

Regional Roundup



Art by Betty Misuraca

St. Thomas More Region

St. Margaret of Cortona Fraternity both mourns and celebrates the passing into eternal life of John Anthony Patricks, SFO, 84 years young. John was a professed Franciscan for almost 60 years. He was originally professed in St. Anthony Fraternity, in Chicago, on September 26, 1948. In the 1950s, John served as Minister of the St. Anthony fraternity for five years and founded their youth ministry. In 1985, John transferred to St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity, in Illinois, where he served as Minister and treasurer. Upon moving to Las Vegas, he was one of the original members of the St. Margaret of Cortona fraternity. In addition to his Franciscan activities, John was active in all the parishes to which he belonged in Illinois and Nevada. He was also an avid dancer, bowler and golfer. John was a World War II Navy veteran, and an engineer. He was predeceased by his wife, Marion, and is survived by his son, Edward.

On a more joyful note, our fraternity rejoices with Juanita Arias, SFO, Vice Minister, who will be celebrating 50 years as a Franciscan in April 2008.

St. Clare Region

"Pick More Daisies" by Lester Bach, OFM Cap is being reflected upon and shared at the fraternity meetings for Ongoing formation by Monte La Verna Fraternity in Granite City, Il.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Region

Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM, has asked Alice Aubuchon, SFO, to help him in his ministry as Regional Spiritual Assistant. He feels that her certification as a Secular Spiritual Assistant will be of value to him and in turn to the Assistants in the Region. Their first endeavor will be to arrange for District workshops for local SAs.

Holy Trinity Region

Our Lady of the Presentation Fraternity, hosted a community wide International Day of Peace Education and Prayer Service, in cooperation with Franciscans International and the United Nations, in an Ecumenical/Interfaith and Multicultural Franciscan Peace and Justice celebration for peace and non-violence, at the Presentation Ministries Center, in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Friday, September 21, 2007, the International Day of World Peace. Prayers were read in four languages: including, Spanish, French, German, and English.

Our Lady of Mercy fraternity in the Holy Trinity Region had a successful fund raiser selling "KEEP CHRIST in CHRISTMAS" car magnets. The profit was sent to Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land. See the website at: www.kcnativitysets.com This was an excellent method to further St Francis' idea of a creche and to evangelize JESUS' birth.

The Region continues with plans for the Sept 17-26, 2008, pilgrimage to Assisi and Rome. If you wish to join us, contact: sfo-pax@mindspring.com or Lillian White, SFO, 4012 Ryland Drive, Springfield, OH 45503-1775

St. Margaret of Cortona Region

The Region was blessed to have twenty-eight professions in the past few months. Professed were: Gail Barber, Colleen Faini, Helga Fallis, Karen Haskell, Maryann Helmgartner, Rose Millington, Vicki Sampson, Margaret Schlachter, and Christine Trippi of Immaculata Fraternity in Fredericksburg, VA; Ed Gerhardt, of Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity in Hampton, VA; Ilene Highberger, Debra Martin, Tast Martin, Suzzane Pardif, and James Snyder, of Companions of St Francis and Clare Fraternity in Hiwasswee, VA; Michael Clinton and Maura Heedham of Holy Family Fraternity in Manassas, VA; Michael Clinton and Maura Heedham of Holy Family Fraternity in Manassas, VA; Kevin Kulesa of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fraternity in Emmitsville; Marilyn Gilson, Susan Suprock and Brandon Justice, of St Joseph Cupertino Fraternity in Ellicott City, MD; Jean Jomidad, Shirley Sapp, and Mercy Sponaugle, of Mary Our Queen Fraternity; Gemma Kim, Maria Gibson, Cecilia Park, and Elizabeth Nam, of St Bonaventure Forming Group in Fairfax, VA .