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**A mural depicting
St. Francis of Assisi
is seen on a building
at the Franciscan
Renewal Center in
Scottsdale, Arizona.**

LETTER FROM OUR REGIONAL MINISTER

NAFRA CHAPTER 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

As our region hosted the National Elective Chapter, you were all very much on my mind. I want to thank each and every one of you for your prayers and good wishes for the success of the Chapter and our efforts to welcome the National Fraternity to the New Jersey-New York area.

Those of you who were instrumental in helping everything to run smoothly during the ten days we were in Clinton have a good idea of what went on in the planning and execution of our task. However, since there are many who could not be with us, I would like to give you an idea of why I am so grateful for what was accomplished with God's help. As you probably know, Ron Pihokker was the chair of the **Host Committee** which met a number of times throughout the last year. He also handled two huge jobs: site selection and registration. Ron has a gift with an Excel spread sheet, believe me! Representatives from most of our fraternities attended the planning meetings and were kind enough to volunteer for various important assignments.

The main committees were: **Transportation/Airport Welcome** (Chair-Frank Catalano – with Maddi Romaine); **Welcome/Hotel Greeters**-(Chair-Pat Franz); **Half-Day Away**-(Chair-Kate Asselin); **Liturgy**-(Chair-Joe Wilson); **Welcome Bags**-(Chairs-Italia Testa & Rosanna Ayers); **Entertainment**-(Chair-Joe Lee); **Financial**: Richard Spana; **Notes and lists**: Kate Asselin.

However, telling you the names of the committees cannot begin to describe the team effort, personal sacrifice and generosity that went into this week-long event. Our brothers and sisters of the **Transportation Committee/Airport Welcome Committee** spent hours at the airport holding beautiful signs provided by the Manhattan Cluster. They greeted, gathered and guided those who arrived at the various terminals, either to the curb to be picked up by our drivers who made many trips from the airport to Clinton, or to the van pick-up point. This was not just one day—people were coming and going all week and at all hours! Flights have a way of getting delayed, schedules have to be changed—our crew responded with Franciscan generosity, and everyone arrived safely at the hotel. Later in the week, the travelers were whisked off to the airport in time to check in for their departing flights. Some of the nicest comments I heard during the week were about the Transportation/Greeter Committee. All the regional ministers and National Executive Council were very appreciative of the caring and concern shown for their well-being.

Then there were the **On-site Welcome/Hotel Greeters**. Those smiling faces from many different fraternities all around the region made

our guests feel right at home. They were waiting in the lobby to smooth the way so that when people arrived they knew exactly what to do. A number of those on this committee spent many hours all week sitting at the registration tables giving out folders and welcome bags. And, when that part of the job was done, they remained there to answer questions and even to get in their cars to go to the store for folks who needed something important or to *Staples* to make copies. What would we have done without them? Oh, and by the way, our treasurer, Richard Spana, was also present for the entire week, many days he was stationed at that same table to take care of any of the financial transactions that had to be carried out.

Oh, the Welcome Bags!

At 9:30 AM on the morning before the National Executive Council arrived, this committee appeared at the hotel, their cars filled with the snacks, notebooks, pens (VERY popular), water bottles, hand sanitizer and the beautiful welcome bags—all provided by St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity and the Central Jersey Cluster. Within an hour and a half, the bags were filled and lined up in the meeting room like soldiers waiting to be deployed. Everyone loved those bags; I kept hearing it all week.

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If you got to go to Clinton, you saw that we had a **Chapel** set up in a small ballroom. Thanks to the **Liturgy Committee**, we had everything we needed to make it a **REAL** chapel—even a tabernacle (thanks, Sam!) with the Blessed Sacrament reserved. Just imagine hauling vestments, altar linens, altar vessels, a monstrance, wine, hosts, crosses, a full-size keyboard and amplifier, icons of Francis and Clare, plants, flowers, vases, pumpkins, and missalettes. An SUV and a pick-up truck were involved in that two-day operation! The Chapel décor was topped off by the banner designed and quilted by Mary-Frances Reavey which served as the logo of the entire Chapter. The musicians and the music were wonderful too. At the opening Mass, we were blessed to have as main celebrant Msgr. William Benwell who is Vicar of the Diocese of Metuchen and Spiritual Assistant to St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity.

Then there was the Half-day Away. I am sure that the National Fraternity is still talking about it. First of all, our prayers were answered, and we were given the gift of a perfect autumn day. The plan was to take everyone to Liberty State Park, then to the Cathedral Basilica in Newark for Mass with Bishop Manuel Cruz and then back to Clinton for dinner at a wonderful restaurant. Imagining the planning and logistics that went into this trip still boggles my mind. Fifty-four on the bus (plus a few in cars) had to be organized and kept together on a schedule so that they could visit Ellis Island, take the Ferry around the Statue of Liberty and be back at the bus in two hours so we could be at the Cathedral on time for Mass. Some of our members served as “shepherds” so that no one got lost. Some even went on the boat with our guests. Everyone was given a sheet with committee cell phone numbers “just in case.” Result: everyone was back at the bus on time, and we arrived at the Cathedral for a beautiful Mass.

Some of you joined us there—it was wonderful to see our region so well represented. On the last evening, everyone was treated to a wonderful surprise. Joe Lee from Korean Martyrs Fraternity in Manhattan arranged for us to be entertained by Korean dancers and drummers. What a beautiful presentation that was. Everyone appreciated the costumes and the culture. That was followed by an excellent jazz duo and some excellent snacks.

My heart is very full as I write about all the effort that was put into making the National Elective Chapter a huge success. I have purposely not mentioned individual names except for the committee chairs because so many of you helped us that I was sure I would leave someone out. Just know that you have my gratitude and prayers. You really outdid yourselves! This year’s Chapter theme was **“Be the Joyful Face of Christ to All.”** By working as one family in Francis, we accomplished what might have seemed to some to be impossible, and we certainly brought joy to everyone. All I can say is thank you and God bless every one of you!

Blessings,

Diane F. Menditto, OFS, Regional Minister

LETTER FROM OUR REGIONAL MINISTER

JANUARY 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Peace and all good!

We have once again reached that time of year when everyone is talking about New Year's resolutions. Folks spend a lot of time talking about what they plan to change in their lives at the stroke of midnight. Then, in a week or two (or maybe a day or two), they are disappointed because they have not lived up to what they thought they would accomplish.



I hope that as Secular Franciscans, we have long ago realized that we are called to *daily conversion* by Article 7 of our Rule of Life: "...let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel itself calls conversion. Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily." Franciscans know that each day we have another chance to improve, another chance to change our lives.

Pope Francis has declared this year as the Jubilee Year of Mercy. How fitting that our Holy Father who follows St. Francis so closely should choose mercy as the theme of this Holy Year. We all know that we *need* mercy, but how can we *show* mercy to others throughout this year?

There are many resources available online and in print to help us along the way. But, I would like to offer the most basic list that we learned as children. If we meditate on these works of mercy, we, personally and in collaboration with our brothers and sisters in fraternity, should be able to find many ways to live out the spirit of the Holy Year of Mercy. Please read each item below and prayerfully discern where the Spirit leads you as an individual or where He is leading your entire fraternity.

<u>Corporal Works Of Mercy</u>	<u>Spiritual Works Of Mercy</u>
Feed the Hungry	Counsel the Doubtful
Give Drink to the Thirsty	Instruct the Ignorant
Shelter the Homeless	Admonish the Sinner
Visit the Sick	Comfort the Sorrowful
Visit the Prisoners	Forgive Injuries
Bury the Dead	Bear Wrongs Patiently
Give Alms to the Poor	Pray for the Living and the Dead

During this year, your Regional Executive Council is going to take time each month to study **The Parables of Mercy** put out by the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. We hope that you and your fraternities will make good use of the many resources available to gain inspiration for showing mercy to one another and to those in our communities and our world who are sorely in need of mercy. (See the list at the links below. Many of these links are also available on the Formation page of our website.)

As you pray over the Works of Mercy and delve into the resources given, we hope that you will share with us at the regional level what you and your fraternities are doing. We would like to establish a "Wall of Mercy" on our regional website and publish it later in the **Troubadour**. (Many parishes are also doing this.) Perhaps your fraternity already reaches out to the homeless; maybe you donate or have donated to a water well project; some fraternities are involved in prison

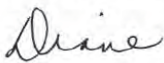
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ministry. There is much we are already doing, but, as St. Francis said, "Let us begin, for up to now we have done so little." We can always do more! Let us know what you have done and what you plan to do to bring the Jubilee Year of Mercy to life!

Your Ministers will be hearing from me soon regarding the Annual Report to be submitted to the Region. I will mention again the idea of the Wall of Mercy. Also, the letters regarding Fair Share have been sent out. We ask everyone to help out in getting the reports written and the Fair Share collected.

There is one other business item. Please be aware that the **Troubadour** will now be a quarterly magazine instead of a monthly newsletter. There will still be two printed issues which will be mailed to you and two "online only" issues. We expect that the next issue in print will be out in March. Therefore, any items for that issue should be submitted to Anna by February 15th. As for announcements and dated material, please continue to send them to Anna by the 15th of the month prior to the event. She will send out a blast email announcing events of interest to the region and of interest to the various clusters.

May our Lord shower you and your families with His choicest blessings in the New Year,

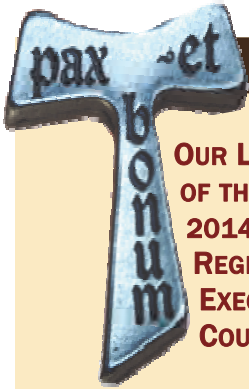


Diane F. Menditto, OFS
Minister, Our Lady of the Angels Region

January 1, 2016

Resources for the Year of Mercy

- Bull of Indiction of the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy
This is the document written by Pope Francis. It is not long and is easy to read.
http://m.vatican.va/content/francescomobile/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco_bolla_20150411_misericordiae-vultus.html
- United States Conference of Catholic Bishops resources page:
<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/new-evangelization/jubilee-of-mercy/index.cfm>
- Pontifical Council for Promotion of the New Evangelization
Lots of books to use as resources
<http://www.iubiliaeummisericordiae.va/content/gdm/en/sussidi.html>
- The Hour of Mercy Website—published and maintained by two Secular Franciscans—John Clem, OFS and Tom Bello, OFS (our former National Minister)
<http://mercyhour.org/>
- Mercy Hour Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/mercyhourofs/>
- Year of Mercy resources from the Archdiocese of Newark
<http://rcan.org/yearofmercy>
- Our Lady of the Angels Region Formation webpage:
<http://www.ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/formation.html>



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2016 REGION CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS

THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY:

CONVIVENZA 2016--A DAY OF PILGRIMAGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 23.

THIS YEAR CONVIVENZA WILL BE HELD AT SACRED HEART CHURCH IN WALLINGTON, NJ - A PILGRIMAGE SITE FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY, A SITE WHERE THE HOLY DOORS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED TO OFFER THE HOLY YEAR INDULGENCE. You will be invited to join with everyone in the region as we pass through the Holy Doors together for Mass.

Details of this most special day will be following in our printed March issue of *The Troubadour*. Please set aside the date and plan to attend.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP — Mark Your Calendar.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4.

XIX NATIONAL QUINQUENNIAL

JUNE 30-JULY 4 AT ST. LOUIS, MO.

All registration materials are posted on our website:

<http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org>

NAFRA is now offering partial scholarships, the application and instructions are also posted on our website. If you are planning to go, please register early!

Deadline for the Scholarship Application is March 31st.

2016 REGIONAL RETREAT— Mark Your Calendar.

JULY 29-31 AT MT. ALVERNIA, WAPPINGERS FALLS, NY.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FOLLOWING.



MANHATTAN CLUSTER GATHERING -- LENTEN REFLECTION

Hosted by the Sts. Elizabeth and Louis Fraternity, NYC.

REFLECTION BY FR. THOMAS FRANKS, OFM, CAP

Sunday, March 13 — 12:00 p.m. Mass - upper church

Church of St. John the Baptist

30th Street., between 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue, NYC 10001

Brown bag lunch/registration: 1:00 p.m. - lower level - Church Hall

RSVP Pat Clayton, OFS, and Barbara Lyne at OLAngels@aol.com

Suggested offering: \$ 5.00 - Bring brown bag lunch.

Coffee/beverages/dessert will be available.



ST. ANNE FRATERNITY IN FAIR LAWN, NJ, will sponsor a LENTEN DAY OF

REFLECTION conducted by Deacon Bill Joyce, OFS, on Saturday, March 12

in St. Anne's Community Hall, 15-05 St Anne Street, Fair Lawn, NJ 07410.

- 8:45 a.m. - Mass in the Church
- 9:30 a.m. - Breakfast in the Church Hall
- 9:45 a.m. - Morning Talk
- Noon - Brown bag lunch
- 1:00 p.m. - Afternoon talk
- 2:30 p.m. - Closing

Please RSVP by March 8th to Angela Rodin, OFS, Minister to Angray@aol.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Peace and all Good!

In the last few days, I have gathered a number of items that I want to share with you so that you can mark your calendars and also take advantage of some exciting news and special events.

1. Mark your Calendar! CONVIVENZA-APRIL 23, 2016—our regional Chapter of Mats, is the chance for everyone in the region to come together every year for prayer, ongoing formation, and fraternity. This year **Convivenza will be held at Sacred Heart Church in Wallington, NJ, a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year of Mercy**, a site where the Holy Doors have been designated to offer the **Holy Year Indulgence. We will be inviting you to join with everyone in the region as we pass through the Holy Doors together for Mass.** Details of this most special day will be following soon. Please set aside the date and plan to attend!

2. On SUNDAY, MARCH 13th, the Manhattan Cluster is sponsoring a **LENTEN DAY OF REFLECTION** at St. John's Church on 30th Street in Manhattan. Please click on the link below to see the flier with all the details. http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/Lent_Manhattan_Cluster_2016.pdf

3. Mark your Calendar: our REGIONAL RETREAT will be held on **JULY 29-31** at Mt. Alvernia in Wappingers Falls, NY. All ministers have received an informational flier on this. More will follow.

4. The National Fraternity celebrates a National Congress at least once every five years. This National Congress is the upcoming XIX QUINQUENNIAL, to be held in St. Louis, MO, JUNE 30 TO JULY 4th. It is always a wonderful event, bringing together brother and sister Secular Franciscans from all over the country to pray, hear excellent speakers, share and socialize in fraternity together over a period of four days. All **registration materials** are posted on our website: <http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org>

The **Quinquennial Committee has also established a website** so that you can be more informed about what is being planned: <http://www.quinquennial.org>

Here is some very good news. The National Executive Council has set up a plan to offer **financial aid** to those who might need some assistance in order to attend the Congress. The application and instructions are also posted on our website. **They can also be found in this newsletter on page 8.** If you are planning to go, please register early. **Deadline for the scholarship applications is March 31st.** If you plan to attend you can **save money** by registering early (**by April 15th**). Read the material on the registration links above so that you can make an informed decision. This would be a great way to spend some of your vacation time this summer!

I plan to attend, how about you? Let's have a nice turnout from our region like we had for the last Quinquennial. We had a wonderful time! (Let me know if you decide to register.)

As we enter the season of penance, I assure you that you will be in my prayers for a fruitful Lent. Please keep me and your Regional Executive Council in yours.

Many blessings,



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 QUINQUENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The fund provides full and partial scholarships to the 2016 Quinquennial for professed and/or candidates of a fraternity who would otherwise be unable to attend. The monies for these scholarships come from the Restricted Funds for National Events and Regional Needs Fund (originally set up from a bequest received in 2011). Up to \$10,000 has been approved by the NEC for this purpose. Request for assistance from this fund should be made to the National Treasurer, Jerry Rousseau, OFS. All requests must be made utilizing the Application form. Information will be kept confidential.

Ideally, the local fraternity or Regional fraternity should also provide assistance for their members to attend. That is one of the inherent purposes of the "Common Fund" which should exist in every local fraternity. Applicants should present the form to their local minister/leader for verification that a true need exists and that no other source of revenue is available for use by the applicant. Please note: Scholarship funds can only be used for registration costs and not to defray travel or other expenses.

Once approval has been obtained, the applicant will submit their registration form either with a notation that a full scholarship has been awarded or that payment for the difference of registration costs minus the approved scholarship amount is enclosed; e.g., the cost of registration \$320(a), minus approved scholarship amount of \$120(b), equals payment of \$200(c). [a minus b = c]

Applicants must also have made hotel reservations and have a room confirmed (or have secured other accommodations).

No requests for scholarships will be accepted after the application deadline, **March 31, 2016**.

We pray that these funds will allow more of our brothers and sisters to attend the 2016 "Q" and serve as a blessing to all of us.

Peace and all good,

Your NEC and "Q" Committee Members

2016 Quinquennial - Scholarship Application

Date: _____

Name of fraternity: _____

Name of Region: _____

Return form to:

Jerry Rousseau, OFS

82 Kim Street

Blairsville, GA 30512

Deadline: March 31, 2016 (Cost of Registration: Before April 15: \$320)

REQUEST FOR SCHOLARSHIP		
#	NAME OF FRATERNITY MEMBER AND REASON FOR REQUEST	AMOUNT
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2	Have you reserved a room at the hotel? YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	
3	Region / Local Fraternity will contribute: \$	
4	Minister/Leader's initials:	
5	TOTAL AMOUNT OF SCHOLARSHIP REQUESTED	\$

Signature of applicant _____ Phone contact: _____

SEND APPROVAL TO:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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INITIALS: _____

DATE: _____

AMOUNT: _____

SPIRITUAL TIDINGS

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REAWAKENING

On September 24, 2015, Pope Francis became the first pontiff in history to give an address to the United States Congress. As he was delivering his kerygma, (for it truly was a proclamation) I was busy going about a neighborhood reading water meters for the Nyack Water Department. I came to one house where a fellow quickly allowed me entry and as I proceeded to go directly to his basement to check his meter he says to me: "Hey! If you have a minute you should check this out. This guy is great!" As it turns out, he was listening to the Pope's address to the Congress on his cell phone. "What he is saying is great! And I'm not even a Catholic!" So, I sat with my new found friend and listened with him. It really was a special moment. There we were, two strangers and yet realizing a brotherhood between us and a shared vocation that connects us with other people and the created world in which we live. Thomas Merton's rather dark but accurate description of his entry into this world is one that describes all of us:

"I came into the world. Free by nature, in the image of God, I was nevertheless the prisoner of my own violence and my own selfishness, in the image of the world into which I was born. That world was a picture of Hell, full of men like myself, loving God, and yet hating him; born to love him, living instead in fear of hopeless self-contradictory hungers".

This truly resonated with me and my new found brother, but we were not left to wallow in the mire. The Pope, using the example of Moses, Lincoln, Martin Luther King, Dorothy Day and Merton also spoke of the transcendent dignity of the human being and that "each son or daughter of a given country has a mission, a personal and social responsibility...in the tireless and demanding pursuit of the common good".

Since that memorable morning listening to the Pope's words in someone else's kitchen I've reflected on what I heard. Where have I heard it before?

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God...You are the salt of the earth...You are the light of the world...Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" *Matthew 5*.

I also took a renewed interest in the beautiful words found in *Gaudium et Spes*, otherwise known as the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World.

In this document we read:

"The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well. Nothing that is genuinely human fails to find an echo in their hearts"...

"It is the human person that is to be saved, human society which must be renewed. It is the human person, therefore, which is the key to this discussion, each individual human person in her or his totality, body and soul, heart and conscience, mind and will"... "Deep within their consciences men and women discover a law which they have not laid upon themselves and which they must obey. Its voice, ever calling them to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, tells them inwardly at the right moment: do this, shun that. For they have in their hearts a law inscribed by God. Their dignity rests in observing this law, and by it they shall be judged. Conscience is the most secret core and sanctuary of the human person. There they are alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths. By conscience, in a wonderful way, that law is made known which is fulfilled in the love of God and of one's neighbor".

The Pope's message to Congress reawakens Jesus' sermon that pronounced the Beatitudes for us: it reawakens the "kerygma" found within the documents of the Second Vatican Council, especially *Gaudium et Spes*.

And finally, for me, at any rate, it reawakens my own mission statement that one of my sisters challenged me with at my ordination:

"Comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable!"



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JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

“Have Mercy on me, God, in Your kindness.
In Your compassion blot out my offense.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.”

Psalm 51:1-4

Every Friday morning, Secular Franciscans start our day with Morning Prayer asking for God’s mercy and forgiveness using the beautiful words of Psalm 51.

Through our lives of witness to the Gospel, Jesus has revealed to us a loving and merciful Father who is “slow to anger and rich in mercy”.

In response to the Gospel message of mercy, our *Rule* instructs us to love God and our brothers and sisters,

“Witnessing to the good yet to come and obligated to acquire purity of heart because of the vocation they have embraced, they should set themselves free to love God and their brothers and sisters. “

Rule Chapter 2, Paragraph 12

It is in the spirit of the Gospel that we rejoice in the celebration of the Jubilee Year of Mercy!

On March 13, 2015, Pope Francis announced the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy with the Papal Bull “*Misericordiae Vultus*”.

The Jubilee Year began on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, 2015, and will end on the Solemnity of Christ the King, on November 20, 2016. The Jubilee Year will give us many opportunities to celebrate the love and mercy that God has bestowed upon us and to share God’s mercy with our families, our fraternities and everyone we meet on our faith journey.

We have all experienced the love and mercy of God in our lives. Pope Francis teaches us that “the mercy of God is His loving concern for each one of us” and that God “desires our well-being and He wants to see us happy, full of joy, and peaceful.” (*Misericordia Vultus*, paragraph 2). These teachings are also reflected in Psalm 51 when we ask God to give us joy and keep alive the spirit of mercy in our lives:

**“Give me again the joy of Your help;
with a spirit of fervor sustain me.”**

Psalm 51:14



The Jubilee Year of Mercy will give us the opportunity to contemplate the mystery of God’s mercy and to open our hearts to God’s eternal love for us in spite of our failings and shortcomings. God’s mercy has been revealed to us in the cross and resurrection through which Jesus became the perfect sacrifice for our sins. It is in the spirit of renewal that we seek God’s mercy through the sacraments so that “we may become a more effective sign of the Father’s action in our lives.” (Pope Francis)

We can celebrate the Jubilee Year through prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation and formation. The Vatican has a website dedicated to the Jubilee Year of Mercy: <http://www.iubilaummisericordiae.va> and a *YouTube* channel with videos that will highlight the special events that will take place during the year: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTzn0oDvXDVerZUOJTapHYg>. In addition, the US Council of Catholic Bishops has developed their own website to help American Catholic celebrate the year, see: <http://www.usccb.org> for more information. Make sure that you check your diocese’s website, our Regional website: www.ourladyoftheangelsregion.org and our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/OurLadyoftheAngelsRegion for updates and news during the Jubilee Year.



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In addition to the resources on the Internet, there are many other excellent resources available in print. Some books that I find useful for either private reflection or as part of your fraternity's ongoing formation program are "The Holy Year of Mercy - A Faith Sharing Guide with Reflections by Pope Francis" published by The Word Among Us Press, "The Saints in Mercy" published by Our Sunday Visitor and "The Church of Mercy" published by Loyola Press. This is not an extensive list of resources for the Jubilee Year and there are many other excellent books available for prayer and formation. If you find a resource that you think is useful, please contact me and I will update the regional formation resource list so that others in the region may benefit from your experience.

Since it is the wish of Pope Francis that the "faith of every believer may be strengthened" during the Jubilee Year, the Regional Executive Council has chosen Chapter 6, "Listen to the Cry of the Poor" from "The Church of Mercy" as part of our ongoing Council formation program. I urge all Secular Franciscans to join with the Regional Council in celebrating the Jubilee Year through prayer, regular celebration of the sacraments (especially the sacrament of reconciliation) and formation. In this way, we will join with the entire Catholic Church in becoming "a credible witness to mercy, professing it and living it as the core of the revelation of Jesus Christ. " *Misericordia Vultus*, paragraph 25.

Pax et Bonum,

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PRAYER OF POPE FRANCIS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees You sees Him.
Show us Your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew
from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness
only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.
Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us,
the words that You spoke to the Samaritan woman:
"If you knew the gift of God!"

You are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power above all
by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be Your visible face in the world,
its Lord risen and glorified.
You willed that your ministers would also be clothed
in weakness in order that they may feel compassion
for those in ignorance and error:
let everyone who approaches them feel sought after,
loved, and forgiven by God.

Send Your Spirit and consecrate every one of us
with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy
may be a year of grace from the Lord, and Your Church,
with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of You, Lord Jesus,
through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever.

Amen.

FRATERNITY SPOTLIGHT

Secular Franciscan Order of Korean Martyrs Fraternity

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by
JOSEPH BYOUNG NIM LEE, OFS

HOLY MASTER, FRANCIS,
WE PRAISE YOU FOR CALLING US
AS YOUR DISCIPLES!

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**KOREAN MARTYRS
FRATERNITY**

FOUNDED: OCTOBER, 1990
ESTABLISHED: DECEMBER 4, 1994

**THE FRATERNITY IS LOCATED
IN MANHATTAN.**

**FRATERNITY MEETINGS
ARE HELD ON**
1ST SUNDAYS OF THE MONTH
12:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M.

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FRATERNITY PROUD OF:
"GREEN AND CLEAN" CAMPAIGN

New York Korean Martyrs Fraternity was founded in October 1990 when eight professed members (three from Argentina and five from Korea) knocked on the doors of St Francis of Assisi church in Manhattan. Fr. James Nero, OFM, the abbot of St. Francis of Assisi church, Fr. Matthew Gaskin, OFM, and Fr. Venant Lalonde, OFM were the ones who opened the door and began the forming group. For the members who had a language barrier, Fr. James Nero introduced us to Franciscan Brother, Francis Ki Soo Kim. Since then he has been with us as Spiritual Assistant. Four years later on December 4th, 1994, we were established as the Korean Martyrs Fraternity. Starting from the eight members, we steadily grew to 149 members with 120 active members.

On our 20th Anniversary on December 2014, we celebrated our most senior members in appreciation for laying the foundations of our fraternity. The greatest influence has come from our spiritual assistant, Fr. Francis Ki Soo Kim, OFM. He is an exemplary faithful Franciscan who always emphasizes that the spirit of St. Francis is flowing amongst us.

Each month, we hold two regular meetings. On the first Sunday, we have a general fraternity meeting consisting of the Liturgy of Hours, fraternity announcements, initial formation (three levels) and ongoing formation by the formation director, lectures by the spiritual assistant, and end with Mass.

On the second or third weekend, we have eleven local group meetings consisting of the Liturgy of Hours, studying the Rule and General Constitution, faith sharing, community service sharing, care of the sick provided by the members, and ask suggestions for the ministries council and participation in funeral services.

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We also have activity groups. There is the formation committee. The prayer committee visits the sick, elderly, and homebound members. Another prayer committee prays for the deceased members and their families and performs funeral services. Twenty-one members have passed away since our fraternity has been formed. When a fraternity member passes away, we participate in the procession of the funeral with the family members in fraternal love.

To study St. Francis' spirituality and to help grow member's faith, we have retreats twice a year. We made a pilgrimage to Assisi with five other Korean Fraternities.

We have workshops every three years, including all the Korean Franciscan fraternities from Canada to Argentina, and participate in the Quinquennial Meeting as part of the Franciscan Fraternity.

At this year's NAFRA Chapter meeting, Korean Martyrs Fraternity introduced the Korean culture through traditional music and dance performances.



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Our fraternity also actively participates in apostolic activities for St. Francis Care Center. We have held 10 bazaars and 1 concert to raise funds for 40 lonely and homeless sisters who are over 65 years old in order for them to obtain housing and to overcome their difficulties.

We also participate in the annual bazaar at St. Francis of Assisi Church in the Korean community to raise more funds for the homeless. Some of our sponsoring organizations are St. Francis of Assisi Church, St. Missionary Charity, the Maryknoll Brothers, Sungsimwon in Korea, Manna Foundation in Russia, and Franciscans International at the UN.

We also try to protect all creation by reducing the use of disposable supplies and products, conserving water, and garbage separation since 2008 with the "Green & Clean" campaign.



Since the end of 2012, we have been devoting prayer of St. Francis Rosario and plan to do so until 2017, which is the 100th anniversary of the Marian apparitions in Fatima. We dedicate our prayers for our native country, who faces the pain of national division. We pray to God that St. Frances and St. Clare's peace spread to the whole world through our fraternity members. And as The Korean Martyr Fraternity, we will strive to make the 103 saints and 124 beautified Korean martyrs proud by our continued devotion. N.Y. Korean Martyrs Fraternity, Fighting!!



SISTER

DEATH

A FRATERNITY
PAYS TRIBUTE

By PETER F. MACALUSO, OFS

Lenora Mosca, OFS, of St. Anne Fraternity of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, passed to our Lord on July 11, 2015. Lenora was a Human Concerns Minister at St Anne's Church for 45 years and devoted herself to work for social justice and peace. Lenora was a public advocate and tireless worker for the homeless and most vulnerable. She proudly carried her Franciscan Tau and drove her almost vintage auto, whose signs spoke loudly for great causes of our time: Peace, Justice, Equality. Her environmental concerns were rooted in Franciscan joy, Francis' celebration of God's creation.

This joy was seen in her Clown Ministry as Karen Petersen, OFS, recalls Lenore decorating her face and arms for the Parish Fair.

Joe Borowski, OFS, said that in her Jesters of Clown Ministry she always delighted in making folks laugh at St Anne's events and in the nursing home dressed as a clown. She influenced our own Father Colin Kay who for ten years used the clown ministry to perfection for religious feasts. She founded and co-directed St. Anne's Youth Group and to some, became a 2nd mother and mentor. She launched the St. Anne's Food Pantry which fed hundreds of families in Bergen and Passaic Counties. The Bergen County Council of Churches recognized her tireless work on behalf of the homeless.

She was forthright with a courage that engaged others of faith in her work serving as a vocal member of the Inter-Religious Fellowship. Lenore received the Archdiocese of Newark prestigious *Caritas Award*. *The Bergen County Association of Churches* recognized her tireless work on behalf of the homeless. Lenore had over a dozen books of photos and articles as testimony to years of work.

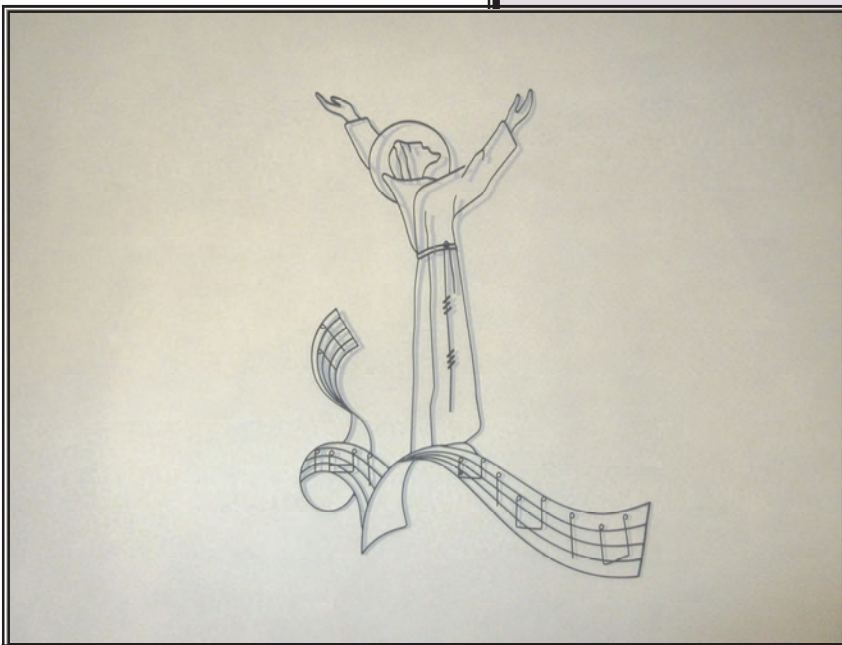
St. Anne's had scheduled a tribute reception in her honor; and they held it- even though Lenore had passed on to the Lord days before. Her funeral Mass was attended by religious leaders of diverse faiths.

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The cut out of St Francis music score (below) was taken in the corridor of St Clare's Church in Assisi last year. It is the only combination of rightful music and St Francis. Dance is the basic art form since we first danced on our Mother's lap before we walked.
—PETER MACALUSO



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Anthony Marinelli, OFS, was a good friend and staff member with Lenore for many years. He said that,

“Lenore feared no one and spoke up when she had to. She had a heart of gold and would give you the shirt off her back. But you could not pull her leg (we say); she knew when someone was fibbing, or trying to pull a fast one-- know you could not get away with it, not with Lenore.”

“She loved Thanksgiving season, the time for everyone to get together, we Catholics, our Protestant and Jewish brothers and sisters at another Church or Temple.”

“Each year she helped organized a community Seder. She would have many meetings with all the heads of different rite Christians at our Church rectory now and then. They all loved Lenore, how could you not. Lenore loved it when women achieved better positions in the Church. One of Lenore’s most adored women, a Servant of God, was Dorothy Day, whose picture hung before her office. Lenore was a Franciscan all the way. “DEAREST LENORE PRAY FOR US!” Love you.”
--Anthony Marinelli, OFS

Deacon William Joyce, OFS, says “Lenore professed her lifelong commitment to the Secular Franciscan Order on January 25· 1998. She lived that profession for the rest of her time on earth. At one event, I told her I was not given purposely towards acting like a clown-- I’m clowning enough by accident. Lenore ignored my protestations and dressed me in a rainbow wig and a red nose. She had me join the clown troupe at Maple Glen Manor in Fair Lawn as they entertained the residents. It was very funny, and a good lesson in Humility.”

“Every spring she obtained flower seeds and the Fraternity passed them out to parishioners after the weekend Masses. At one September meeting, we packaged dog biscuits, cat treats, and even bird seed to distribute after Masses and on St. Francis Day.”

“In 2014, Lenore was too ill to attend the Blessing of the Animals. Her husband, Alfred, who had been ill for many years with MS had died. When I visited her at the funeral home her first words were, “How did the Blessing of the Animals go?” Lenore was one of those people who knew what was needed to be done for the poor, for the animals and for the Earth. There was no negativity with her when her mind was made up. Sometimes we call people like that philosophers, sometimes poets; sometimes prophets, and sometimes saints. We will not see her like again. --Bill Joyce, OFS

Lenore would not agree to her children’s wishes to get her an air conditioner or a new car. Francis you recall, forbade the Friars to own a horse, a sign of wealth.

Lenore’s vintage car covered with signs for peace and social justice surely received a disapproving look from some.

Didn’t Francis receive some of the same?

Doesn’t Lenore’s photo with the picture of Pope Francis say so much?

Her expression and extended hands say so much. People have remarked about it. As Lenore looked at Pope Francis, may we brothers and sisters be able to look at Lenore and her example.

There was no doomsday for Lenore who seemed to be skipping in a dance of Franciscan joy in God’s creativity.

Her prophetic life experienced the two sides of the Tau - affliction and joy.

Lenora was a Troubadour for *peace and all good!*



SISTER



DEATH



JOHN MURAWSKI, OFS
Called home to the Lord
†September 29, 2015.

Please pray for John who entered into his eternal reward after a long illness. John was a member of the Sts. Elizabeth and Louis Fraternity in Manhattan. His Funeral Mass was celebrated on October 3rd at St. Francis of Assisi Church. A 10:30 a.m. Memorial Mass was held in St. John's Church on 31st street on Saturday, November 7th.



INTO YOUR HANDS, O LORD,
we humbly entrust our brothers,
JOHN MURAWSKI, OFS
JOHN C. RAS, OFS
FR. ALLEN WEBER, OFM

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.



JOHN C. RAS, OFS
Called home to the Lord
†October 11, 2015.

John was a professed Secular Franciscan for 20 years; he was also a founding member of our region, Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity, (OLTAR) and a member of the St. Mary of the Angels fraternity in NYC.

John faithfully served our newly formed OLTAR region and also his local fraternity with his accounting skills as Treasurer for many years. John was also instrumental in the creation of our OLTAR region database.

His Funeral Mass was celebrated on October 20th at Most Holy Name Church In Manhattan.

FR. ALLEN WEBER, OFM, 75, a professed Franciscan friar for 33 years, and a priest for 50, died December 25, 2015, at Hackensack University Medical Ctr. A Mass of Christian Burial was held December 30 at the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady Church in Wood-Ridge, N.J., where Fr. Allen had been stationed. Provincial Minister Kevin Mullen, OFM, was principal celebrant. A memorial Mass, celebrated by James Vacco, OFM, was offered at the same time in the chapel at St. Bonaventure University in Western New York, where Fr. Allen had lived for nearly 27 years. Burial followed at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Totowa, N.J.

Fr. Allen served as spiritual assistant to St. Anne's Fraternity in Fair Lawn, N.J. He celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination last year.



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FRATERNAL TIDINGS

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ELECTIONS & PROFESSIONS

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Election results of October 25, 2015 SACRED HEART FRATERNITY 146, Yonkers, NY

Council as pictured in opposite left photo: L-to-R:

- FR. MAURICE MOREAU, OFM CAP, Spiritual Assistant
- BENEDICTA FONACIER, OFS, Minister
- FRANCES ACOSTA, OFS, Formation Director
- JAMES BIANCHI, OFS, Secretary
- CORA MADRAZO, OFS, Treasurer
- EVIE PACHECO YORK, OFS, Vice Minister

Election results of October 31, 2015 DIVINE MERCY FRATERNITY 166, Clifton, NJ

Council listed is not in photo sequence

- BRO. DOUG SOIK, OFM CAP, Friar Witness to Election
- FR. MICHAEL SOCHA, OFM CONV, Spiritual Assistant
- JADWIGA SZABLOWSKI, OFS, Minister
- STEFANIA ADANCZYK, OFS, Vice Minister
- LEOKADIA MARMUROWSKA, OFS, Secretary
- JADWIGA KARBOWSKA, OFS, Treasurer
- ALFREDA PAWELSKA, OFS, Formation Director



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Election results of November 11, 2015 SAN DAMIANO FRATERNITY 139, Yonkers, NY

Council as pictured in opposite left photo: L-to-R:

- ALEJANDRO NARVAEZ, OFS, Treasurer
- CHRISTY SHERRY, OFS, Formation Director
- HUGO BADER, OFS, Minister
- CINDY BELIVEAU, OFS, Secretary
- JOANNE CUOMO, OFS, Vice Minister
- FR. BRIAN TOMLINSON, OFM CAP, Spiritual Assistant

FRATERNAL TIDINGS

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ELECTIONS & PROFESSIONS

Election results of November 12, 2015 ST. FRANCIS FRATERNITY 137, Hackensack, NJ

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- DIANE MENDITTO, OFS, Formation Director
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- ANTHONY BUDA, OFS, Treasurer
- KAREN FERRARI, OFS, Councilor
- EDSON ATWOOD, OFS, Minister
- FR. JOHN SALVAS, OFM CAP, Spiritual Assistant
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NAFRA ELECTIONS

REGIONAL MINISTERS AND DELEGATES FROM AROUND THE U.S.

ELECTED NEW
NATIONAL LEADERS
OF THE
SECULAR FRANCISCAN
ORDER DURING
THE NATIONAL CHAPTER
HELD ON
OCTOBER 13-18, 2015
IN CLINTON, NJ.



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Front row L-to-R: National Vice Minister MARY BITTNER, OFS; National Minister JAN PARKER, OFS, and National Secretary MATTIE WARD, OFS.

Back row L-to-R: National Councilor JOAN GEIGER, OFS; National Councilor AWILDA GUADALUPE, OFS; National Treasurer JERRY ROUSSEAU, OFS; International Councilor MARY STRONACH, OFS; National Councilor MARY FRANCES CHARSKY, OFS, and Bro. BOB BRADY, OFM, president-in-turn of the Conference of National Spiritual Assistants.

FRATERNAL TIDINGS

congratulations PROFESSIONS & ADMISSIONS

ST. JOHN VIANNEY FRATERNITY 135, COLONIA, NJ,
celebrated the profession of **MARK COSMAS, OFS,**
at the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday, January 10, 2016, at St. John Vianney Church.



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As Hurricane Joachim was trying to make its way up the East coast, **ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA FRATERNITY OF SCOTCH PLAINS 143,** was busy preparing and attending its Feast Day Mass on October 3, 2015, at the St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral of Metuchen. There was no stopping our Franciscan Brothers and Sisters from witnessing the Admission of **CARMELA BRADLEY** and the Profession of **PATRICIA STELLE** and **GLENN KALINOWSKI.**

This was also a special day for our Spiritual Assistant, Monsignor William Benwell, Vicar General of Metuchen, as this was his first Profession and Admission. The fraternity could feel the Spirit of St. Francis was alive and present in our midst, as Carmela was received into the fraternity and as Pat and Glenn each made their promises. Monsignor's homily theme was "Let us be joyful through all our difficulties, trials, and tribulations, as St. Francis did".

The celebration continued as the members enjoyed each others company as a fraternity, with a relaxing and festive luncheon at Charlie Brown's Restaurant. It was truly a delightful and joyous day filled with love.

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PROFESSIONS & RECOGNITIONS

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR FRATERNITY, NEW YORK, NY

A double celebration was held on November 21, 2015- the Feast day of Sts. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Louis of France, Patron Saints of the Secular Franciscan Order.

A special Mass held in celebration of the feast day also gave witness to the Profession of four members who were joyfully received into the Secular Franciscan Order.

Blessings and Congratulations are wished upon

ANITA DUNBAR

ELIZABETH FACKINA

ZUBAIR SIMONSON

JOSEPH WOLFE, JR.

A special Mass and gala celebration was held on December 5th in honor of the **50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COMMISSIONING OF THE ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR FRATERNITY OF NYC.**

Fraternity members, OFS brothers, sisters, and guests joined together in fellowship at the 12:30 p.m. Mass at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi on West 31st Street followed by a reception in the San Damiano Hall.

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Our October 2015 Transitus at St. Mary's Church (Divine Mercy Parish) in Rahway, NJ. Only 10 people attended due to the challenging weather. However by God's Grace, we had a beautiful Transitus. Father Robert Lamirez from Divine Mercy Parish celebrated with us. After prayers, we venerated the relics of St. Francis of Assisi. Most attendees were from the St. John Vianney Fraternity (Mely Manalo, Libia & Mark Cosmas, Bob Timper and his wife), 2 persons were from the St. Stephen's Fraternity-- Joanna Derabin (minister) and Danuta Wyszynski.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN POMPTON LAKES, NJ - (ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION FRATERNITY) held a month long series of different Keynote Talks during the month of October 2015 titled "Francis Week".

On Tuesday October 20th, "FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY" was presented. Keynote speakers from First Order: Fr. Greg Gebbia, OFM; Second Order: Sr. Etta Patton, SC; Third Order Secular: **Fr. Sam Monaco, OFS; Most Holy Name Fraternity, Little Falls, NJ.** Each speaker addressed the Three Orders founded by St. Francis of Assisi: who are they, what makes them different and what makes them all Gospel-centered.

Below are photos of the evening. Our Region was well represented at the talk. Over half of those attending were Seculars!

--In our next issue of *The Troubadour*, we will read of the October 6th presentation featuring keynote speaker, Fr. Dan Horan, OFM.

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U P C O M I N G

BLESSED JOHN DUNS SCOTUS FRANCISCAN LIBRARY PRESENTATION

On Saturday, March 19, you are invited to a presentation on St. Bonaventure's "Tree of Life" by Friar Richard Martignetti.

Fr. Rick has a Doctorate in Sacred Theology with a concentration in Franciscan spirituality from the Pontifical University Antonianum in Rome. He has taught Franciscan or Bonaventurian Theology at the Antonianum, at The Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury, England, at St. Bonaventure University in Olean, New York, at the Franciscan House of Studies in Nairobi, Kenya, and at Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio.

He has given a number of retreats and workshops using St. Bonaventure's *Tree of Life*, more recently at an inter-Franciscan gathering for men and women in initial formation in Garrison, New York.



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He has two books on the subject: *Mystical Theology in Saint Bonaventure's Tree of Life*, an in-depth theological study of the text and *Hidden Beauty*, a collection of prayerful reflections to help the reader pray with the work. Fr. Rick will speak about St. Bonaventure's *Tree of Life* and the call to a personal relationship with Jesus Christ which is nourished through prayer and meditation.

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Blessed John Duns Scotus Franciscan Library
125 Thompson Street
New York, NY 10012

All are welcome.

If you plan to attend, we ask that you RSVP to Siobhan O'Dwyer, OFS:

smdfranciscanlibrary@gmail.com



TUESDAY EVENING

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**PRESENTED BY THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS
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FEBRUARY 23:

**AN EXPERIENCE OF MERCY—
A REFLECTION ON THE BOOK OF RUTH.**

LORI HOFFMAN

MARCH 1:

**MERCY: FINDING IT IN THE REAL WORLD—
THE PROBLEM OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING.**

SR. ODILE COIRIER, FMM

MARCH 8:

**MERCY: FINDING IT IN THE REAL WORLD—
COPING WITH POVERTY.**

SR. ANA MARTINEZ DE LUCO, SFCC

MARCH 15:

**THE SACRAMENT OF MERCY—
BELIEVING IN GOD'S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE**

FR. KEVIN TORTORELLI, OFM

*A Reconciliation Service with the
opportunity for individual confession
follows this reflection.*



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Wherever you see the spirit of Saint Francis at work in the world, in your lives, in your fraternity, in it's members and in your hearts—we want to hear from you. Come, share with us.

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All submissions for the next issue must be received by the 15th of the preceding month. **Submissions for the next issue of The Troubadour, March 2016, are due by February 15th.**

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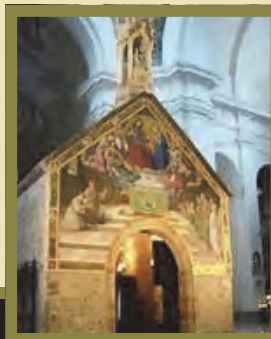
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