

Regional Roundup

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St. Clare Region



Teri Devlin, SFO, celebrated the 61st anniversary of her profession last year on the feast of All Saints of the Franciscan Family, November 29. She was professed at St. Francis Church on 31st Street in New York in 1949. Teri was elected national minister in 1981. She also served as Provincial Minister for St. Mary Capuchin Province. Teri presently resides at the apartment retirement

community at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville, Illinois, and belongs to St. Peter fraternity. She remains hail and hardy.

Mother Cabrini Region



Minister Phyllis Maxwell, SFO, Jan Tucker, SFO, Virginia Breden, SFO, and Fr. John Sullivan, OFM

Virginia Breden, SFO, and Jan Tucker, SFO were professed on October 25, 2009, members of the Franciscans of the TAU Fraternity at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Hardin, Illinois. Mass was celebrated by Fr. John Sullivan, OFM assisted by Deacon Michael Hagen, SFO. Phyllis Maxwell, SFO, minister of the sponsoring fraternity, St. Elizabeth of Quincy, Ill coordinated the profession and social that followed.

La Verna Region



Lizanne Schulrud, of St. Josaphat parish in Milwaukee and James Carlson, of St. Patrick parish in Whitewater, are helping their sister parish in the Dominican Republic by facilitating the dedication of a picture of St Francis, donated by the La Verna Region of the

Secular Franciscan Order, for placement in the new chapel in the village of Barreras. This chapel will likely be the central gathering place for the new parish carved out of the area of La Sagrada Familia known as La Plena. Father Juan will be the pastor. When the chapel is completed, a date will be set for blessing this new facility and its picture of St. Francis.

Holy Trinity Region

On November 13-15, 2009, the region had a Pastoral and Fraternal Visit at the Regional Fraternity Meeting at St. Ann Convent in Melbourne Kentucky. Mary Bittner, SFO, National Councilor and Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap. were the visitators.



Group picture of those in attendance.
Photo by Marvin Dickman, SFO

Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Region

St. Patrick Fraternity hosted an "SFO Day" entitled "A Call to Live the Gospel and to Transform the World" at the Church of St. Clare, 193 Elk Street, Buffalo, New York. Thirty eight people attended from the parishes of the Diocese of Buffalo.

The program featured presentations on "St Francis and Franciscanism" by Fr. Jim Vacco, OFM along with a talk on "The Secular Franciscan Order and the Steps toward becoming a Secular Franciscan." The formal part concluded with a personal reflection entitled "On Being a Secular Franciscan" by Paulette Adams, SFO. It was a blessed SFO Day!