvious by now, I drove up to Mt. Alvernia simply hoping for a weekend of rest and quiet to “finally” do some “real” discerning about the Secular Franciscans. As if my life didn’t already feel overly harried and overbooked, I got caught in three hours of traffic on my way up, and arrived at the registration table breathless, dropping my belongings and feeling generally mortified that I couldn’t keep my life together long enough to be on time.

I mention this because it’s a symptom of what God and I struggle with most in our relationship. I long for Him to the point of what sometimes feels like real pain, but even if I manage to be diligent in the time I set aside for Him, it’s difficult for me to let go of the “to-do” list long enough to just be still.

I’ll be talking to Him and also be acutely aware that my insides are physically buzzing with the rush of anxiety, tasks, chores, responsibilities, and people who need me... it feels like the aftermath of too much coffee.

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Sr. Kathleen Osbelt, OSF, who led wonderful talks during the retreat about the life and prayer of St. Clare, spoke right to my soul when she spoke about Clare's great love of—even insistence on—silence in her relationship with God. It was during Sr. Kathleen's discussion about Clare's contemplative prayer that I realized: I am someone who often brings herself to anxious tears because God doesn't seem to answer her frantic prayers and questions, and yet I *rarely* give God the space to answer. Even in the act of prayer, I can be like a child who talks and cries over her parent's soothing.

"This was a powerful realization for me. It's not one that was totally new to me, but for the first time I *felt* how this habit is not only hurting my relationship with God, but is also hurting me. I've been looking for some sign that God is listening, but I've been looking outside of myself—hoping to see a message in the clouds or find a prayer card in the street or open my bible to the perfect passage. All this time I've been looking for signs, I haven't given God the chance to speak from within my own heart.

That's the thing about quiet, too—it doesn't wait around for us to find it or use it. It doesn't matter what century it is, or how much technology we have to distract us—and I know it doesn't matter because even Clare had to furiously guard her quiet, contemplative time, centuries ago when there was no *Netflix*.

The type of quiet in which God speaks to us is an inner quiet. It's not one that we can "hope to find time for" in our busy schedules.

It's not even one that we can stumble upon by accident. It's a quiet that, ironically, requires effort and action. It's time that we must *make* instead of hope for.

Most importantly, it's a quiet that I can access at any moment of the day, because it lives within me. With a few deep breaths I can access it during a walk in the park, or behind the counter at work, or in the shower, or on the treadmill at the gym—and God will be there, reaching out from within and ready to just sit in the stillness with me.

This all reminds me of something my family's favorite saint, St. Pio of Pietrelcina, once said:

***"Do not even ask where the Lord is,
because He is within you...with you,
in your weeping and your seeking."***

I am nowhere near perfect—

I get anxious, I make mistakes, I miscalculate the time and arrive late, and I overbook myself, but in my journey with God, I hope to never forget what I learned during this retreat.

Thank you—all of you—for welcoming me and being present as I learn what is likely the most important lesson I've learned in all my life: my Father is always available to me.

No matter how far I am from a church, no matter how long my shift is or how much laundry I need to do, I am never alone, and He is always speaking to me.





† ROSEMARY DESANDO, OFS

Called home to the Lord– October 26, 2017.

Rosemary was a member of the SAINTS ELIZABETH & LOUIS FRATERNITY in New York City. Her Profession was celebrated November 10, 1966.

† BETTY HANLON, OFS

Called home to the Lord– December 28, 2017.

Betty was a member of the LITTLE PORTION FRATERNITY in Westchester, NY. Her Profession was celebrated June 8, 1992.

† KEN WILSHAW, OFS

Called home to the Lord– March 4, 2018.

Ken was a member of the ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FRATERNITY in Middlesex, NJ. His Profession was celebrated February 13, 1994.

† FINNY SAPORITO OFS

Called home to the Lord– April 6, 2018.

Finny was a member of the ST. JOHN VIANNEY FRATERNITY in Colonia, NJ. Her Profession was celebrated December 13, 2009.

Her thoughtfulness will always be remembered, she never missed sending a birthday or special occasion card to members in all her years with the fraternity.



† VERONICA MOON SOOK HO, OFS

Called home to the Lord– April 7, 2018.

Veronica was a member of the KOREAN MARTYRS FRATERNITY in NYC. Her Profession was celebrated November 10, 2002.

† HELEN DEMARTINO, OFS

Called home to the Lord– April 22, 2018.

Helen, 88, was a member of the ST. FRANCIS FRATERNITY in Hoboken, NJ. Her Profession was celebrated December 14, 2008.

† ANNA L. LICAMELI, OFS - AUGUST 7, 1929 – APRIL 25, 2018

Called home to the Lord– April 25, 2018.

Anna, 88, was professed into the Secular Franciscan Order on May 1, 1953 to the St. Conrad's Fraternity in Hoboken, NJ. In 1985, Anna joined the ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FRATERNITY in Hackensack, NJ. She was a member of the Legion of Mary; served as a volunteer at a local nursing home where she taught residents how to make rosary beads which were later sent to missionaries; and was a former member of the RENEW Group at the Corpus Christi R.C. Church in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ.

† ERNIE LECKENBUSCH, OFS

Called home to the Lord– April 28, 2018.

Ernie was a member of the ST. THOMAS MORE FRATERNITY in NYC, and had served as Treasurer of the Fraternity. Before joining St. Thomas More fraternity, he'd been a member of the Vico Necchi fraternity. His Profession was celebrated December 7, 1982.

† MARGUERITE COX, OFS

Called home to the Lord– May 11, 2018.

Marguerite was professed in January 1962 and was a Charter member of the English Branch of the ST. FRANCIS FRATERNITY in Hackensack, NJ, founded in 1962 and served many times as Minister of the Fraternity. She was a mentor to many of us who now serve the fraternity as leaders. Marguerite was the backbone of the fraternity and mentor to many of the fraternity members. She was the essence of what commitment to the Order is about.



† VICKIE DAVIS, OFS

Called home to the Lord– June 2, 2018.

Vickie was a member of the ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY in NYC. Her Profession was celebrated September 14, 2013.

† JEAN KOHLER, OFS

Called home to the Lord– June 29, 2018.

Jean was a former member of the ST. FRANCIS FRATERNITY in Hackensack, NJ. Though she'd moved to Florida, the Fraternity always kept in touch with her. Her Profession was celebrated March 11, 1982.

† JUDY JOYCE, OFS

Called home to the Lord– August 4, 2018.

Judy was a member of the SAINT ANNE'S FRATERNITY in Fair Lawn, NJ. Her Profession was celebrated June 19, 2010.

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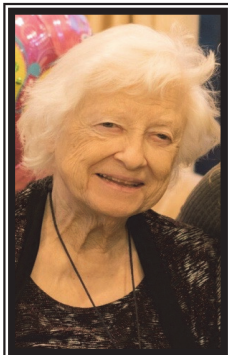
LORD, WE PRAY FOR
OUR FAMILY
OF
FRANCISCAN
BROTHERS
AND SISTERS
WHO HAVE
ENTERED INTO
ETERNAL LIFE.

WITH THE ARRIVAL
OF SISTER DEATH,
THE LIFE WE KNOW
IS CHANGED,
NOT ENDED.

SADNESS GIVES WAY
TO THE
BRIGHT PROMISE
OF IMMORTALITY.

OUR DEPARTED
BROTHERS AND SISTERS
REMAIN A PART
OF THE
COMMUNION OF SAINTS
AS WELL AS OUR
FRATERNITIES.

PLEASE KEEP THEM
LOVINGLY IN
YOUR PRAYERS.
AMEN.



† **LYN SCHEURING, OFS**

Called home to the Lord – September 20, 2018.
NOVEMBER 11, 1937 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2018

Lyn, 80, was professed into the Secular Franciscan Order on October 4, 1985 to the SERVANTS OF GOD FRATERNITY in Yonkers, NY. A fraternity which she, along with husband, Tom Scheuring, and Deacon David Campbell, were instrumental in co-founding.

Along with Tom, Lyn was also co-founder and co-director of L.A.M.P., *Lay Apostolic Ministries with the Poor* Catholic Ministries.

Lyn had considerable talent as an artist. During the summer before they married, she worked as an artist with “Summer In the City”, a government program in the vastly populated South Bronx, to engage the youth through the arts. She knew that her life’s direction was to serve the Lord through the Catholic Church, but didn’t feel called to consecrated religious life and didn’t know if it was compatible with married life.

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† **LORI PIEPER, OFS**

Called home to the Lord –
August 8, 2018.

Lori was professed into the Secular Franciscan Order in 1991 and was an active member of the ST. BARNABAS FRATERNITY, BRONX, NY OF THE TAU CROSS REGION.

In July 2006, she was appointed a member of the Int’l Commission of the Order and was charged with overseeing the celebration of the 8th Centenary of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the patroness of the Secular Franciscan Order. She also published a historical bio of Saint Elizabeth called, *The Greatest of These is Love: The Life of St. Elizabeth of Hungary* (Tau Cross Books and Media, 2007, 2nd ed. 2013), and a documentary on her called, *A Woman for Our Time: St. Elizabeth of Hungary* in 2011.



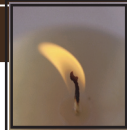
She received her BA in Humanities and MA in History from the University of Northern Iowa and her PhD in Medieval History from Fordham

University. Lori could read and translate from Italian, German, Latin, French and Spanish.

She had articles published in many periodicals and worked for some years as a professional translator. Since 1990, she contributed translations of John Paul I’s writings to the journal *Humilitas*; some of these appeared in *The Smiling Pope: The Life and Teaching of Pope John Paul I*, published by OSV.

Lori had recently relocated to Iowa from NYC, and on Wednesday, August 8th, she did not awake from her sleep.

SISTER DEATH



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Tom, who was pursuing the same direction in his life, eventually convinced her that being married and serving the Lord through the Church was compatible. They were married at St. Athanasius Church in the South Bronx 50 years ago, on June 15, 1968.

Unable to find a program that had the vision they were seeking, by God's grace, they began LAMP (Lay Apostolic Ministries *with* the Poor) Ministries, and moved to the Bronx where they continued to raise their family and directed LAMP in its ministries of evangelization among the materially poor.

From the beginning, most of the LAMP Missionaries have been serving in the NY Archdiocese, where its center is located.

In 1999, Cardinal O'Connor granted LAMP Ministries a canonical status within the Catholic Church, thereby affirming its Catholic identity. A year earlier he had invited LAMP to be among the original ten groups to be on the Archdiocesan Council for Ecclesial Movements and New Communities.

To strengthen their service to the Church through LAMP, Lyn received an MA in Religious Studies from Fordham, and she and Tom each pursued and were awarded a Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham in 1990.

Two years later they were asked by Fr. Michael Scanlan, OFM, resident of the Franciscan University of Steubenville, (FUS) to bring LAMP to that University to strengthen its faith outreach among the poor, and to teach Theology.

Believing that was God's call, they moved their family to Steubenville and developed faith oriented outreaches at the University. Lyn also taught courses in Franciscan Spirituality. In 1995, they returned to the Bronx to direct LAMP, with others from LAMP going to FUS to continue LAMP's ministry outreaches there.

Lyn authored and published a book, entitled, "Paradox of Poverty: St. Francis of Assisi and St. John of the Cross", which was based on her doctoral dissertation.

She, along with Tom, published numerous articles, and authored two books: "Two For Joy" and "God Longs for Family", and with Marybeth Greene, a book on LAMP entitled: "The Poor and the Good News".



VISITATIONS

ASSUMPTION

FRATERNITY # 102

WOOD RIDGE, NJ

APRIL 6, 2018

ST. PETER

FRATERNITY # 113

SOMERSET, NJ

JUNE 16, 2018

DIVINE MERCY

FRATERNITY # 166

CLIFTON, NJ

AUGUST 18, 2018

SACRED HEART

FRATERNITY # 146

YONKERS, NY

SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

FRATERNITY # 143

MIDDLESEX, NJ

MAY 20, 2018

ST. ANTHONY

FRATERNITY # 161

BUTLER, NJ

JULY 10, 2018

SERVANTS OF GOD

FRATERNITY # 168

YONKERS, NY

SEPTEMBER 12, 2018

ST. FRANCIS

FRATERNITY # 106

HOBOKEN, NJ

OCTOBER 17, 2018

ST. ELIZABETH OF

HUNGARY

FRATERNITY # 123

STATEN ISLAND, NY

JUNE 7, 2018

SAN DAMIANO

FRATERNITY

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NEWTON, NJ

JULY 11, 2018

ST. ANNE'S

FRATERNITY

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FAIR LAWN, NJ

SEPTEMBER 17, 2018

ELECTIONS

“THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS for your willingness to be of service to the brothers and sisters of your Fraternity. Please be assured of our prayers and whatever assistance we can provide as you give your best efforts to serve your Fraternity.”

ELECTION RESULTS of October 15, 2017

ST. THOMAS MORE FRATERNITY # 115, NEW YORK CITY

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NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL AS PICTURED IN ABOVE PHOTO L-TO-R:

MYRIAM HART, OFS, Minister; ANTHONY MATUS, OFS, Formation Director;
CAROL EMSWORTH, OFS, Secretary; STACEY ANTINE, OFS, Vice Minister;
ELEANOR QUARANTO, OFS, Treasurer.

ELECTION RESULTS of April 28, 2018

PORZIUNCOLA FRATERNITY # 136, EAST HANOVER, NJ

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NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL PICTURED
IN OPPOSITE PHOTO L-TO-R:

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LINDA PASQUALE, OFS
Vice Minister
CHRIS LEONE, OFS
Minister
VICTORIA ROBINSON, OFS
Formation Director
MARIE MANNO, OFS
Treasurer

ELECTION RESULTS of May 9, 2018

ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY # 120, NEW YORK CITY

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NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL PICTURED
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FRONT ROW:

JULIA McCANTS, OFS, Vice Minister
PHYLLIS MADGE COOKE, OFS, Minister

BACK ROW:

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PEGGY LEDGER, OFS, Secretary

MISSING FROM PHOTO:

ROCHELLE MARTIN, OFS, Councilor
FR. MATTHEW PRAVETZ, OFM
Spiritual Assistant
SR. CHALA HILL, FHM
Co-Spiritual Assistant

ELECTION RESULTS of August 6, 2018

MOST HOLY NAME FRATERNITY # 112, LITTLE FALLS, NJ

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PROFESSIONS



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ON JUNE 6, 2018, ST. CONRAD OF PARZHAM FRATERNITY, HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY CELEBRATED THE PROFESSION OF JUAN BAUTISTA REYES, OFS.

PICTURED IN ABOVE PHOTO, L-TO-R, STANDING (BACK ROW):

FR. REMO DI SALVATORE, OMF CAP, Pastor of St. Ann Church; ALFONSO ZAMBRANO, OFS, Minister; NEIL RODRIGUEZ, Candidate; MARISOL MARIN, Candidate; JENNIFER PARDO, Candidate; JAQUELINE RODRIGUEZ, Candidate; CRISTIAN MEJIA, Inquirer; FRANCISCO ESPINOZA, OFS, Secretary; IVON CAMPUZANO, OFS, Treasurer; BR. LOMBARDO D'AURIA, OFM CAP, Spiritual Assistant.

L-TO-R, SEATED (FRONT ROW):

MILEDI PÉREZ, OFS, Vice-Minister; ROSA MARÍA MORÁN, Candidate; REINA FERNANDEZ, Candidate; EVANGELINA RODRIGUEZ, Candidate; VILMA CHAVARRIA, OFS and JUAN BAUTISTA REYES, OFS (our newly professed).

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