

During our NAFRA Chapter this past October, Franciscans of the Prairie Regional Minister Marian R. Crosby, SFO, was inspired to write a special vocation prayer which the NAFRA Chapter unanimously accepted.

With special thanks to our diligent NAFRA translation teams, we offer you in this issue, our newly adopted **National Prayer for Vocations to the SFO** in five different languages—English, Spanish, Korean, Vietnamese, and Polish.

Please cut out or copy the prayer in the language of your choice and place it in your Office, SFO Ritual, Bible, or prayer book and recite the prayer daily. The prayers will also be available online at:

[www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau\\_newarticles.html](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html)

## We ARE Connected

Also during our Chapter, Ed Shirley, SFO, suggested that NAFRA should create an online presence to help us relate to the younger generation.

With special thanks to Randy Heinz, SFO, we are now connected—and have a *Facebook* page to help us promote the Order. You can find our page by going online to: [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

You can find our facebook page by entering (in the search box): **Secular Franciscans - Nafra, USA**

Please let all your *Facebook* friends know about our new page.

If you have anything you think should be on our new page, please send it to Randy and he'll post it. He reminds us that we remember this will only succeed if we make it a communal effort and everyone contributes.

Randy may be reached at: [randyheinz@gmail.com](mailto:randyheinz@gmail.com)

## Cruise to the Caribbean

Many years ago, on the West Coast, in the old days of St. Barbara Province, an annual "Week of Community" was held on the years when there was no National Quinquennial. Folks would gather at a Retreat Center from Sunday night until the following Friday, because the members, not just the leaders, would thoroughly enjoy a week of spirituality, fun and fellowship. When the Province split into Regions, the five new regions, and others, took turns hosting the Weeks of Community and invited other Secular Franciscans to come. Some of you may have joined up for trips to Hawaii, Yosemite, the Casa Retreat Center in Scottsdale, Arizona, or at California Mission Retreat Centers such as San Juan Baptista, San Luis Rey, etc. And many still have wonderful and happy memories from these past gatherings.

With special thanks to Diane Halal, SFO, and the Saint Francis Region, another fabulous get-a-way-gathering is planned for November 27 to December 4, 2011, with Father Steve Gross OFM Conv. Working with *CruiseOne* Travel agents, current plans include meeting in Galveston, Texas, where you will embark for a *Cruise to the Caribbean* aboard the beautiful ship, *Mariner of the Seas*, and set sail for a fabulous eight days, seven nights. Everyone is welcome—family, friends, fraternity. "We are trying to keep the price low, and want to let people know early, so they can save the date and save up the money to join us." Rates vary, but only \$250.00 per person will hold your stateroom. If you are interested and want more information, please request a flyer from Diane Halal, SFO at [dhalal@juno.com](mailto:dhalal@juno.com) or Mark Furlan at [mfurlan@CruiseOne.com](mailto:mfurlan@CruiseOne.com)

### NATIONAL PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

O Good and Gracious God,  
God of mercy, compassion, generosity,  
and love,

As we live our lives today  
in the model of St. Francis,  
choosing daily to live  
the Gospel life,  
Help us to help others  
hear Your call.

Help us to help others  
to recognize their vocation  
as a Secular Franciscan  
that You have already  
planted in their heart.

Help us, so that together  
we all may work  
to bring the Gospel to life.

Amen!

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