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CONNECTING THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN
COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE REGION.



ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA - FEAST DAY - JUNE 13

RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY VISIT NY/NJ - SEE PAGE 6



Come and gather with other Franciscans to observe, participate and celebrate together.

If your fraternity or church has planned a gathering or special event, please send me your information for e-publication by the 25th of the preceding month.

**DEADLINE FOR THE
JULY 2017 ISSUE
IS JUNE 25th**

Send event listings to:

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MARK SUBJECT LINE: OFS E-VENTS



WHEN THERE ARE NO FRATERNITY EVENT LISTINGS RECEIVED FOR A PARTICULAR MONTH, OFS E-VENTS WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED FOR THAT MONTH.

2017 REGION CALENDAR

GENERAL MEETINGS



CLUSTER FORMATION WORKSHOP - SEE PAGE 3

SPECIAL FORMATION SESSION:

TOPIC: THE PRAYER LIFE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN

SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH

FOR NORTH AND CENTRAL JERSEY CLUSTERS.

9:30 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

ST. BONAVENTURE CHURCH

174 RAMSEY STREET, PATERSON, NEW JERSEY

If you attended the earlier May 6, 2017 session, it is not necessary to attend this session as the same material will be presented.



REGION RETREAT — SEE PAGE 5

AUGUST 4 — 6, 2017

MT. ALVERNIA RETREAT CENTER

WAPPINGERS FALLS, NEW YORK

RETREAT WILL BE LED BY:

FR. NICK MORMANDO, OFM CAP. AND

BRO. RUDOLPH PIERETTI, OFM CAP.



CHAPTER OF MINISTERS — ELECTIVE CHAPTER

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

8:30 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH

50 LODI STREET, HACKENSACK, NJ

FORMATION WORKSHOP

In order to provide a richer opportunity for Initial Formation, the Regional Formation Team, in cooperation with the Regional Executive Council, is offering this Initial Formation Session at the Cluster level in the region.

This session is meant to supplement the initial formation occurring on the fraternity level and provide an opportunity for Inquirers and Candidates throughout the region to meet and share their journey to Profession.

The Formation session will be led by Diane Menditto, OFS Regional Minister and members from the Regional Formation Team. The topic of this session will be **“THE PRAYER LIFE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN”**.

June 24, 2017

AGENDA

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

REGISTRATION

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

PRESENTATION AND GROUP PARTICIPATION

12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WRAP-UP AND CLOSING PRAYER

ST. BONAVENTURE CHURCH

174 RAMSEY STREET, PATERSON, NJ
FOR NORTH AND CENTRAL JERSEY CLUSTERS.

- Sessions are intended for Inquirers and Candidates.
- The Regional Formation Team urges all Inquirers, Candidates, Formation Directors and Formation Teams in the region to attend this session.
- If you attended the earlier May 6, 2017 session, it is not necessary to attend this session as the same material will be presented.
- In order to help plan the meeting and provide copies of the presentation material for all the attendees, please

RSVP by June 16th if you are planning to attend.

RSVP via phone or e-mail to:

Ed Wojciechowski, OFS

phone: 973-492-1035

e-mail: edwojo@yahoo.com



JUSTICE, PEACE AND THE INTEGRITY OF CREATION



**CHRIS LEONE, OFS
CHAIR — JPIC Commission
OLTAR REGION**
cleone113@yahoo.com




I have a vision of how I will approach my new servant leadership role. I see an approach built upon culture, conversion and call to action.

By fostering a culture of encounter we put names and faces to abstract concepts like poverty, clean water, climate change and immigration.

If we humanize these concepts we can get people to wrap their hearts around these issues, not just their heads.

When the heart is involved, conversion occurs; and when conversion occurs it is easier to mobilize others to a call to action.

If you would like to be a part of an exciting opportunity to make the JPIC Commission come to life, please reach out to me at cleone113@yahoo.com or phone 908-528-0865. 

When our committee is formed, a statement of purpose including our vision and mission will be the first order of business.



The **SPRING 2017** issue of **VOX FRANCISCANA** is now available. The new International newsletter is available 2x per year — online only.

Download the current **pdf English** version of the issue at:

http://www.ciofs.org/portal/images/Circ_PDF/VoxFranciscana/EN_Vox_Franciscana_2_-_Spring_2017.pdf 

Download the current **pdf Spanish** version of the issue at:

http://www.ciofs.org/portal/images/Circ_PDF/VoxFranciscana/ES_Vox_Franciscana_-_Primavera_2017.pdf 



2017 REGION RETREAT

We will once again be utilizing the beautiful facilities at the Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, New York. Held on August 4 – 6, 2017, the cost is \$175.00 per attendee.



OUR RETREAT WILL BE LED BY

**FR. NICK MORMANDO, OFM CAP. AND
BRO. RUDOLPH PIERETTI, OFM CAP.**

Join your Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters at our annual region retreat where you will share time in prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth.

Remember space is limited, so register now using the registration form provided below.

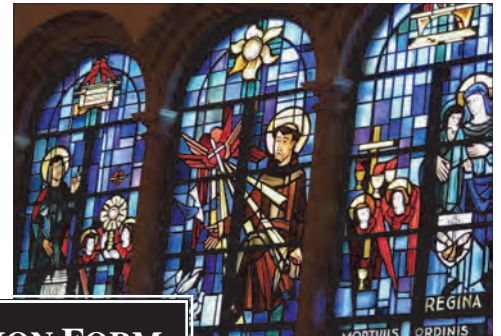


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A LIMITED NUMBER OF “PARTIAL SCHOLARSHIPS” ARE AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND, BUT ARE UNABLE TO DUE TO COST CONSTRAINTS.

CONTACT RICHARD SPANA DIRECTLY (PHONE NUMBER LISTED BELOW) FOR MORE DETAILS.

2017 REGION RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Please check one Professed Candidate

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Fraternity: _____ Single room Double room

Special Needs: _____ Room with: _____

Send completed registration form with \$175.00 check payable to “Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity” to: RICHARD SPANA, OFS • 170 E Hartsdale Avenue 1-F, Hartsdale, NY 10530-3536 • Phone: 914-478-2010.

The Registration Form is available on our region website at: <http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org>



SAINT ANTHONY'S RELICS TO VISIT NEW YORK/ NEW JERSEY

FR. ALESSANDRO RATTI, OFM, from the Basilica of Saint Anthony in Padua, Italy, visits this June bringing a precious relic of Saint Anthony to his devotees for Veneration.



Tentative Schedules!

TUESDAY, JUNE 13 (Feast day of St. Anthony)

Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 135 West 31st Street, NYC, NY 10001

- **MASSES AND VENERATION:** from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Lower Church. St. Anthony's Blessed Bread will also be distributed all day long at the 32nd Street entrance and in front of the church on 31st Street from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. or as long as supplies last.

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

Church of Saint Joseph, 280 Washington Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801

- **VENERATION AND AFTERNOON MASSES:** 12:00 Noon and 7:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

Our Lady of Fatima Church, 6 Cottonwood Road, Port Washington, NY 11050

- **VENERATION:** FROM 12:00 Noon — **MASSES:** 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

For more information contact **TOM MUSCATELLO** at 914-263-8841 or at:

anthonianassociation@gmail.com





SAINT PADRE PIO COMES TO THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEW YORK

SAINT PATRICK CATHEDRAL

5th Ave, New York, NY 10022

For information about the public veneration, please call (646) 537-7830 ext. 828, or send an email to SylviaRivas@saintpatrickscathedral.org.

For additional information about the tour, please call (203) 416-1471, or send an email to info@saintpiofoundation.org.

Come and venerate the official relics of Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, in this first US tour to celebrate the 130th anniversary of Saint Padre Pio's birth, and the 15th anniversary of his canonization.

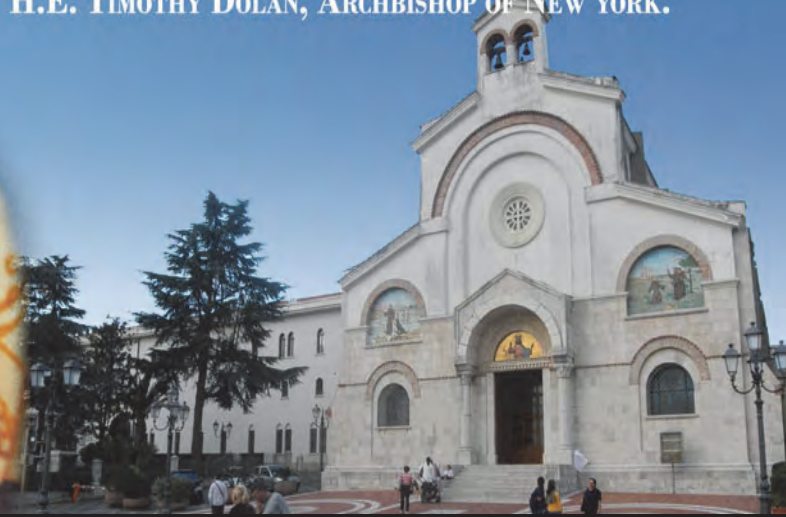
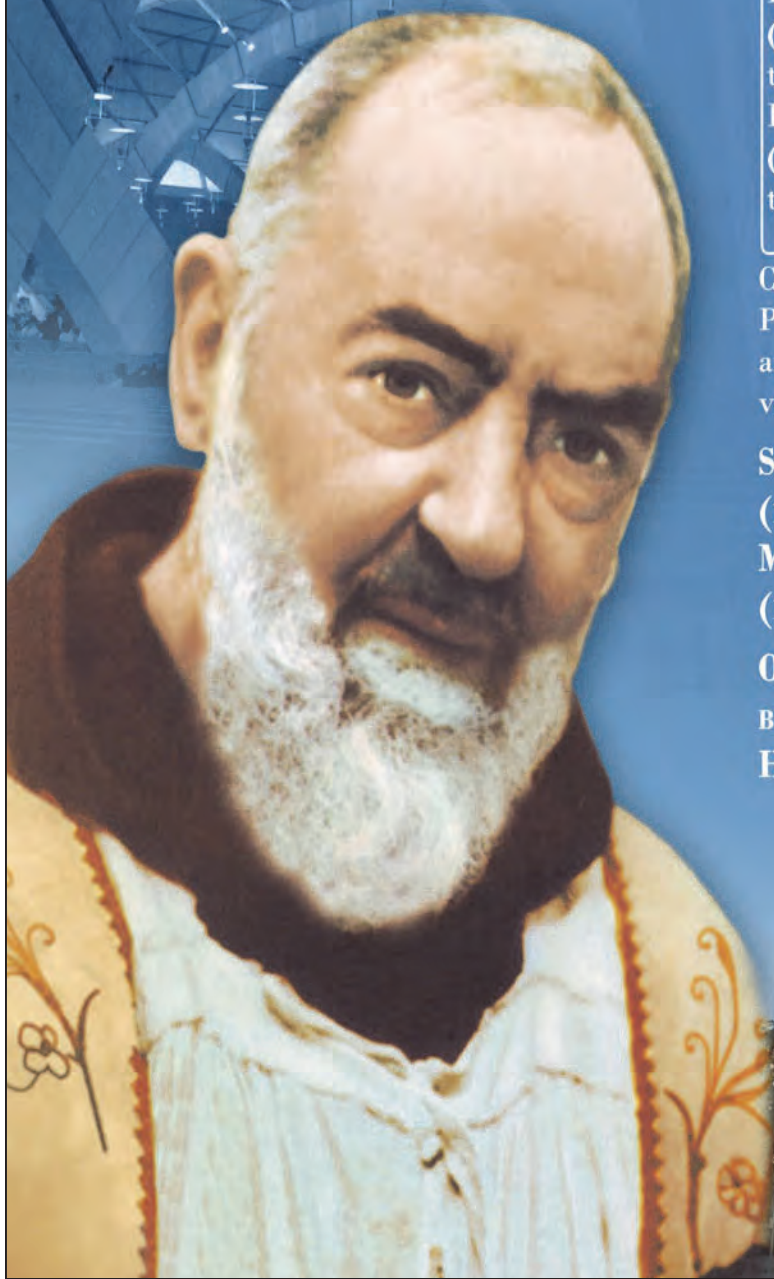
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

(FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

(FROM 7 A.M. TO 8 P.M.)

ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2017, AT 10:15 A.M., WILL BE CELEBRATED A MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT PADRE PIO BY H.E. TIMOTHY DOLAN, ARCHBISHOP OF NEW YORK.





CIOFS MONTHLY OFS—YOUFRA PRAYER INTENTIONS

TO EMPHASIZE COMMUNION WITH THE POPE, WE OFFER THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTION AND AN OFS INTENTION, BASED ON THE LIFE AND MAJOR EVENTS OF THE ORDER.
THE LOCAL FRATERNITIES WILL PRAY FOR BOTH.

2017

April	<p>Universal: For young people, that they may know how to respond generously to their vocation, seriously considering the possibility of consecrating themselves to God in the priesthood or in consecrated life.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternity of Venezuela, the Philippines and for the fifth Asia-Oceania Congress.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
May	<p>For evangelization: For Christians in Africa that they may give a prophetic witness of reconciliation, justice and peace in imitation of the merciful Jesus.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternities of Romania, and Bosnia and Herzegovina.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
June	<p>Universal: For the leaders of nations to commit themselves to put an end to the arms trade, which leads to so many innocent victims.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternities of Italy, Malaysia-Singapore and the Netherlands, and for the Project Africa Formation Workshop in Abidjan-Ivory Coast.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
July	<p>For evangelization: For our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, that through our prayers and witness of the Gospel, they can rediscover the closeness of the merciful Lord, and the beauty of Christian life.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternities of Capo Verde, Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Bolivia and Pakistan.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
August	<p>Universal: For the artists of our time, may they, through the works of their genius, help everyone discover the beauty of creation.</p> <p>OFS: For the Project Africa Formation Workshop in Yaoundé-Cameroon, the National Fraternities of Egypt, Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Guatemala, Denmark, Chile and Ireland.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
September	<p>For evangelization: For our parishes, let them be animated by a missionary spirit, and become places where faith is shared and where they are witnesses of charity.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternities of Peru, Lithuania and Spain.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
October	<p>Universal: For those in the labor market, may they all be assured of respect and protection of their rights and may the unemployed be given the opportunity to contribute to the building of the common good.</p> <p>OFS: For the National Fraternities of Belarus and Thailand.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
November	<p>For evangelization: For Christians in Asia, as they bear witness to the Gospel in word and deed, let it be conducive to dialogue, peace and mutual understanding, especially with those who belong to other religions.</p> <p>OFS: For the CIOFS Presidency, the General Intermediate Chapter, our departed brothers and sisters, and the Malawi National Fraternity.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>
December	<p>Universal: For the elderly, may they be sustained by families and Christian communities, and may they work together in wisdom and experience to transmit the faith and to educate the new generations.</p> <p><i>Our Father...</i></p>

NAFRA — JPIC

JPIC AWARD NOMINATIONS 2017

CAROLYN TOWNES, NATIONAL JPIC ANIMATOR

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**THE OLTAR REGIONAL
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
WOULD LIKE TO BRING
TO YOUR ATTENTION
THE CURRENT
“CALL FOR NOMINATIONS”
FOR THE 2017
NATIONAL JPIC AWARD—
THE JUSTICE, PEACE AND
INTEGRITY OF CREATION
AWARD.**

“We want to give our membership the chance to suggest nominees for this important award.

If you know someone who might make a good nominee, please either nominate him/her directly by submitting the form on page 10 or submit all the nominating form information to Diane Menditto and the Region will file the nomination.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation”.

DIANE MENDITTO, OFS

It is that time again when we as a Franciscan community nominate those individuals who are doing exemplary work in the areas of peace, social justice and the care of God's Creation.

Only nomination forms will be accepted. See page 10.

Please prayerfully consider nominating that Franciscan who steps out into the extraordinary. Any questions, feel free to contact me.

Nominations are only open to members of the worldwide Franciscans Family:

- **1st Order Friar or Brother**
- **2nd Order Poor Clare**
- **3rd Order Regular Sister**
- **3rd Order Secular**
- **Any of our Ecumenical Franciscan Family— clergy or lay**

**Please e-mail the form back to me at: ctownes26@hotmail.com
Please put “JPIC AWARD” in the Subject line as some emails mysteriously take a walk on the spam side.**

I will send you an acknowledgement once I receive your form. If you do not hear from me, then I did not receive anything, but y'all know how I like to roam around the country animating and chatting folks up, so be patient!

**DEADLINE FOR ALL NOMINATIONS IS
SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2017.**

Wishing you blessings of peace and all good,

CAROLYN D. TOWNES, OFS

**NAFRA 2017 NOMINATION FORM FOR THE (JPIC)
JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION AWARD**

The United States Secular Franciscan Order established the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Award to recognize those Franciscans who are dedicated to promoting peace, social justice and care for creation by the testimony of their human lives. Through their courageous initiatives, they work to animate compassion and non-violence in the world.

If you know someone from the Franciscan Family in your community or in the world who promotes peace in a significant way, please think about nominating him or her for the JPIC Award.

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

NOMINEE IS WHICH BRANCH OF THE FRANCISCAN FAMILY?

____ Friar / Province: _____

____ Poor Clare / Congregation: _____

____ Religious Sister / Congregation: _____

____ Secular / Region: _____

____ Ecumenical Clergy: _____

____ Ecumenical Lay: _____

WHY ARE YOU NOMINATING THIS PERSON FOR THE JUSTICE, PEACE AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION AWARD? (250 words)

WHAT ARE SOME OF THE WORKS, PROJECTS, AND/OR NOTABLE CHARACTERISTICS ABOUT THIS PERSON THAT EXEMPLIFIES HIS/HER PEACE EFFORTS? (250 words)

HOW MAY WE CONTACT THE NOMINEE?

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Street Address: _____