



REGIONAL RETREAT

August 22-24, 2025
Franciscan Renewal Center
5802 E Lincoln Dr, Scottsdale, AZ

REGISTER ONLINE:
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Celebrating the 8th Centenary
of the Canticle of the Creatures:
All praises be yours, my Lord!

Cost of Registration:

\$250/pers. Double Occupancy **OR** \$275/pers. Single Occupancy
(Includes Retreat Program, 2 nights lodging, dinner Friday, 3 meals Saturday, and 2 meals Sunday)
\$150/pers. for commuters Friday through Sunday (Includes retreat program, all meals but no lodging)
\$100/pers. for commuters for Saturday only (Includes Retreat Program and 3 meals)

Things to bring:

- Water bottle (we will provide ice water for refills)
- Snacks and drinks to share for our social time (we have the use of a refrigerator)
- Items to contribute to the Silent Auction (either a personal donation or one from your fraternity (ex: baskets with a theme; Something useful and Franciscan)
- Cash or checks to purchase Silent auction items and donate to the Fundraiser.
- Swim suit if you plan to take advantage of the pool and or Hot tub
- A jacket or sweater (the conference room may be chilly at times)
- Before you leave home and for your safety, please download from our Regional Website, the Emergency Medical Form, fill it out and place it in a sealed envelope. Write your name on the envelope and place in a conspicuous location in your guest room.
You may want to keep an additional copy of this form with you.



Please note: We have a limited number of guest rooms. Register soon!

Registration will close August 1, 2025

Meet our presenter: Michael Sanchez, OFS

Mike has a long history of knowing, loving and following Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi.

After a conversion experience very much like Francis's own (except mental/emotional trauma preceded it rather than an illness) providence led Mike to become aware of St. Francis - his life story, love of Christ and teachings - and Mike was profoundly inspired (heard the call of God - a vocation) to follow his simple, humble and very good way of life. Mike was professed at 21 and has followed Francis for the last 45 years of his life.

He is currently the minister (and part-time co-formation director) of St. Joseph's Fraternity, Los Angeles. This is his fifth term as minister. He is married to Kelly and is also the father of two sons Matteo, 24, recently graduated from UNM and Luke, a young man, 22, with cerebral palsy and mental deficits. He is also retired (as of December 2024) after 34 years as a probation officer (law enforcement) with the county of Los Angeles. Besides his work with the OFS, he is involved ecumenically in preaching/teaching/counseling with various protestant Churches and organizations sharing the riches of Catholic doctrine/tradition. Mike also has a long history of involvement with the Charismatic Movement in Los Angeles - teaching, preaching, healing and operating prophetically.

Retired now he is determined to serve Christ more fully in our Franciscan family in whatever way God directs until 'the race' is over and he is called home.



Mike will offer a 5-part presentation (see Retreat Agenda for schedule):

1. Introduction: "Weeping may endure the night but Joy comes in the morning!" - *Psalms 30:5*.
2. One with all our Creation-family, we join in worship and praise, glorifying our Heavenly Father, celebrating His goodness and love! *Luke 19:40. Psalms 145:19, 65:8, 98:4 and 150:6*.
3. God's love invites us to healing forgiveness even as His love compels us to show healing mercy to all who hurt us. *Matthew 5:7. Luke 6:36, 37*.
4. Through thorns God's power becomes manifest and through the blessed door of sister Death we enter eternal joy! *2 Corinthians 12:8,9. Acts 2:26-28, 2 Corinthians 5:1-4*.
5. Exhortation: Let us delight our Heavenly Father with praise and with humble service to Him through others even as Jesus did, serving us by giving His life "a ransom for many". *Matthew 20:28. John 13:14, 15 and 12:26*.

Questions??? Contact your Retreat Coordinators:

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GROUP APOSTOLATE

As the Retreat Planning Committee considered a Group Service Project to perform this year, we came across two apostolates which we felt would help serve a great need and evangelize 2 worthy causes within our region. This year instead of a Service Project, we ask you to consider a Fundraiser.



The first one would help the family that most of you are familiar with as we were able to already help them in the past. The family from Venezuela who Rico Rivera has welcomed in his home for many months has an Immigration hearing scheduled this summer and still needs help with the attorney fees. They also would need funds for new living arrangements as they are still housed by our brother, Rico.

The second one is for children who need school uniforms. Benjamin Saenz, OFS has been in touch with Minh Solorzano, the Principal at San Xavier Mission School in Tucson.



**VIVA
PIMA!**

The school buys the uniforms from VIVA PIMA! a Tucson Nonprofit that supports schools. Our donation would help purchase uniforms for the children.

Please consider contributing to our Fundraiser to benefit these specific needs. The money we collect will be divided equally in half between the family and the students.

We pray that many of you will generously donate any amount that your heart inspires you to give. You will have 2 options to donate:

- You may add the amount of your donation when you register online OR
- you may bring the money (Cash or Check) to the retreat.