

THE DIVINE MERCY REGIONAL FRATERNITY (Region #56) held our Annual Minister's Meeting

August 20-22 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Detroit. Our theme for the weekend was "Our Vocation in Action". There were 24 fraternities represented and 43 people total.



We were blessed to have one of our Provincial Spiritual Assistants, Brother Juniper Crouch, OFM, with us on Friday and Saturday and Regional Spiritual Assistant Friar Tod Laverty, OFM, with us on Saturday, and

NAFRA Councilor Mary Bittner with us for the whole weekend.

We had a wonder array of guest speakers including Fr. Charles Morris who spoke on "Going Green" and "Your Carbon Footprint" and Sr. Diane and Sr. Laura, two Poor Clare Nuns of Saginaw, who came and gave a presentation on St. Clare and their community.



We were also extremely blessed to have singer-storytellers Br. Al Mascia, OFM and Maggid Steve Klapper of *Song and Spirit*, who refer to themselves as "A Franciscan minstrel and a Jewish troubadour, working together to bring peace to the world, one song at a time", give us an hour-long taste of their "Spirit of Assisi" Concert Tour. It was truly a Spirit-filled, heart-warming experience for everyone there!

FIVE FRANCISCAN MARTYRS (Region # 51) held their Regional Annual Meeting May 28-30.



It was a terrific meeting! I'd like to thank all who attended, but most especially those who organized it, for making it so. And it was great seeing many of you, again! Images now on line. See more photos at:

<http://www.franciscan-sfo.org/FFMR/images/2010FFMR.html>

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGIONAL FRATERNITY (Region # 77) held their Annual Regional

Retreat on August 27-29 at the beautiful Mount Alvernia Retreat House in Wappingers Falls, NY. This year's retreat was a double treat. We offered the Regional Retreat for all professed members under the leadership of Fr. Robert Williams, OFM Cap, our Regional Spiritual Assistant from Stigmata Province. In addition, a separate "track" was offered specifically for our Candidates in Initial Formation, led by Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM, Regional and Provincial Spiritual Assistant from Holy Name Province, on the theme of Commitment.

This enabled us all to be together at the same time and place, sharing meals, recreation, prayer and worship while allowing for two completely separate sets of input talks and experiences geared to the participants whether candidates or professed. The double retreat proved to be very well accepted and we were completely sold out. A great time was had by all. See more photos at: <http://olangels.tripod.com/index.html>

