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LETTER FROM OUR REGIONAL MINISTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What do you think of when you hear the word “**fraternity?**” Many of us immediately think of the Franciscan group we meet with once or twice a month.

We think of the group where we were professed; the group that nourishes our vocation; the group that prays together and prays for us and our intentions.

Of course, fraternity exists on more than the local level, and during the months of July and August, I was especially privileged to experience fraternity on all levels.

At the beginning of July, 680 Secular Franciscans gathered in St. Louis, Missouri, for the **19th Quinquennial Congress**.

This event was an example of **fraternity at every level**.

We had four (International) Presidency Councilors in attendance, including General Minister Tibor Kauser, OFS; naturally, our National Executive Council; many regional Ministers and local fraternity members from all over the United States were also present.

One of the most beautiful examples of **fraternity at the Q** came as many of us joined in the preparation of the “**blessing bags**” that were later given out to the poor. Many of you participated in contributing some of the thousands of items that went into those bags. Whether you were there or not, *you formed part of the Q fraternity!*

During the Q we shared wonderful talks by our keynoter, Fr. Dan Horan, OFM, and many other speakers. There were also breakout sessions presented by different members of local fraternities. We were able to choose two sessions to attend, one on Friday and one on Saturday. This was an opportunity to meet other Secular Franciscans who have similar interests or **experience ideas** we had never known would be of interest to us. Each day we also met in “**small fraternities**” for discussion. Good communication and sharing were encouraged, just as we try to accomplish in our own local fraternities. The Holy Spirit was definitely present during the Q, and we were reminded that **the Franciscan spirit is alive all over this country and beyond!**

An excellent example of **fraternity at the Regional level** was our **Regional retreat**. At the end of July, many of us gathered at Mt. Alvernia. The spirit of fraternity was on fire! The theme for this year’s retreat was the **Year of Mercy** and the planning was truly collaborative. The team **listened to suggestions** made by last year’s retreatants. We experienced talks, prayer, quiet time, *Lectio Divina*, and “Holy Yoga.” We **lifted our hearts** and **laid down our “burdens”** as we prayed for God’s mercy at a special *Holy Hour*. The enthusiasm and feeling of fraternity was palpable throughout the weekend.

Retreatants also shared “**Did You Know**” items about their local fraternities. These are included in this issue (*pages 9-11*) and we hope that they help you to feel a part of what is going on throughout our region.

However, the bedrock of the Secular Franciscan Order is found in our **Local fraternities**. My experience of local fraternity is always uplifting both at my own local gatherings and at the gatherings of fraternities where I have made visitations and presided at elections this summer and all year long.

As I travel around our region, read reports submitted by local Ministers and talk to local fraternity members, I have found that most fraternities follow the **four pillars of fraternity life** at each gathering:



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WE PRAY TOGETHER using a form of **liturgical prayer**, either the Mass or the *Liturgy of the Hours*. Here we are united with one another and with the **whole Church** in praise, thanksgiving and petition. **Franciscans always reach out to embrace others**. This is why praying with the whole church is so important to us.

ONGOING FORMATION: The **focus** of ongoing formation usually has to do with our **Franciscan charism**. The **purpose** of ongoing formation is to **strengthen our vocation** through learning, discussion and collaboration.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Business is conducted by the fraternity council, leaving the general membership free to bond, pray and learn; thereby making the most of our time together.

SOCIAL TIME: What better way to spend time bonding with family than by having good conversation, coffee and a nice piece of cake!

As your Regional Executive Council members and I visit various local fraternities around the region for **elections and visitations**, we are always touched by the **wonderful hospitality** offered by each group. The spirit we find in these groups strengthens and animates us. Local fraternities are anxious to meet the challenges they face and the special challenges we put before them.

Lastly, in August, I was invited, as your Regional Minister, by the **National Ecumenical Interfaith Committee** to attend the Gathering of **Ecumenical Franciscans** held in Aston, PA.

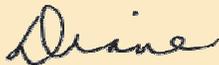
Were you aware that our Franciscan family is not only a Roman Catholic Family?

The Society of St. Francis is an organization of lay Franciscans in the **Anglican/Episcopal** church. The **Organization of Ecumenical Franciscans** is made up of those from **many Christian religions** who wish to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis. In the 24-hours we were together, we found how much alike we are through our **common charism**.

Each day I am learning more about what it is to be a Franciscan, and that **fraternity** makes us who we are. At every level, fraternity life helps us to **open our hearts** to the Holy Spirit; **empty ourselves** of our own pride, attachments, biases and agendas; **listen to one another**; **collaborate** and work as a team; and **trust in God and each other**. Although **living in fraternity** means that **we don't always get our own way**, we can be **joyful Franciscans** because our brothers and sisters strengthen us so that we are **free to love God and bring Jesus to others**.

Please continue to pray for your Regional Executive Council. We are praying for you!

Many Blessings,



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

P.S. Ministers and interested observers: Please mark your calendars. A very special moment in Fraternity Life is coming up in November. On **Saturday, November 19th**, our region will have our **Pastoral and Fraternal Visitation**. We are already preparing to welcome our visitors, Mary Stronach, OFS, and Fr. Christopher Panagoplos, TOR. Many more details will follow.



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2016 REGION CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS

CHAPTER OF MINISTERS

PASTORAL AND FRATERNAL VISITATION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2016

9:00 A.M. REGISTRATION TO 3:00 P.M.

Church Hall, St. Francis Church

50 Lodi Street, Hackensack, NJ (*enter on Holt Street*)

BUSINESS OF THE REGION AND VISITATION BY

National Councilor Mary Stronach, OFS

National Spiritual Assistant Fr. Christopher Panagoplos, TOR

ALL LOCAL MINISTERS ARE CALLED TO ATTEND.

OBSERVERS ARE WELCOME.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Our “family gatherings” are always a highly anticipated and nourishing time for us as Secular Franciscans of Our Lady of the Angels Region. Thank you for making the effort to be present to your brothers and sisters when we meet together as a Region. On **November 19th**, our Region will be having a Fraternal and Pastoral Visitation conducted by a member of the National Executive Council and a friar from the Council of National Spiritual Assistants.

Those of you who have been Secular Franciscans for many years will have experienced a visitation or two, perhaps many more than two. Our newer members, however, might not have experienced this aspect of fraternity life. In any case, we all (*myself included*) can use a good review of the basics once in a while—So, **DID YOU KNOW...**

...That the earliest Rules of our order, right up to the advent of the Rule of 1978 and the Constitutions of 1990 (updated in 2000 and 2001), required that the visitor be a friar alone? (You can read about this in the *Handbook for Spiritual Assistance—updated in 2012*)

...That our present day Rule in Article 26 and our Constitutions in Articles 92 and 94 give us important insight into the Fraternal and Pastoral Visit?

“The purpose of both the *pastoral and fraternal* visits is to **revive the evangelical Franciscan spirit**, to **assure fidelity** to the charism and to the Rule, to **offer help** to fraternity life, to **reinforce the bond** of the unity of the Order, and to promote its most effective insertion into the Franciscan family and the Church.” **Constitutions: ARTICLE 92-1**

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VISITATIONS

“The fraternal visit is a moment of communion, an expression of the service and concrete interest of the secular leaders at the various levels, so that the fraternity may grow and be faithful to its vocation.”

ARTICLE 94-1

“Among the various initiatives to achieve the purpose of the visit, the visitor will give special attention:

- to the **validity of the formation**, both initial and permanent;
- to the **relations entertained with other fraternities at the different levels**, with Franciscan youth, and with the entire Franciscan family.
- to the **observance of the directives and of the guidelines** of the International Council of the OFS and of the other councils;
- to the **presence in the local Church.”** **ARTICLE 94-2**

“The visitor will (also) check the report of the previous audit or verification of the financial and property management of the Council, the register of the accounts and every document pertaining to the property of the fraternity...”

ARTICLE 94-3

...That one of the duties of the fraternity minister at each level is “to request, with the consent of the council, the pastoral and fraternal visits, at least once every three years.”?

ARTICLE 51-2

In the case of visitations of Regions, the National Fraternity, contacts the Regional Ministers to schedule visitations.

...That your Regional Minister and council are preparing ahead of time for this visitation?

We have been working to prepare for this Fraternal and Pastoral visitation for many months. We have filled out pre-visitiation questionnaires, prepared notebooks with paperwork and various reports that the visitors will want to see. (When your local fraternity has a visitation, your council also has to fill out paperwork and prepare ahead of time!)

...That the National Visitors will meet with the Regional Executive Council on the night before they meet with the Regional Fraternity?

At that time, they will examine the regional records and discuss with the Regional Exec all aspects of life in our region.

...That after the National Visitors meet with the Regional Executive Council on Friday night, they will meet with the Regional Fraternity (all local Ministers) at the Chapter of Ministers on Saturday, November 19th?

Ministers will be receiving a schedule for the day shortly. But, it is important to know that your local Ministers will have the opportunity to meet with the visitors to ask questions and make comments.

...That we will receive a written report from the visitors (which will be shared with you at a later date)?

...That we look forward to this visitation because it is one of the ways that all of us in Our Lady of the Angels Region keep in contact with and receive input from our National Fraternity?

We hope that this information will help you to understand this important event in the life of our Region.

Please keep our National Visitors and your Regional Executive Council in your prayers!

Blessings,

Diane F. Menditto, OFS

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FORGIVENESS - A LASTING FOUNDATION FOR PEACE

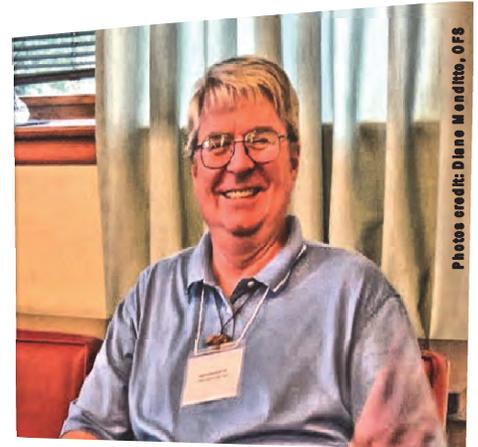
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As I'm writing this article it's late August and although I am looking forward to the cooler temperatures of Fall and the Feast of St. Francis in October, I am also sad that the *Jubilee Year of Mercy* will be coming to a close in a short while.

The *Jubilee Year of Mercy* has been a wonderful way for us to celebrate God's love and mercy in our homes, in our parishes, in our fraternities, and in our region. At *Convivenza*, we walked together through the Holy Doors at the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish and celebrated Mass as a Franciscan community. We also grew as a loving community during our *Annual Retreat* with Fr. Roch and Fr. Tom at Mt. Alvernia. As the Jubilee Year comes to a close, we need to continue to put into practice the lessons we have learned this past year and to celebrate God's mercy in our lives.

As Secular Franciscans, we are "committed to following the example and the teachings of Christ" (*OFS Constitution, Article 9*) and become instruments of God's forgiveness in a world desperately in need of His mercy.

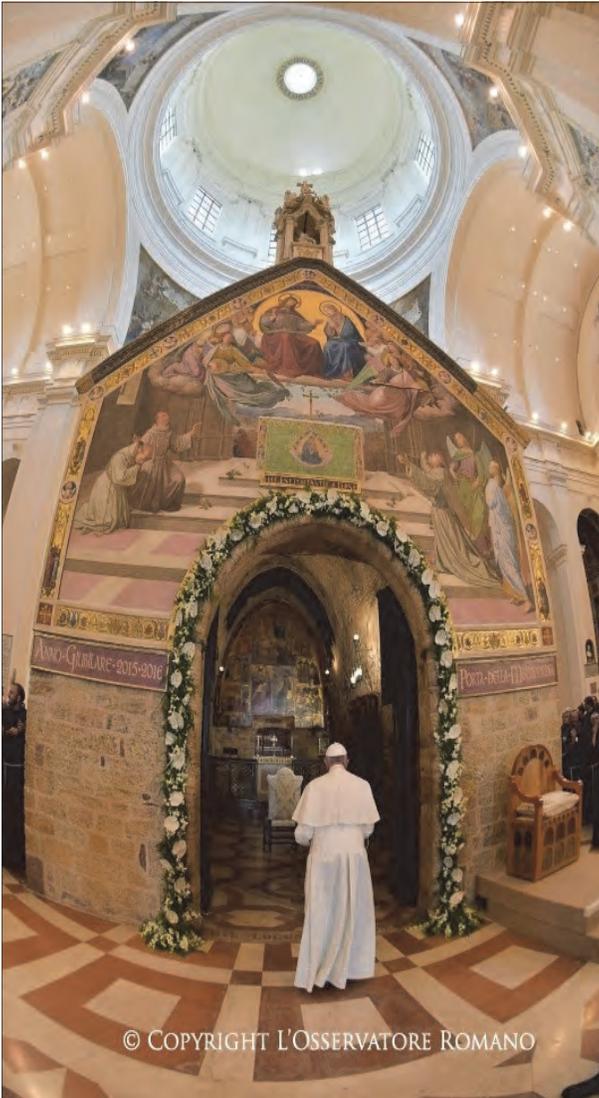
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One example of mercy is given to us in St. Luke's Gospel where Jesus asked the Father to forgive those who crucified Him because "they know not what they do" (*Luke 23:34*). As Franciscans, the Gospels challenge us to find new ways to promote forgiveness and become peacemakers in our world.



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This past August, Pope Francis provided a wonderful meditation to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the Great Pardon (that is the Portiuncula Indulgence). In his meditation, the Pope reminded everyone that we should forgive those who have offended us because "we were forgiven first" and that there is no one "who has not been forgiven".

Pope Benedict also emphasized the call to forgiveness in his visit to Lebanon in 2012 when he said that forgiveness "can lay lasting foundations for reconciliation and universal peace".

God's forgiveness knows no limits. Our challenge is to put into practice all that we've learned during the Year of Mercy and live a life of forgiveness under the guidance and protection of the Holy Spirit.

There are many simple ways to practice forgiveness in our lives. One way is not to hold grudges and harbor resentment towards others. This is often easier said than done, but if we remain faithful to our Rule and pray to the Holy Spirit to guide us in our actions, we can overcome these feelings and replace them with a true sense of love and peace in our lives and our community. Another way to practice forgiveness is to read and meditate on the Pope's words on forgiveness as part of ongoing formation in our Fraternity.

This short meditation, which is rich in Franciscan spirituality, can help us deepen our understanding of God's love, mercy and forgiveness.

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/speeches/2016/august/documents/papa-francesco_20160804_assisi-santamariadegliangeli.html



So as we await the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, we should continue to put into action all the lessons we've learned this past year. Our duty to spread the message of forgiveness and mercy doesn't end with the closing of the holy doors in St. Peter's Basilica on November 20th. Rather, we have only begun to lay a lasting foundation of peace and to spread the news that God's merciful love knows no bounds.

Pax et Bonum,

Ed Wojciechowski, OFS

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St. Benedict
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CHECKPOINT CHARLIE AND THE NARROW GATE

The Gospel for the 21st Sunday has a very disturbing quote of the Lord where he is saying to someone, "I do not know where you are from."

Without my passport, I was facing the same terrible predicament. What a horrible feeling. Thankfully, I found my passport and made it back to the West, but not before having embedded into my soul the feeling of being unrecognized and locked out. My recovered passport identified me as a citizen of the USA and it revealed all the places I visited.

Our baptism certificates serve as a passport for us. It reveals that we are citizens of the Kingdom of God. It also reveals that we have been confirmed, that we are nourished by His Body and His Blood, that we may be married or ordained. It reveals that we have put on Christ and that we are in a relationship with Him.

It implies that we have traveled to feed the hungry, we have traveled to cloth the naked, that we have traveled to hospitals, nursing homes and prisons. And being in a *relationship* with the Lord, we should have no fear of being locked out, for we have encountered Him many times in the Sacraments.

We should have no fear of hearing those dreadful words:

"I do not know where you are from." Rather, if we have been true to the sacramental gifts that we have received, we will hear the Lord say:

"Come and enter my good and faithful servant."



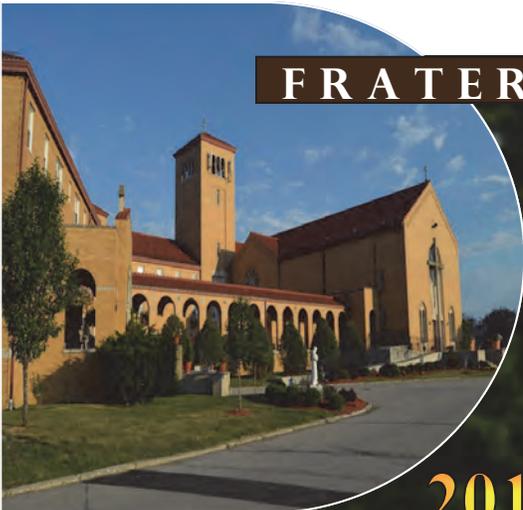
One night in November of 1989, I was home with my parents and all of our eyes were fixed on the images crossing our TV screen. It was quite unimaginable what we were watching: it was the demolition of the Berlin Wall, one of the most powerful symbols of the Cold War that held the world in its grip in the years following the Second World War. For most of my young life, the nuns in my school were forever telling us to pray the Rosary for the conversion of Russia and now I was witnessing the fruit of all those prayers.

I also, that evening, recalled a trip I had taken nine years earlier to the city of Berlin. My best friend and his wife were residing in West Berlin and they were expecting their first child, so I thought I would pay them a quick visit before the baby's arrival. After a couple of days touring West Berlin my friend suggested that we venture over to the other side of the wall into Communist-controlled East Berlin. I do not recall having any problem crossing over to the East side.

The environment there could not have been more different than what could be found in the West. All the food in the bakeries were stale, the beer was like water, people, recognizing us as Westerners, were afraid to be seen speaking to us. I recall no color, everything was gray, white or black. The buildings were still scarred by the war. Most employment was of a menial level. And the most shocking thing to experience in East Berlin was the visibility of the affluence existing West of the Wall. It was amazingly visible! Billboards, luxury cars, young people wearing the latest styles, theaters, etc. The East Berliners could see it all and yet have none of it. Reminiscent of Jesus' description of those locked out of the Kingdom of God: "And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you, yourself cast out."

At the end of the day, we returned to the area where we could return to the West side of the Wall. It was known as Checkpoint Charlie and for many, it was the Narrow Gate in which one could not pass through without the right credentials.

FRATERNITY SPOTLIGHT



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**AT THIS YEAR'S
RETREAT WE AGAIN
ASKED PARTICIPANTS
TO SHARE SOME
INTERESTING**

DID YOU KNOWS

**ABOUT THEIR
FRATERNITIES.
WE RECEIVED
A NUMBER OF
VERY INTERESTING
SUBMISSIONS.
GREAT IDEAS
AND PROJECTS!**

So, Did You Know ...

...**MOST HOLY NAME FRATERNITY, LITTLE FALLS, NJ**, has been reading from *The Holy Year of Mercy Faith Sharing Guide*? They are also using the "Mercy in My Pocket" daily reading guide.

...the majority of the members of **ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY FRATERNITY, STATEN ISLAND, NY**, are volunteering in ministries for young, old, handicapped and ill people? They are also teaching English to Spanish-speaking adults; helping addicts and teaching young people to read. These acts of mercy make their fraternity come alive! They are grateful to their minister and their new Spiritual Assistant for delegating tasks according to their talents. This fraternity has been through some challenging times recently, but they are a strong family living the Gospel.

...two aspirants of **ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR FRATERNITY, NYC**, had their first experience of being with members of the Order on this retreat? They were greatly helped by the session for those in Initial Formation and spoke of the deep commitment seen in continuing the work of St. Francis. One person said he has been searching for a "Third Order" for years and is looking forward to learning more and sharing his faith with this fraternity.

...at Christmas each year, each member of **ST. ANNE'S FRATERNITY, FAIR LAWN, NJ**, fills a shoe box with toys and gifts for an underprivileged child through Samaritan's Purse Missions? Also, their newly elected Minister, who is a photographer, snapped beautiful shots of the stained glass windows in St. Anne's Church. These were put on CD's and sold as a fundraiser for the fraternity!

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...a member of **ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR FRATERNITY, NYC**, suffered a stroke in 2013 while in Formation and is grateful to the fraternity for their support? This member was professed in 2015.



...**ST. PETER FRATERNITY, SOMERSET, NJ**, is making dresses for girls in North Africa? The non-sewers cut fabric and pockets and the sewers put them together! They are also having a Day of Reflection led by one of their members who is a Deacon.



...one of the former members of **LITTLE PORTION FRATERNITY, MT. VERNON, NY**, helped to form a new fraternity in Flagstaff, Arizona? It is the Franz Jägerstätter Fraternity.



...**ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS CHAPEL AT MT. ALVERNIA** originated at Little Portion Retreat House on 151st Street in the Bronx? The first minister of that fraternity hand-carved the tabernacle!



...**OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION FRATERNITY, WOOD RIDGE, NJ**, is celebrating its 53rd anniversary? One of the original members is their secretary!



...**MOST HOLY NAME FRATERNITY, LITTLE FALLS, NJ**, will be celebrating their 90th anniversary on Friday, October 7th? The celebration will begin with Mass at 6:30 followed by dinner in the St. Francis Hall. If you would like to join the celebration, contact Debbie Wickham at: dwickhamsfo@gmail.com (\$15/person).



...**ST. FRANCIS FRATERNITY, HACKENSACK, NJ**, has a number of apostolates? They reach out in prayer through their Apostolate of Prayer list; make and donate items to the Bergen County Homeless Shelter every Winter; hold a Baby Shower for Birthright and Several Sources and donate school supplies to the Southwest Mission schools. Each year at their Brunch, they ask the guests to bring school supplies to supplement the collection. The fraternity has English, Spanish and Italian speaking members and three candidates who each speak one of those languages. All members (active and excused) are remembered often with birthday cards, Christmas and Easter cards, get-well cards and "thinking of you" cards signed by all the members.



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...the members of **STS. ELIZABETH AND LOUIS FRATERNITY, NYC**, are viewing the video, *The Soul's Journey into God?* The members also help out at the Gift Shop at St. John the Baptist Parish where they meet.

...this is the 20th anniversary of the establishment of **ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY, NYC?** The members will be renewing their promises at a special Mass. Fraternity members serve as Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers in the parish.

...one of the members of **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FRATERNITY, BUTLER, NJ**, has shown almost miraculous improvement from a very serious illness? The fraternity has supported her through prayers, calls and visits.

...**"HOLY YOGA"** presenter, TONI MACONI, OFS, wrote a book entitled **CALLED TO SERVE** which tells the story of how the **LITTLE PORTION FRATERNITY, MT. VERNON, NY**, began.

...**SAN DAMIANO FRATERNITY, NEWTON, NJ**, supports homeless Vietnam Veterans? They have a backpack ministry carried out twice a year. This is called *Operation Chill Out*.

...a member of **SACRED HEART FRATERNITY, YONKERS, NY**, is in love with her fraternity?

She has been professed for 25 years and never ceases to benefit from the love and respect shown by the members of her fraternity. The fraternity Council is extra special, always presenting excellent examples and ongoing formation. We can tell that she is very happy with her Franciscan Family!



DID YOU KNOW DIANE MENDITTO, OFS and Ed Wojciechowski, OFS (ABOVE) PHOTOGRAPH ALMOST ALL OUR REGIONAL EVENTS? LOOK FOR MORE OF THEIR TALENTED PHOTOGRAPHY ON OUR REGIONAL WEBSITE AT:
http://olangels.tripod.com/region_links.html



THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO SUBMITTED THESE DID YOU KNOWS. We love to learn about our fraternities. If you would like to send in other items, please send them to Diane Menditto at: dianefmdmf@aol.com



LOVE FOR CHRIST CRUCIFIED: THE STIGMATA

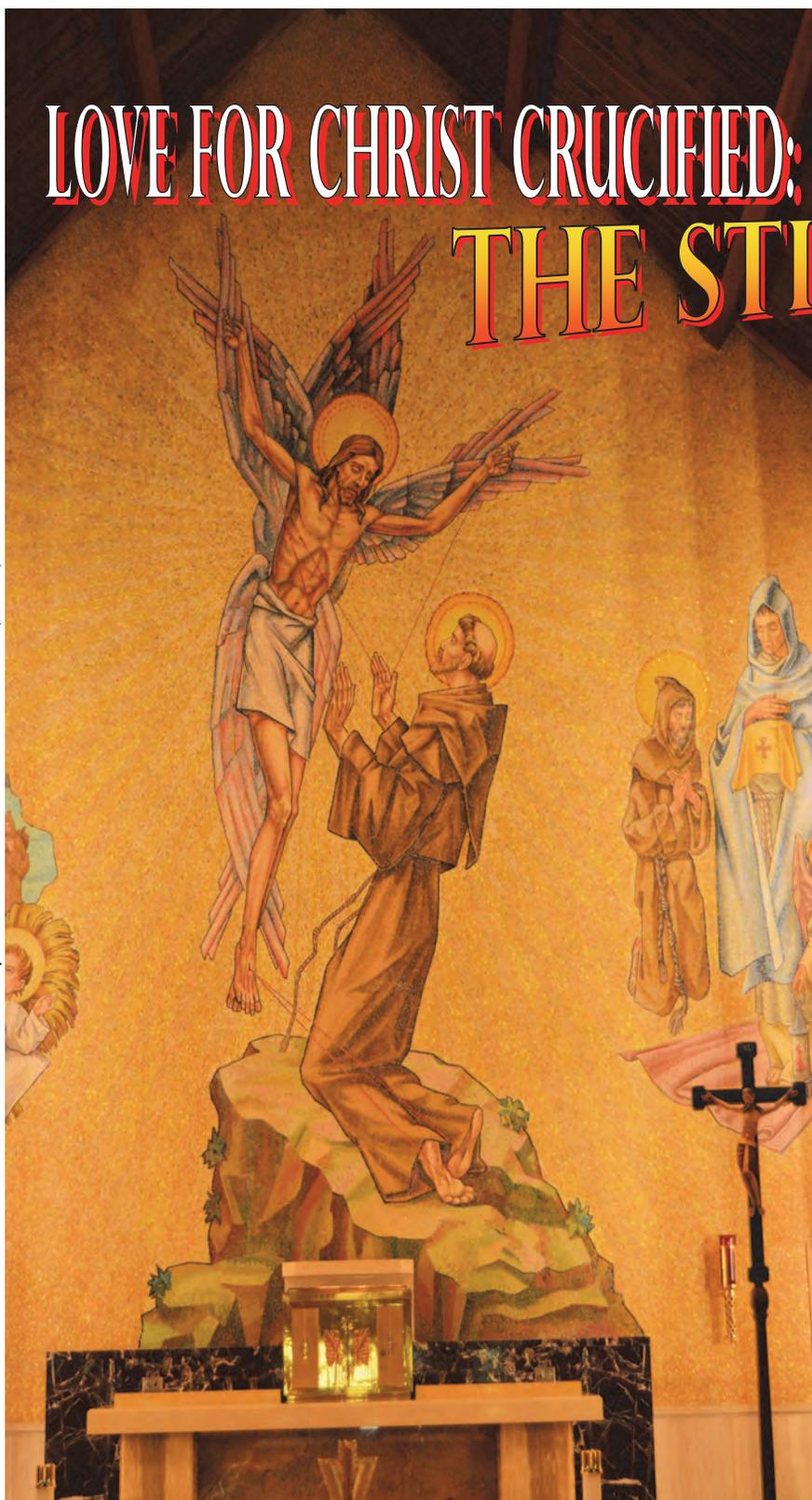
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Every September 17th, we observe the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis. (Pope Benedict XI granted the Franciscan Order permission to celebrate this feast annually.) From the beginning of his conversion, our Seraphic Father had a profound devotion to, and compassion for, Christ crucified. In the *Fioretti*, we are told that St. Francis prayed that Christ would grant him the gift of feeling in his own body, as much as possible, the pain of the crucifixion. He also prayed that he might similarly feel in his heart the “exceeding love” Christ felt for all people, the love that led our Savior to the cross so that He might suffer and die for our sins.

In the year 1224, on or around September 17th, as he was immersed in deep contemplation on Mt. Alverna, St. Francis received the Stigmata. A six-winged Seraph appeared to him bearing between its wings the figure of our crucified Lord. When the vision receded, the marks of the crucifixion were gloriously impressed in our Seraphic Father’s body. Although St. Francis sought to conceal the Stigmata, many of his brothers saw the marks clearly and, according to St. Bonaventure, they “affirmed what they had seen on oath.”

There is little in the life of most Christians that can compare with Father Francis’s personal awareness of the crucifixion, and perhaps only the recently canonized Franciscan, Padre Pio, was graced with similar understanding in modern times. However, our own love of the crucified Christ and our own desire to know more fully His sacred passion are part of every Secular Franciscan’s process of ongoing formation.

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For Your Reflection

1 Read any of the following Chapters from Scripture: Matthew 26 and 27, Mark 15, Luke 22 and 23, and John 18.

2 With the example of our Seraphic Father in mind, consider what effect a glance at the cross should have on us. It led St. Francis from the service of the world to the service of God and to penance. A look at the crucifix should remove from our hearts all delight in the world and fill us with sorrow for our sins and evil passions. For what other reason was Christ nailed to the cross?

The Prophet tells us:

“He was wounded for our iniquities.

He was bruised for our sins” (Is. 53:5).

It has been said that meditation on the sufferings of our Savior caused St. Francis to shed so many tears that his eyes became inflamed. Do you also kneel before the crucifix and grieve for the sins through which you nailed your Savior to the Cross?

3 Think about how a look at the cross brings consolation to the sinner. Our crucified Lord assured St. Francis of the complete remission of his sins.

The Prophet also says:

“By His bruises we are healed” (Is. 53:5).

On the crucifix we view our Savior.

“Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him who takes away the sins of the world” (Jn. 1:29).

Look up to Him with sincere contrition and confidence that He will also take away our sins.

4 Consider how contemplation of the Crucified finally pierced St. Francis so completely with the fire of love that our Lord made him physically like Himself. A look at the crucifix should also awaken fervent charity in us.

St. Augustine points this out to us when he says:

“Behold the head that is bent to kiss you, the heart that is opened to receive you, the arms stretched out to embrace you.”

Do not look at the image of your Crucified Savior in the cold and indifferent way that one looks at a work of art. Let it speak to your heart and let your heart speak to it.



SISTER



DEATH



† **ANITA MARK, OFS**

Called home to the Lord, June 1, 2016.

Anita was a member of the ST. JOHN'S FRATERNITY IN NEW YORK CITY. Her Profession date was celebrated November 25, 2007.

† **IMELDA CRUZ TAN, OFS**

Called home to the Lord, June 9, 2016.

Imelda was a member of the ST. JOHN'S FRATERNITY IN NEW YORK CITY. Her Profession date was celebrated February 28, 2016.

I **NTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,**
we humbly entrust our sisters,
ANITA MARK, OFS, and
IMELDA CRUZ TAN, OFS.

In this life, You embraced them with Your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest. The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but the fullness of peace and joy with Your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. Amen.

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ELECTIONS

“THANK You all for your willingness to be of service to the brothers and sisters of your Fraternity. Be assured of our prayers and whatever assistance we can provide as you give your best efforts to serve your Fraternity.”

It is with joy that we announce the results of our most recent
CHAPTERS OF ELECTION.



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**ELECTION RESULTS of
July 6, 2016
ST. CONRAD OF PARZHAM
FRATERNITY #138
HOBOKEN, NJ**

Council as pictured in photo:

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ELECTION RESULTS of August 2, 2016 ST. ANTHONY FRATERNITY #161 BUTLER, NJ

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PROFESSIONS & ADMISSIONS

KOREAN MARTYRS FRATERNITY #119 NYC, proudly announces the Profession of
CLARA OK KIM, OFS, THERESA KIM, OFS, AND MARIA YUN, OFS,

August 7, 2016
St. Francis of Assisi Church.

(opposite)
Korean Martyrs Fraternity
Executive Council members
with their Spiritual Assistant,
Fr. Francis Kim, OFM,
gather around the newly
Professed members
of the Order.

(Inset)

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ST. STEPHEN'S FRATERNITY #128 Perth Amboy, NJ

joyfully celebrates the Candidacy of

BOZENNA JEDRA AND RENATA LES

May 20, 2016

St. John Paul II Church.

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SACRED HEART FRATERNITY #146 Yonkers, NY

very proudly announces their acceptance of

EVELYN HICKEY AND CHERYL JENKINS

to the Candidacy Formation process of the OFS.

July 27, 2016

Sacred Heart Church.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am Father Michael Tyson, OFM, and I now serve the St. Bernardine of Siena Fraternity of Secular Franciscans as their Spiritual Director. Our fraternity has 44 members, 14 of whom are homebound.

We have begun a campaign to visit our homebound members once every month. So far, each of them has received the Sacrament of the Sick and Holy Communion. I admit I have done the lion's share of the visits, but Seculars have accompanied me on several visits. This will change with time. I have been told by several OFM's, that the Seculars should do the visits and notify me if they need the sacraments or some other spiritual assistance. But I really enjoy visiting them.

It is amazing what a spiritual lift I receive from our homebound brothers and sisters. They enjoy hearing that they are very necessary and full fledged members of the Fraternity. There is one member who is 94 years old. She lives with her daughter who says that her mother, Maria, is so alive after our visit. Greg, who goes with me on these visits, loves the lively conversation we have and he, as well as I, agree that the daughter makes an expresso that is totally out of this world.

A very big reason for this ministry, besides the fraternal reality, is to ensure all are well. I visited the home of one member of our fraternity and found out she had passed away. That cannot happen. There are two members in nursing homes. Everyone else lives in their own home.

We recently sent out the word that we exist and that anyone who would like to get to know us were invited to our June meeting. Eighteen people came to join us. Praise God.

The next meeting will be held at the home of our Minister, Donna Ferlazzo. It should be quite a crowd.

Fraternally, Fr. Michael Tyson, OFM



BENEDICTA FONACIER, OFS, shares that her Sacred Heart Fraternity in Yonkers, New York, celebrated the 25th anniversary of Jubilarian

ED JACUBEK'S profession into the Secular Franciscan Order on April 2, 1991.

A joyful celebration was held on June 26

Photo credit: **BENEDICTA FONACIER, OFS**

PAT STELLE, OFS, shares the celebration of her fraternity's Anniversary.

**SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA FRATERNITY
MIDDLESEX, NJ**

25 years ago on June 23, 1991, our fraternity was canonically established with charter members Adele Kenny, OFS and Reverend Alex Pinto, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

This past June 12, 2016, a special Jubilee Mass at the Saint Francis Cathedral in Metuchen, NJ, was held; it was celebrated by the fraternity Spiritual Assistant, Reverend Monsignor William Benwell and Reverend Alex D. Pinto.

Following the Mass, the fraternity members



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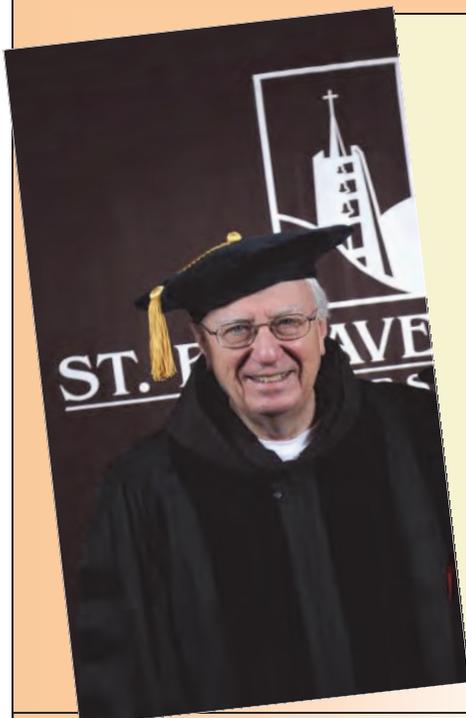


processed to the Saint Francis Relic and walked through the Holy Doors in the Cathedral.

Afterwards, we shared a celebration meal at Torinos 2 in Metuchen.

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CONGRATULATIONS to **FR. ANDRÉ CIRINO, OFM**, who received an honorary degree from St. Bonaventure University at Commencement on Sunday, May 15, 2016.

Fr. André is a Franciscan itinerant preacher whose ministerial experience includes parish work, Franciscan formation, pilgrimages, retreats, as well as secondary and graduate education.

Spiritual Assistant to the LITTLE PORTION FRATERNITY IN WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK, Fr. André helped establish the Little Portion Retreat House for the poor in the Bronx, New York, and worked on a team in collaboration with Secular Franciscans offering retreats free of charge for eight years. He helped establish the “Teens Encounter Christ” (TEC) retreat program in the New York Archdiocese.

FR. RICHARD MARTIGNETTI, OFM, was the featured speaker for the March 19th lecture series at the (renamed) “Blessed John Duns Scotus” Franciscan Library, NYC.

His presentation on St. Bonaventure's Tree of Life brought a full-house crowd to the library. His 45-minute presentation may be viewed at: https://youtu.be/liqt_Jhff0o



ST. BONAVENTURE'S TREE OF LIFE



FR. RICHARD MARTIGNETTI, OFM



OFM IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PROVINCE OF ELECTIONS

The Franciscan friars of Immaculate Conception Province elected a new provincial minister during their Provincial Chapter held throughout the week of May 18, 2016.

FR. ROBERT CAMPAGNA, OFM, was chosen to succeed Fr. Primo Piscitello, OFM, who has led the province since 2010. Fr. Robert previously served as provincial minister from 1995 to 2010 and as provincial vicar from 2010 to 2016. Also elected, as Provincial Vicar: **FR. PATRICK BOYLE, OFM**; and Councilors: **FR. JIMMY ZAMMIT, FR. ANTONIO RICCIO, FR. RAFAEL FERNANDEZ, BR. GABRIEL ACETO, AND FR. RONALD GLIATTA.**

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This Yahoo-group is for all Secular Franciscans in an effort to assist with

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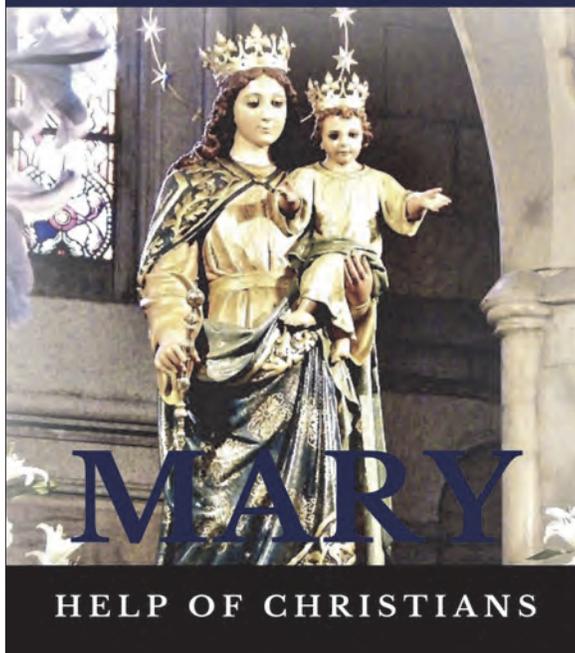
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There is a reason Mary is known as *The Help of Christians*. In his book, Brian Kiczek details numerous stories of her miraculous intervention throughout history. Reading the book will allow you to see not only what Mary has done in the lives of others, but also to better appreciate what she can do in your own life.

“This book was a few years in the making, but well worth it. I came up with the idea for the book after going to the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians in Stony Point, NY, and not seeing a book on this amazing devotion. I pondered whether I was being called to write one. Then in answer to a miracle from Mary, I resolved to write this book. Once completed, the book awaited the right publisher that would help me take it to print. I found that amazing publisher in *Hope and Life Press*, thanks especially, through all your prayers.

Now that the book has seen the light of day, please pray for everyone in the world to read this book that shows us all how to obtain the amazing Help of Mary.

The first way is to get to know her as your Mother, your Queen, the one you can and should always turn to for help. After that, you will learn about all the times in the past that she has helped us. Once you know how she helped others, you will then learn how to obtain her help through humility, through the Rosary and through a powerful novena to Mary, Help of Christians. Finally, you will learn the power of frequent confession and communion. Through these means, you will obtain help for all your problems and difficulties in life and make it safely to the eternal shore.

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QUINQUENNIAL 2016 EVENTS HIGHLIGHTS

The 2016 Quinquennial Congress held this past July in St Louis, MO., boasted an overall attendance of 680 attendees. Nineteen members of our Region attended. Below are photos of most of our regional members in attendance.

If you would like to see more pictures of the Q and read some of the presentations, they are available at the link below. The talks were inspirational and definitely apply to world and national events.

<http://www.quinquennial.org>



On the "Home" tab you will find summaries of the days' activities; on the "Photos" tab, of course, will be the pictures; and on the "Slides/docs" tab, you will find the PDFs of the PowerPoints--excellent material.

As Franciscans, **this is our time to make a difference.** Please pray that the Holy Spirit will give us the strength and courage to do so!

Many blessings,

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



**SPECIAL THANKS
AND CREDIT TO THE
FOLLOWING WHOSE
TALENTS ALLOWED
FOR THE COMPILATION
OF THIS SPECIAL
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The Secular Franciscan Order in the United States sponsors a Quinquennial Congress every five years to bring together the Franciscan family from all over the U.S. and other countries. The exception to the five-year practice was this 2016 Q, which came four years after the previous Q, in order that the 2021 Q will fall on the 100th anniversary of the first Quinquennial Congress.

The first congress was held in Chicago in 1921. Third Order members from all over the U.S. were gathered as one family for the first time. Some 600 friars, diocesan priests, prelates and Tertiaries were in attendance. Delegates proposed to the Provincials that one national Third Order organization be formed, with a Directive Board and an Executive Council. The report of this congress, together with additional material on the Third Order, was published in the First National Third Order Convention, USA, edited by Fr. Hilarion Duerk, OFM, Chicago, 1922*

(*WILLIAM WICKS, OFS, NATIONAL FRATERNITY HISTORIAN) <http://www.quinquennial.org/p/history.html>



ACTS OF MERCY

During this Year of Mercy, the *Quinquennial Congress (Q)* chose to help the people of St. Louis by offering “*Blessing Bags*” to the homeless and needy of St. Louis. All the fraternity members attending the Q were asked to bring toiletries and food which were collected and packaged.

The Blessing Bags were given to the St. Anthony’s Pantry which serves 800 families and individuals every week.

Kudos to the brothers and sisters who helped leave a lasting act of love for this wonderful city.

(left) Kate Kleinert, OFS, with Blessing Bags that she helped organize for the Quinquennial Congress.

<http://mercyhour.org/2016/07/july-2nd-mercy-for-st-louis>



<https://www.facebook.com/john.clem.58/videos/10209673630268676>



At the Q, Sister Caritas Barajingitwa, LSOSF, 2015 winner of the JPIC (*Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation*) National Award, came to talk about her work with an orphanage in Uganda. She came to the Q with hopes of getting contributions that would help to build a school. Our OFS brothers and sisters opened their hearts and wallets giving a total of \$6,450 to Sister Caritas’ cause.

Check out Sister Caritas’ website for the orphanage for more details and ways you can help. <http://holyfamilyorphanage.org/>



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Hundreds of homeless and struggling families in St. Louis received a special “blessing”, thanks to the 19th Quinquennial Congress’

Blessing Bag Project.

Franciscan Sister Connie Probst, (right) St. Anthony Food Pantry director, was shocked at the size of the donation.

Q Co-Chair Kate Kleinart put it this way:

“We’re leaving St. Louis a little better than we found it.” Attendees prepared bags of goodies and personal care items to give to homeless and struggling families. The products were donated by Secular Franciscans across the country as well as by several companies.

In fact, Friday afternoon saw an endless line of Franciscans stuffing “Blessing Bags” with various snacks, other goodies, socks and personal hygiene products. They filled 61 boxes with the bags, and then another 40 boxes with larger goodies, bars of soap and large containers of shampoo. The 101 boxes were handed over to the St. Anthony Food Pantry, which serves over 800 families, including the homeless, in St. Louis.

A stunned food pantry director, Sister Connie, asked to address the Congress later in the day. She related how she was delighted to hear that Secular Franciscans were donating goodie bags, and had shown up with her car. It wasn’t big enough. She had to return with the food pantry’s large van.

“We see the face of the Incarnate Christ every day” in the people they serve, she said, adding: “We see Christ here in all of you.”

While watching the last of the boxes literally being squeezed into the van, Sister Connie estimated that she and food pantry volunteer, Janie Barton, were hauling away about 4,000 pounds in donated goods – and well over 1,000 Blessing Bags.

Kleinart noted that the bags included Holy Cards bearing the message,

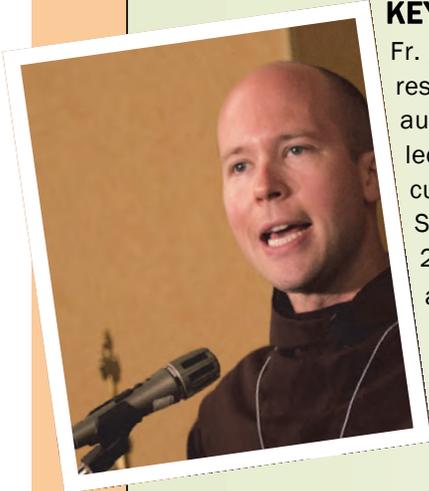
“Filling this Blessing Bag for you has been a blessing for me! I will keep you in my prayers and ask St. Francis to keep you in his care.”



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KEYNOTE SPEAKER: FR. DANIEL P. HORAN, OFM

Fr. Daniel P. Horan, OFM, is a Franciscan friar of Holy Name Province in residence at St. Anthony Shrine in Boston, a columnist for America magazine, author of more than eighty popular and scholarly articles. Fr. Dan is a frequent lecturer and retreat director around the United States, Canada, and Europe. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the International Thomas Merton Society and was awarded an honorary doctorate by Felician College (NJ) in 2015. He blogs at DatingGod.org and you can also find him on Facebook and **Twitter (@DanHoranOFM)** 



His first talk (July 1)

“MERCY AND MINORITY IN THE FRANCISCAN TRADITION: CREATION AND POVERTY.”

“MERCY IS THE CORE OF WHO WE ARE.

IF OUR HEARTS ARE FULL OF MERCY, EVERYTHING CAN BE OVERCOME.”

“We have to take seriously what it means to be Franciscan.”

He referred to the “joy and challenge of our Gospel call,” and noted that Francis was not only called to live the Gospel, but also to be minor, to be lesser, to not place himself above others.

“It begins with poverty.” Being in kinship with the poor, the troubled, the hurting – and recognizing the dignity of all creation. “This is the challenge before us” while “reviving, renewing our spirit, our vocation.”

His second talk (July 2) **“MERCY AND MINORITY IN THE FRANCISCAN TRADITION: VIOLENCE AND PEACEMAKING.”**

“WE ARE TO BE PEACEMAKERS, FORGIVERS, GIVE PARDON.

PEACEMAKING IS TIED DIRECTLY TO MERCY.”

Francis dreamed of being a warrior knight, but was slapped with the reality of becoming a prisoner of war. His life changed and eventually, he started on a path of discovering and living the Gospel and becoming a peacemaker.

The question, Father Dan asked, is how can humans get beyond our not being what God wants us to be? He suggests that non-violence and peacemaking are at the heart of the Franciscan tradition. In fact, the Secular Franciscan rule calls us “To Be Instruments of Peace.” Being Franciscan means being “contrary to the logic of the world,” he said. To be a peacemaker is a “foundational call.” “How are we living our vocation?”

His third (and final) talk (July 3) **“MERCY AND MINORITY IN THE FRANCISCAN TRADITION: RACISM AND XENOPHOBIA.”**

“AS FRANCISCAN’S, WE HAVE TO OPEN OUR HEARTS AND LISTEN TO EACH OTHER’S EXPERIENCES.

WITH THE FRANCISCAN VOCATION, WE ARE CALLED TO STAND UP AGAINST INJUSTICE.”

To counter Xenophobia, the fear of that which is different, foreign, or strange, one needs to embrace the other. St Francis felt solidarity with Muslim sisters and brothers. How could he do it? No one had to fear Francis, he saw common ground in faith and humanity. We Franciscans are challenged to stand up, to speak out. As witnesses to the Gospel, he concluded, it calls us to take risks.

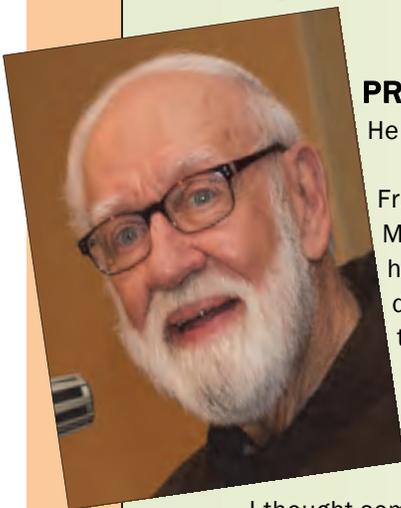
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PRESENTER: BR. KEITH WARNER, OFM

He is a Franciscan Friar and Senior Director of Education and Action Research at Miller Center for Social Entrepreneurship Santa Clara University.

Br. Keith encouraged the crowd to look for six Franciscan gems in the encyclical, *Laudato Si*; the MOST FRANCISCAN PAPAL ENCYCLICAL EVER!

1. Direct experience of God in nature is good. "Laudato Si" speaks about ecological spirituality.
2. Humanity's relationship with the Earth should be characterized by praise of God and appreciation of beauty. "Many of our conventional environmentalist friends don't approach creation with these attitudes."
3. The common good is global, in need of collaborative approaches and dialogue.
4. Economic justice and environmental protection need to work hand-in-hand.
5. Recognizing beauty as a path to God, and love of beauty as a spiritual practice. "Beauty is another name for God in our tradition."
6. We are called to ecological conversion. "An ecological conversion can inspire us to greater creativity and enthusiasm in resolving the world's problems and in offering ourselves to God 'as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable'."



PRESENTER: FR. MURRAY BODO, OFM

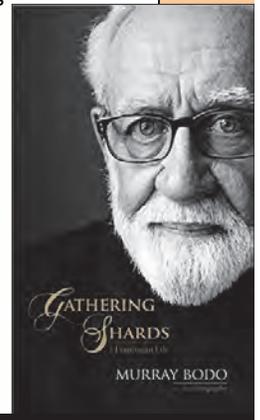
He is a Franciscan priest of the Province of St John the Baptist.

Fr. Murray spoke of his being in the midst of a personal crisis when St. Anthony Messenger Press asked him to write a book about St. Francis of Assisi. He couldn't, he thought. Besides, he was extremely busy teaching and performing other duties. Then the Editor told him he would be taking time off and going to Assisi. A sound of awe murmured through the audience at the Quinquennial Congress Thursday evening "That's the same thing I said," he responded to the crowd. Of course, he told the editor, "yes!" Once he was in Assisi, the book seemed to write itself.

"I wrote almost every day in the morning. The words just came.

I thought someone was writing it for me... I felt I was a channel." That book, *Francis: the Journey and the Dream*, sold 300,000 copies. That was 1972 – and it launched a 31-book writing career.

He appeared at the Q to thank Secular Franciscans for being among his most avid readers – and to share a few words from his latest work, his autobiography, *Gathering Shards: A Franciscan Life*.



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PRESENTER: FR. LESTER BACH, OFM CAP

He serves as Provincial Spiritual Assistant to the Secular Franciscan Order.

When it comes to serving others – such as in a soup kitchen –

“it’s not so much what you do, but how you do it.” It starts with Secular Franciscan fraternities, with a spirituality steeped in the love of the Trinity, and a call to love one another.

“The more you can relate to the people you serve, the better.”

Father Lester said he wasn’t going to heap praise on Secular Franciscans, as other presenters had. Instead, he wanted to remind Seculars to recognize the need for conversion and to prod fraternities to move beyond a devotional mindset to one of expressing God’s love in action, in relationships.

“Fraternities should have some sort of impact,” the Franciscan vocation leaves no one out of your concern and compassion.”



PRESENTER: CAROLYN TOWNES, OFS

She is the National Animator for Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) for the US Secular Franciscan Order.

Fear Not in Joy and Love: Overcoming fear and recognizing the love of God within us. Those two things can fuel something greater in the Franciscan vocation.

“God has given us power – not ego, not pride, not false self... but the power of the Spirit of the One who is in you.”

“Everywhere you go, be the Gospel, be the face of it, be the stoke. Stoke a fire in someone’s flame.”



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