



Our Fraternal Scoop



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MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL MINISTER

Where does time go? It seems like only yesterday when we received a newsletter. The two events that I want to highlight are our Regional Retreat and the National Chapter meeting in St. Louis.

I was so proud of all the work that the Co-chairs, Amy Sperry, OFS and Carmen Duron, OFS did on pulling it all together for our retreat. Our own regional presenters gave us a lot of information to think about and share thoughts around. And there were a lot of busy bees behind the scenes. The excitement that flowed through the room at the Casa was truly amazing: people running back and forth to the silent auction table; reviewing all of the books we could keep; collecting, sorting and packing t-shirts, for the Poor Clare Sisters in the Philippines, a Regional JPIC project brought forth by the Blessed Franz Jägerstätter fraternity (and any leftover books went with them); signing a card and donating



funds to support our Franciscan family in the Ukraine. I can still feel the excitement and fun that was shared by all of us there. There is nothing like family!

And talk about family – it goes way beyond our Region! This year the Chapter meeting of the OFS-USA included the Chapter of Visitation. Presidency Councilor, Dina Shabalina, OFS was the Fraternal Visitor representing CIOFS. She is from Ukraine. (I was able to give her our card. ☺) General Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Carlos Campos, TOR, from Peru was the Spiritual Visitor. The CNSA was with us too, along with the various members of our numerous national committees. Br. David, OFM was even able to join us for some time. Being part of a larger “family” was so evident at this Chapter meeting in St. Louis. By having together not only our National Council and our International visitors, but also members of various committees, only brings to light that we have different responsibilities and roles to play. We may live in different parts of the country, even the world, but we have the same concerns, the same heartaches, but the same joys that hold us all together as Franciscans. AND we are always there for each other!



So in closing, my dear brothers and sisters, I want to assure you that your Regional Council and your Regional Executive Council are there for you. Each fraternity even has a Councilor that they can go to. And, please, be willing to share the good, the bad and even the ugly. We are all in this family together. I can't emphasize that enough. I would like to leave you with a quote from Pope Francis: “All of the love that God has in Himself, all of the beauty that God has in Himself, all of the truth that God has in Himself, He gives to the family. And a family is truly a family when it is able to open its arms and receive all of this love.” Remember: You are loved!



Submitted by Julianne Hartzell, OFS

OFM GENERAL DELEGATE TO THE US6 PROVINCES

July 7, 2023

Dear brothers and sisters of the Secular Franciscan Order,

This October, Franciscan friars from provinces across the United States are coming together to form one new province, under the name of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province. This new province will offer a renewed Franciscan witness to society through its fraternities in the United States, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Jamaica.

I am pleased to share that on July 5, the General Definitory of the Order of Friars Minor elected the friars who will serve in the provincial administration of the future province. These men will take office on October 17, during the first provincial chapter, and will serve for a three-year term.

The incoming provincial administration is:


Provincial Minister-elect: Br. Lawrence Hayes (Holy Name Province)
Provincial Vicar-elect: Br. Mark Soehner (St. John the Baptist Province)

Provincial Councilors-elect of the future Our Lady of Guadalupe Province:

Br. John Eaton (Sacred Heart Province)
Br. Edward Tlucek (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province)
Br. José Rodríguez (Our Lady of Guadalupe Province)
Br. Erick Lopez (Holy Name Province)
Br. Rommel Perez Flores (Sacred Heart Province)
Br. Roger Lopez (St. John the Baptist Province)
Br. Samuel Nasada (St. Barbara Province)

These friars come from each of the six provinces that have been involved in the years-long renewal and restructuring process. They bring a variety of gifts, diversity of experience and faith-filled vision. I humbly ask that you keep them in your prayers as they prepare to serve in their new roles.

Fraternally,



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OFM GENERAL DELEGATE TO THE US6 PROVINCES



FRANCISCAN FRIARS

New Province Beginning October 17, 2023

Welcome the Incoming Provincial Administration

The OFM General Definitory is pleased to announce the leadership team of the new Our Lady of Guadalupe Province



Provincial Minister-Elect Br. Lawrence Hayes

(Holy Name Province) Currently Vicar Provincial of Holy Name Province; Born in 1954; Simply professed in 1984. Lawrence, a Spanish-speaker, is the national secretary for formation and studies, and currently engaged in Hispanic pastoral ministry. He has been an invaluable contributor to the R&R process and US-6 group.



Provincial Vicar-Elect Br. Mark Soehner

(St. John the Baptist Province) Currently Provincial Minister of St. John the Baptist Province; Born in 1958; Simply professed in 1981. Mark is convenor of the US-6 group, and before engaging in the ministry of provincial leadership, has been a psychotherapist, a formator and a pastor.



Provincial Councilor-Elect Br. John Eaton

(Sacred Heart Province) Currently Vicar Provincial of Sacred Heart Province; Born in 1951; Simply professed in 1972. John is engaged in pastoral work in East St. Louis, Illinois.



Provincial Councilor-Elect Br. Edward Tlucek

(Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province) Currently Provincial Councilor of Assumption BVM Province; Born in 1950; Simply professed in 1974. Edward is a pastor in Waterford, Wisconsin.



Provincial Councilor-Elect Br. José Rodríguez

(Our Lady of Guadalupe Province) Born in 1962; Simply professed in 1999. José is a member of the Order's Executive Council for the Missions and Evangelization, among other mission activities.



Provincial Councilor-Elect Br. Erick Lopez

(Holy Name Province) Currently Provincial Councilor of Holy Name Province; Born in 1973; Simply professed in 2006, Erick is director of novices in Santa Barbara, California.



Provincial Councilor-Elect Br. Rommel Pérez Flores

(Sacred Heart Province) Currently Provincial Councilor of Sacred Heart Province; Born in 1973; Simply professed in 2007. Rommel is engaged in pastoral work in Joliet, Illinois.



Provincial Councilor-Elect Br. Roger Lopez

(St. John the Baptist Province). Currently Provincial Councilor of St. John the Baptist Province; Born in 1979; Simply professed in 2008. Roger is an educator in Roger Bacon School, Cincinnati, Ohio.



Provincial Councilor-Elect Br. Samuel Nasada

(St. Barbara Province) Born in 1978; Simply professed in 2011. Samuel has been associate pastor in large multicultural parishes and has a strong interest in JPIC issues.

*"Most High, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of our hearts
and give us true faith, certain hope and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge that we may carry out Your holy
and true command."*

NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NEC)

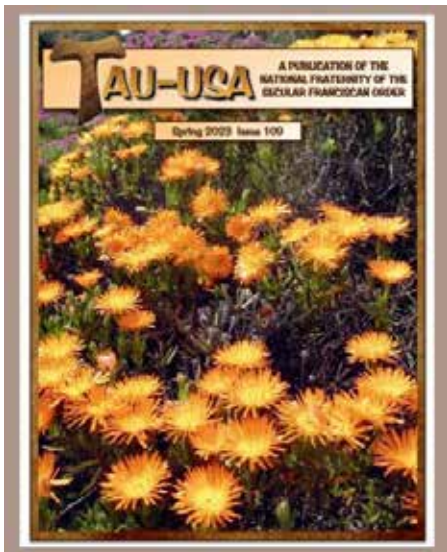
The National Executive Council prepared this summary of the budget-related actions from the Chapter.



- 1. Action: Fair Share. The National Fraternity Council unanimously voted to raise the fair share by \$5 per member (to \$22 per member per year to be paid by each local fraternity) starting in early 2025 (based on the numbers from December 31, 2024).**

Reason: The National Executive Council develops a budget with specific requests for each area (NEC, commissions, committee). These requests include estimates for accomplishing the work of the Order. Transportation, food, lodging, and postage costs are significantly higher. The NEC reviewed where costs could be trimmed (example: reducing the number of in-person meetings). The main source of income is the Fair Share contributions from the fraternities. In addition, the NEC estimated a reduction in income due to decrease in membership. Thus, expenses are increasing, and income is decreasing. The National Fraternity Council raised the Fair Share to \$17 per person in 2014, 9 years ago. Based on the increase in expenses and the decrease in income, the NEC estimated that we will use up our savings within the next five years. Therefore, the National Fraternity Council discussed raising fair share and approved the increase to be applied in early 2025.

- 2. Action: TAU-USA Printing. The National Fraternity Council voted to reduce the number of printed newsletters to one edition per year for 2024.**



Reason: One of the largest expenses is printing the Tau-USA newsletter. It has been a priority to send out printed copies as a formation tool, but also because many of our members do not have email or access to review the newsletters digitally. Many entities are going to digital only publications or print based on a subscription. To reduce expenses, the National Fraternity Council voted to print one of the four editions planned to be published in 2024. This will reduce expenses by an estimated \$40,000.



MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL FORMATION DIRECTOR

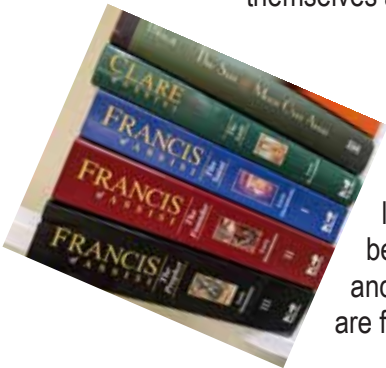
I was reading an article in an old TAU Magazine. The writers gave suggestions for navigating the changes families experience over time. One suggestion was “Be sure to set aside time for daily prayer in order to stay connected with the source of life.” A sentence can say so many things. I liked the part about staying connected with God. It seems most of my work is on that very topic. But I had a strange feeling. Francis wouldn't 'set aside time' for God. He was in it all the way...

Our Profession is an all the way commitment to live the Gospel. It's not something we do just part of our day. We do it every breathing moment, even when we are sleeping. When we say “Yes, this is what I want!” God doesn't occupy just a part of our time. By the grace of our Baptism and our willingness, God becomes everything for us.

Profession gives our Baptism focus and direction, like a keel on a boat. We are not all over the place, blowing in every direction. We steer by Franciscan principles and values. Our boat goes places other boats don't travel. But it's not a part-time job. It's not something we fit into our busy schedule. This has been hard for me to understand because 1) I'm naturally scattered and 2) there's a lot I don't know. Who can learn everything about Christianity and living with God?

Part of our journey is what we learn and know. Another part is everything we don't know. As Marion Habig, OFM wrote in 1961:

“We can never say we have learned enough about the Third Order; and as long as tertiaries admit to themselves and to others that they are learners, they deserve to be called good tertiaries.”



Formation is essential to Secular Franciscan life. We make our Profession after three years of formation, but that is only the beginning. If we think our formation is finished then “finished” might be the right word for us. Our formation has to continue every day of our life. We learn in the context of fraternity. We learn in the fields of our service. We learn in our reading and reflection. We learn *in our prayers and liturgies*. Our learning must be active, engaged, serious, deep and wide-ranging even as it reaches beyond our ability and understanding. Secular Franciscans in leadership work hard every day. Then, when they are finished serving, they are just Franciscans, but their learning continues.

One really good idea that comes from our National fraternity is to “find people who are interested in serving as leaders, then have them shadow council members who are doing the job so they can see for themselves what it requires.” This kind of formation happens best in the year before new elections, but it can happen at any time. This is why Council meetings are generally open to all. We can attend Council meetings and work sessions to learn for ourselves what it takes, even share ideas.

But the best way to show the value of formation is to share how WE are constantly training: the books and articles we are reading; the workshops and classes we attend; the retreats and pilgrimages we experience; the new skills we are practicing. When the left hand knows what the right hand is doing, then all hands can work together.

Think about how your personal study and growth is helping your fraternity. And if you can't think of anything, try reading your Bible.

Submitted by Tom McNamara, OFS

WHAT MEMBERS HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE REGIONAL RETREAT



During our past regional retreat we explored four lessons: Secular Franciscan History, Art-as-prayer, the Gospel (and how it liberates us), and The Spiritual Value of Exercise and Fitness. None of the presenters were experts. None of them really spoke to or even coordinated with the others before the Retreat. But the topics seemed to be carefully coordinated and relevant. Some of it we've heard before--some was new. In between talks, when we sat with coffee or crackers just sharing around tables, the power of the Spirit came to mortar the cracks. We arrived on Friday showing the strains and bruises of our daily lives but left on Sunday with new unity and purpose. God's purpose, in our hands and on our minds.

In our conversations we shared the most wonderful and useful stories. We talked about pretty much the whole spectrum of our Franciscan life. This is where the holy Spirit teaches us. I saw growth, conversion, challenge, hope and a lot of confirmation for the work our teachers and leaders are doing. I also saw how the responsibility for those things--the work and the learning--belongs to everyone. Everyone has something to share. We just have to find ways to do it.

So, when your leaders and teachers set up places and times for you to gather, GO WITH EXPECTATIONS! Expect to be challenged and in the challenges expect to be changed. If it isn't happening, speak up and call for it. Leadership and fraternity service are two-way conversations. It's always okay to say what you think and need from your fraternity. Don't miss the opportunities. An act of courage today can mean liberty for many tomorrow...

And all you leaders and teachers, when you ask your fraternities to talk to you be ready to listen. Opinions aren't bad. Good information comes from every source and direction. We discovered a lot of good ideas and got a lot of good information. Now there's work to organize for the coming year. But we can do it, because we are united as a Region. If you didn't get to come to retreat, find someone who did and ask them how it went.



**Our Retreat was a work of many hands.
God was there.
And I saw in people's eyes and faces real
hope and excitement for our future.**

WHAT MEMBERS HAD TO SAY ABOUT THE REGIONAL RETREAT

1. What was the most valuable message for you during this retreat?

- The joy of getting together as family.
- We are truly one family and truly blessed.
- We are community
- Fellowship and encouragement.

2. What have you gained from this retreat to help further your Franciscan vocation?

- Strength from being with other brothers and sisters.
- Walking and solidarity with others.
- A better understanding that the Franciscans are more than their local fraternity.
- Renewal of my profession and reorientation of my prayer life.



3. List 2 suggestions that could strengthen your fraternity from what you have learned during this retreat.

- Dialogue, working together for a common goal.
- The great feel of family and unity. More encouragement to keep going.
- Wellness of body, mind, spirit. Extended family in fraternity.
- Encourage fraternity members to attend next retreat to get the full message.

4. How do you plan to share what you have gained from this retreat with the other members of your fraternity who were unable to attend?

- Encourage them to attend the next retreat.
- I'm not a candidate yet, but I will tell them how blessed I was to be able to attend.
- Just sharing the joy in community, meeting others we never met and their experiences at the retreat and their fraternities.

5. What did you enjoy most about this retreat?

- Building fraternity, region-wide.
- Everything.
- The profession ceremony.
- Speaker, food, beautiful Franciscans.



MESSAGE FROM OUR REGIONAL JPIC ANIMATOR



Some ways I care for and connect with Creation...



1. Praying in backyard garden... where I converted lawn grass to native plants and Irises



2. Sharing gratitude for Iris in Bloom



3. Offering sister water to thirsty birds



4. Taking my food scraps for compost to the public bins behind the Good Sam city food pantry

How are YOU Caring for Creation?

- Pray • Live Simply
- Protect Our Common Home



5. Using bags already-destined-for-landfill to hold my trash, just staple shut



NEWS FROM ST. ANTHONY FRATERNITY Tucson, AZ

Greetings from St. Anthony Fraternity to our brothers and sisters of St. Thomas More Region.

We are blessed to be housed at Mission San Xavier del Bac. We serve at the Noon Mass prior to our gatherings. What an honor to be asked by the pastor, Fr. Ponchie Vasquez. If you have never been to the Mission, why don't you come and join us on a Sunday!

We have recently been assigned a new Spiritual Assistant. You may recognize the name: Julianne Hartzell. Julianne served her Spiritual Assistant internship with our Fraternity so she knows us well. We are excited to have six people in Orientation! Another blessing! Those prayers for vocations are powerful. And our current Candidate will be professed in 2024.



Two of our members attended the Baptism of our newest Franciscan (we hope). Andrea Isobel (professed) and Trevor (in Orientation) brought baby Elias Mateo to his first gathering, much to the pleasure of those in attendance.

Eight members attended the recent Regional Retreat at the Casa. It was well planned and organized. A shout out to Amy and Carmen! Two of the high points were praying the Liturgy of the Hours together and seeing the list of members and the number of years they have been professed, including many from our fraternity. A low point: 117-degree weather. But we made it through.



NEWS FROM ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA FRATERNITY Las Vegas, NV

The members of St. Margaret of Cortona fraternity in Las Vegas NV joyfully welcomed five Inquirers during their last gathering Sunday September 24.



Meet our new inquirers

Back row, left to right:

- Kathy Crowley** – “I’m very excited to have found such an amazing group of people. I’ve been looking for a community that embraces gospel living and prayer.”
- Colleen Malloy** – “I’m very happy to find such a loving and friendly community group among the Franciscans. I hope I can inspire more younger folks to join this wonderful community!”
- Sue Kowalski** – “I’m sure that St. Francis is pleased that we are receiving such a warm orientation to his family. I look forward to continuing this journey.”

Front Row, left to right:

- Pat Stoy** – “Been waiting awhile to become Franciscan and it’s finally happening! God’s time...not my time.”
- Angie Freeman** – “I’ve been in formation several years now (due to a move and thanks to Covid). I love the Franciscan charism and love the members of our Fraternity!”

May God bless them abundantly as they go forth discerning their Franciscan vocation!



NEWS FROM PEACE FRATERNITY Scottsdale, AZ

Peace Fraternity was blessed with a visit at our July gathering from our Regional Minister: Julianne Hartzell OFS and our Co-Regional Spiritual Assistant Susan Simeone OFS. After our regular gathering the Council had a chance to ask questions and lend our ears to ways we can continue to grow and polish our Fraternity. It is great to have our questions explained in a Franciscan way. Thank you to Julianne and Susan!



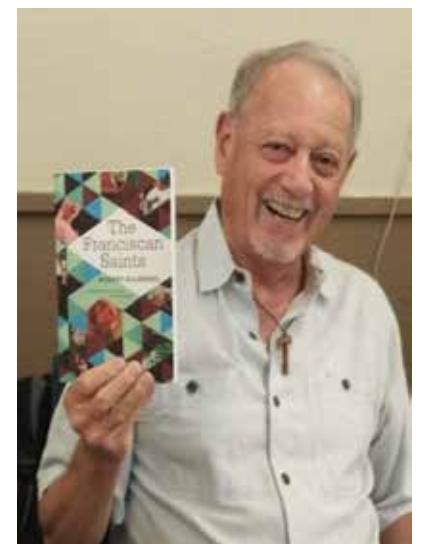
We are trying to spread the word to people around us about the joy we feel as Secular Franciscans. So many of the people we talk to may have heard the term but are very unaware of the change we have all felt in both our spiritual lives and our everyday life. It is not always easy to describe how it helps us but through our actions we hope to share this blessing with others. Deanna Thomas OFS and her daughter designed new pamphlets to give people more information on becoming a Secular Franciscan. At our September gathering we were able to welcome 5 visitors. As everyone introduced themselves, we are always fascinated with what we learn, not only about the visitors, but our own members.



Deanna Thomas OFS, treasurer of Peace Fraternity did a beautiful presentation on St Joseph. Much discussion followed. We all were excited to learn more.

Chris Hunt OFS shared a special book titled *The Franciscan Saints*. He explained how much that book has helped him through his journey and continued conversion.

Gianna Johnston, our soon to be candidate, along with her husband, Curtis, did a pilgrimage to Greece to walk in the footsteps of St Paul. More to come about that.



Submitted by Betty Holler, OFS



NEWS FROM ST. DAEGUN ANDREW KIM FRATERNITY Chandler, AZ

Dear Brothers and Sisters, On September 16, 2023, the St. Daegun Andrew Kim Fraternity held a 10th-anniversary mass and celebration event at the Casa.



Also, the rite of admission was held for five inquirers during the mass.

We had many members from other fraternities and the region council members attended to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the establishment of our fraternity.



NEWS FROM ST. DAEGUN ANDREW KIM FRATERNITY Chandler, AZ

Also, in the afternoon, we had a fun time doing a group dance and games, and listening to a special lecture by Father Francis Kim was an opportunity for us to become even closer to each other.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all members who attended the 10th-anniversary event of our fraternity. The members of our fraternity were moved by the warm consideration of the Thomas Region brothers and sisters. Thank you very much!



Submitted by Michael Nam, OFS, Vice-Minister

NEWS FROM ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE FRATERNITY Surprise, AZ



Out of 21 Active members, 14 attended the Regional retreat.

Our sister Rita Cummins continues to coordinate the collection of needed items and to deliver our donations for our migrant brothers and sisters in Nogales for the Kino Border Initiative.



On August 10, we coordinated a prayer service for St. Clare's Transitus, in our fraternity's home parish St. Clare of Assisi Church.

Barbara Holton was welcome as our new inquirer Sunday June 25. She is pictured here with Jeff Persson, our Formation Director.



Deacon Richard Carmody and his wife Diane transferred from California and recently Deacon Richard was assigned to serve at St. Clare of Assisi parish.

Submitted by Cathy Roszhart, OFS.



NEWS FROM ST. CLARE OF ASSISI FRATERNITY Phoenix, AZ

August 11 is the Feast Day of St Clare of Assisi.

Clare was a woman of nobility, who shunned her luxurious upbringing to embrace the life of piety and poverty; one of the first followers of St Francis and the foundress of The Poor Clares. Did you know that St Clare's first-class relic is located at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Ahwatukee, AZ?

On the evening of Aug 11, 2023, the members of Saint Clare of Assisi Fraternity, celebrated this special day of the fraternity's patron saint, with the veneration of her relic by Fr. Johnson, associate pastor of Corpus Christi Church and a communal prayer of the Franciscan Crown rosary. It was an event well attended by the Fraternity members and the parishioners of Corpus Christi as well as other churches.



Fresco of St Clare and the sisters of her order, Poor Clares church of San Damiano, near Assisi, Italy

Art Crisostomo went to visit Deacon Phil Simeone who appreciates all your prayers.



Submitted by Abbi Catalan, OFS



Reflection on a Recent Pilgrimage to Medjugorje



Site where Mary appeared, known as Apparition Hill

Medjugorje is a small village in Bosnia-Herzegovina, bordering on Croatia, about 50 miles from the Adriatic Sea, where Our Blessed Mother appeared to six teenagers in June 1981. Some forty-two years later, Our Lady still appears daily to three of the visionaries. It has been a popular pilgrimage site for decades. Since the appearances still occur, the Church has not formally approved/disapproved the apparitions, but it has been deemed by the Vatican as an approved pilgrimage site.

This was my third visit to Medjugorje. One of my favorite features is the slower pace of life and the friendliness and hospitality of the people. Everyone just happily goes about the job of living our Catholic Faith!

St. James Church has Masses all day long in various languages. The English Mass is at 10 AM each day. The Croatian devotions, as instructed by Our Blessed Mother (who identified herself to the children as Queen of Peace), includes daily at 5:00 PM, two rosaries and a chaplet for peace; at 6:00 the Holy Mass; and at 7:00, depending on the day, Adoration, Veneration of the Cross or Healing. The evening services take place outdoors in a spacious amphitheater area.

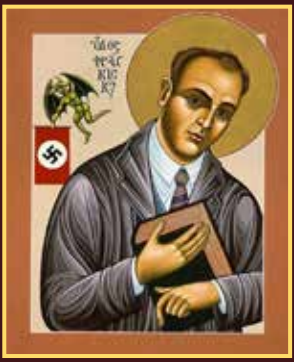
Medjugorje is known as the Confessional of the world. There are 25 confessionals on either side of the church. Starting from around 5 PM, one can see pilgrims lining up outside one or more of these confessionals. Each confessional has a sign on the outside, listing the languages that the priest understands. In addition to the confessional booths, it is a common sight to have priests all around outdoors hearing confessions. It is a very moving sight to see!

Mother Mary gave the visionaries and the people of Medjugorje (and the world) five daily directives (sometimes referred to as the Five Stones against Goliath). They include: 1) Daily Prayer, including the Rosary; 2) Scripture Reading; 3) Fasting; 4) Monthly Confession; and 5) The Eucharist on Sunday, and daily if possible.

You come home a different person after a pilgrimage to Medjugorje. Many conversions, and even miracles, take place large and small to pilgrims. Mother Mary, as Queen of Peace, wants desperately to lead us to her Son that we may experience His peace and joy in our hearts. With this peace in our hearts, we may share it with our families and into the world around us.



Outdoor Amphitheater behind St. James Church



NEWS FROM BL. FRANZ JÄGERSTÄTTER FRATERNITY Flagstaff, AZ

Blessed Franz Jägerstätter fraternity took the lead on a very special Service project that our region approved to sponsor during our annual retreat at the Franciscan Renewal Center July 14-16, 2023. A group of Poor Clare nuns in the Philippines were in need of white cotton/poly-ester blend t-shirts.



Following an email appeal, 375 white t-shirts were purchased and brought to the Casa. Members present at the retreat worked together to remove the T-shirts out of each individual plastic bags, take all the tags off, keep track of styles and sizes and pack them into boxes. Before closing the boxes Deacon Ed Mirasol blessed the T-shirts as we all prayed over them!

On August 11, St. Clare's feast day, Bruce and Joan Nordstrom took the 2 large boxes filled with T-shirts, books, and miscellaneous kitchen items to be shipped. Shipment was scheduled for August 15th and estimated to arrive in the Philippines in late September/early October.

Thank you to all who contributed and helped accomplish this project. Sr Lilian and all of the Poor Clare sisters are grateful and are praying for the members of St. Thomas More Region. It was a great effort as a region to come together and help the sisters out. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Submitted by Cathy Roszhart OFS and Jan Zoucha OFS



NEWS FROM OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FRATERNITY Scottsdale, AZ

Our fraternity is sponsoring Blessing of the Animals on Saturday October 7 at 10am on the patio at St Maria Goretti Parish which is very visible as you walk onto the grounds, mostly in the shade. There are chairs set up for about 50 people. We usually have a good turn-out with lots of dogs and sometimes birds, cats and even a tortoise showed up last time. Water and treats are available for all. Medals of St Francis and holy cards are also given out. All do enjoy as Father blesses each animal individually.

Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity is happy to have a new Spiritual Assistant joining us. Her name is Linda Madrid. Welcome Linda!

Also we will celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary at our next gathering, Saturday October 7 by reciting a Crown Rosary as a special tribute to Our Lady which we try to do on her Feast days.



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE REGION

- 2024 – January 13 – Our Lady of the Rosary Pastoral and Fraternal Visitations
2024 – February 18 – St. Daegun Andrew Kim Pastoral and Fraternal Visitations
2024 – March 3 – San Damiano Triennial Elections
2024 - Sept 17-22 - NAFRA Chapter - Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale AZ

UPCOMING EVENTS AROUND THE NATION

- 2026 - July 29 – Aug. 2 - 21st Quinquennial in Lexington, KY

SUBMISSION DEADLINES AND PUBLICATION DATES

January 1 Deadline for Article Submission

January 15 Publication of “Our Fraternal Scoop”

Please remember to notify your council and Database manager of any changes of mailing or email addresses, and new phone numbers.

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