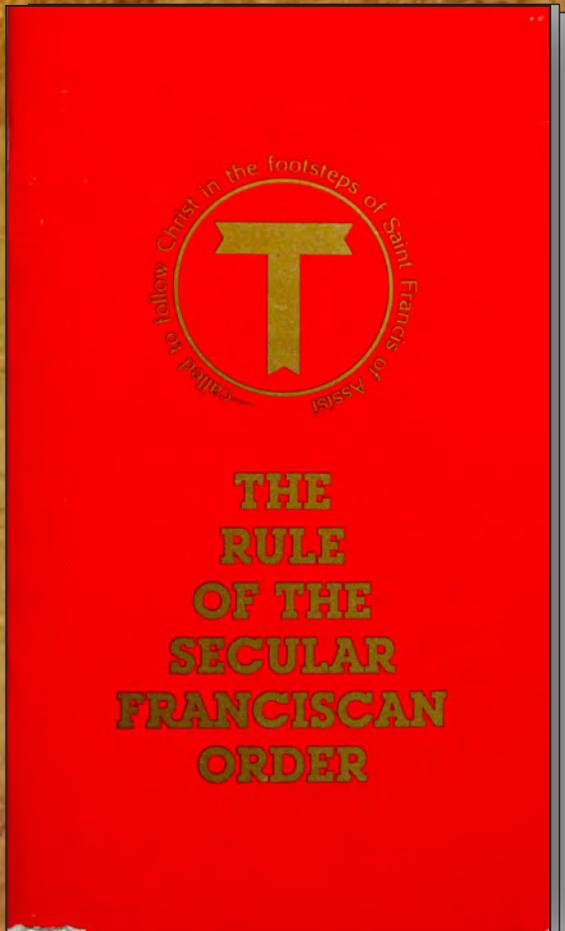


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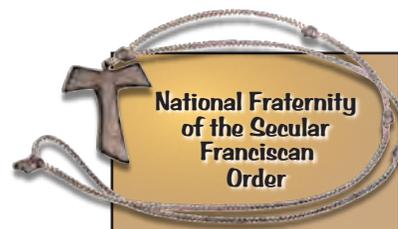
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National Minister's Message

by Jan Parker, OFS

What Does It Mean to Rise from the Dead?

The apostles were spellbound! Jesus had just been transfigured before them! You can only imagine their wonder at this sight! As they descended the mountain their amazement turned to perplexity as Jesus said to them, "Do not tell anyone about this, until after I have risen from the dead." Risen from the dead? What is he saying?

Scripture confirms that the apostles truly grappled with this question. I can imagine their bewilderment as they continued to ask each other, "What does it mean to rise from the dead?"

In this Easter season, we might be tempted to dismiss this question too quickly. Of course, we know what it means to rise from the dead! But like the apostles, let's grapple with this question a bit more — and let's think about it in relation to our Rule. Why? Because our Rule

in its entirety is all about dying and rising. If we are living what we have professed, we die and rise every day.

Beginning with the prologue and continuing in each Article, the Rule calls us to ongoing daily conversion — to die to self and rise each day being conformed to Christ. As we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of our Rule during this Jubilee year, let us look again at what we have professed. Let us study our Rule and ask ourselves, "What does it mean to rise from the dead?"

Come, Holy Spirit, inspire us anew with all the Rule means in our lives. Give us the grace to rise from the dead each day!

I have asked our former National Historian Bill Wicks to share with us the history of how the Rule of 1978 came about. May his article help us all in our appreciation of this gift we treasure!



OUR RULE – FORTIETH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

by William Wicks, OFS



I was professed four years after Pope Paul VI approved the Rule of 1978. We called it the "new" Rule. Today, it is no longer "new." It has had 40 years of seasoning. But let us go back to the beginning – a time of the spirit of *aggiornamento*, a time of the emergence of the laity, and a time, as Pope John XXIII put it, to "Throw open the windows of the church and let the fresh air of the spirit blow through." In that setting, it was no surprise that there was a call for a new Rule of Life for the Third Order Secular.

The Call for a New Rule: Near the end of the Second Vatican Council, a letter from the Ministers General to the Commissaries General (General Spiritual Assistants of that day) directed them to create a New Rule for the Third Order Secular: a New Rule that would address the "changed conditions of the modern world."

On March 9, 1966, the process of the formulation of a new Rule was begun – a process that would take 12 years. It began with a survey: the Commissaries General requested input from all levels of fraternity. From their letter, Para. 6: "The Interobediential General Council earnestly requests that the Provinces and Fraternities and Directors, both religious and ecclesiastical *as well as lay*

[author's emphasis] , freely and openly make known their own observations, recommendations and wishes as regards to the examination or readjustment of the Rule." Two things should be noted. First, lay [Third Order members] are invited to participate – a first in the writing of a Rule. Second, the words, "examination or readjustment of the [Leonine] Rule." In other words, the initial intention of the Ministers General was to work from the Rule in existence – the Leonine Rule, and modify that Rule as needed. However, it turns out that the Holy Spirit had other things in mind.

Survey of Fraternities Collated: Following the instructions in the letter, a survey was conducted of the fraternities. The results were analyzed and collated by the friar provinces, and the outcome was sent to the Commissaries General, who discussed the recommendations, and a consensus was agreed upon. "The essential elements of the Secular Franciscan Order are:

- ❖ An evangelical life
- ❖ In intimate union with Francis
- ❖ In reciprocal union with all members of the Franciscan family
- ❖ In the midst of the world in a secular way



Assisi Congress – October 1969

English Speaking Language Group

Standing: Edward Chivers, England; Tom Ricard, U.S.A.

Sitting: Irene O’Sullivan, Australia; Wally Roebuck, U.S.A.

Pom Pefanis, Canada; Frank Kujawa, U.S.A.

- ❖ With the support of a fraternity
- ❖ To which one has been called personally
- ❖ To which one has made a promise acknowledged by the church
- ❖ Putting one’s self at the disposition of the church and the world.”

First Draft of a New Rule: This all sounds great, but one must take into account that they were working to modify the Leonine Rule, not to start from scratch, not to develop a new Rule apart from the Leonine Rule. So making use of the letters and suggestions that were sent in from all over the world, they drew up the first draft of the Rule, in July, 1968. The Directive and Executive Council in the U.S. met in October to analyze and critique the Rule. One of the criticisms was: “Did not conceive people as they are now actually living in the world.” Another was: “Nothing is mentioned about the Third Order message and mission to the world....The vast majority of responses to this ‘First Draft’ expressed negative views ranging from disappointment to complete rejection of the Rule Project.”

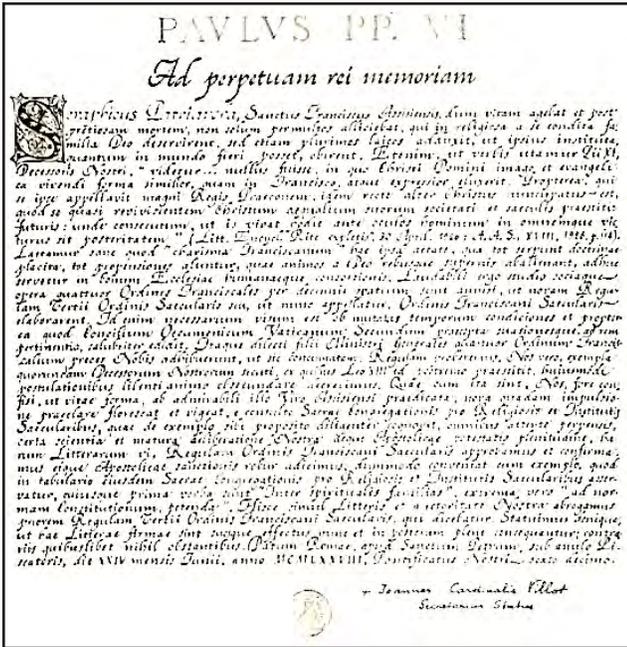
Need for Direct Lay Participation: Enter the Holy Spirit. A letter was sent from the General Commissaries to the Commissary Provincial. Paragraph 2 included the statement: “...we have decided to convoke a meeting of Lay Franciscans to study the schema of the rule. This meeting will be held in Assisi at the Portiuncola Shrine

from October 5 to 11, 1969.” This meeting came to be known as the Assisi Congress.

An Experimental Rule Tested: In the meantime, a modification of the First Draft was being used experimentally by some nations. The North American Federation, composed of Provinces from the United States and Canada, created an experimental Rule and was given permission by the Ministers General to use it in North America, which it did. The reviews were mixed. Some members were still attached to the Leonine Rule; their dissatisfaction was expressed in the following way: “Now comes the Way of Life of the Lay Franciscans, temporarily approved by Rome for the North American Federation. It is non-prescriptive, non-regulatory. It is an admirable statement for a theologian. It is embarrassing to give it to a simple hausfrau or the ordinary day worker who want something ‘to put their teeth into.’ It is even difficult for the experienced director to use as a format for instructing novices.” It is evident that the Holy Spirit had more work to do.

The Assisi Congress – 1969: “Secular Franciscans from all branches of the Franciscan Order from around the world, gathered in Assisi during the week of September 27 to October 3, at the invitation of the General Secretaries...Twenty-five Secular Franciscans representing the Third Order throughout the world. Five language groups emerged from the general delegates, (The English-Speaking Group is shown in the picture above).Three commissions were organized.” The second commission, tasked with producing the essential elements of Franciscan Spirituality, came up with seventeen. These essential elements had a major impact on the writing of the final version of a new Rule. These are:

1. To live the gospel according to the spirit of St. Francis
2. To be converted continuously
3. To live as brothers and sisters of all people and of all creation
4. To live in communion with Christ
5. To follow the poor and crucified Christ
6. To share in the life and mission of the Church
7. To share in the love of the Father
8. To be instruments of peace
9. To have a life of prayer that is personal, communal and liturgical
10. To live in joy
11. To have a spirituality of a secular nature
12. To be pilgrims on the way toward the Father
13. To participate in the Apostolate of the Laity
14. To be at service of the less fortunate
15. To be loyal to the Church in an attitude of dialogue and collaboration with her ministers
16. To be open to the actions of the Spirit



Letter approving the rule by Pope Paul VI

17. To live in simplicity, humility, and minority

These seventeen essential elements fit into the defining characteristics of the Secular Franciscan Order as described by the Rule Project. They are:

1. To Live the Gospel (1, 4, 5, 14)
2. Following Francis (1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 15, 17)
3. Through Conversion (2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 16)
4. In Community (3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 13, 15)
5. As Seculars (3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14)
6. In Life-Giving Union with All Franciscans (3, 6)

Enter St. Francis' Letter to All of the Faithful:

Near the end of the Rule Project, Kajetan Esser *happened to find* some writing of St. Francis in the Guarnacci Library in Volterra, Italy. The writing began with these words: "These are words of life and salvation. Whoever reads and follows them will find life and draw from the Lord salvation". While Kajetan Esser entitled it "The First Version of the Letter to the Faithful," it has been more correctly seen as an exhortation given to those first penitents who came to Francis desiring to share his

Gospel way of life. The Letter serves as the Prologue to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order. Robert Stewart, O.F.M., who authored a Doctoral Dissertation on the Pauline Rule that was submitted to St. Bonaventure University, stated that the *Letter to the Faithful* is the lens through which the Rule should be viewed and understood.

Approval and Promulgation of a New Rule by Pope Paul VI:

There were quite a few redactions before the final version of the Rule was presented for approval to Sacred Congregation for Religious for their scrutiny. The Sacred Congregation recommended some modifications, which were made. The Sacred Congregation then handed the document over to the Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Jean Villot, who placed it on the desk of the Holy Father. After twelve years of work by various Franciscan entities, the "new" Rule was approved and promulgated by Pope Paul VI, under the Ring of the Fisherman, on June 24, 1978.

I am sure that St. Francis approves of this "new" Rule. How can he help but like it? Paragraph four includes the sentence, "Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to the gospel." Francis of Assisi only wanted to live and preach the Gospel. And we, the spiritual descendants of the original Penitents of Assisi are asked, by this Rule, to do just that.

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KNOW YOUR HISTORY - MEET YOUR HISTORIAN

by Dianne Ambrose, OFS National Historian



Greetings Brothers and Sisters

My Name is Dianne Ambrose, OFS. I am a member of the San Damiano Fraternity in Athens Ga. I have been professed since Dec 9, 2007. I am also lucky enough to serve the Brothers and Sisters of St Francis Region as Regional Formation Director. I have served my local fraternity as Formation Director and Vice Minister. I am a retired Social Worker from the State of Georgia. I am a widow of seven years and live with my 15 yr. old rescue one eyed black male cat, Mr. Zeke. I have served other national organizations as Georgia State Historian.

I am very pleased to now have been appointed to serve you as your National Historian.

I would like you to send me what's going on in your region and your local fraternities. Please send me your regional newsletters or/ and items from your local fraternities about what you are doing. I would also like to receive any links to your regional or local fraternity websites. as well as any books or publications you have produced. You may send these items to me at

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Last year, I met with Sharon Deveaux, our National Archivist at St Bonaventure University during the week of June 12-16, to become familiar with our archives. I attended the Secular Franciscan Conference at St Bonaventure University July 21-23. I got to meet the other Regional Formation Directors at the Regional Formation Directors Gathering in St. Louis, Mo. August 17-20. I enjoyed meeting and learning from all my Brothers and Sisters at these workshops and getting to know more about our local, regional and national fraternities.

I was able to spend the week of New Year's with our National Minister Jan Parker in St. Louis at her home and in the beautiful cathedral. We worked on transferring all the necessary information I need to start writing the history from 2007 to the present. And this southern girl got to play in the snow and get out in zero temps. We also sent a big pack of information to the National Archives.

We are very fortunate to have our history from 1917 to 2007 recorded by our former National Minister and National Historian Bill Wicks, OFS, from whom I have gleaned valuable knowledge of our history.

A History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States is available in a four-volume set, Item # 410 from Smoky Valley Printing. Detailed ordering information is at the back of the *TAU-USA*. The National Executive Council has graciously provided a 30 percent discount the History

I look forward to writing our history and getting to know all of you and what great things you are accomplishing.

I especially want to hear how you are celebrating our 40 years of our Rule.

Peace,
Dianne Ambrose, OFS National Historian



Sharing The Vision

News from the National Executive Council

by Jan Parker and Mary Bittner

Jubilee Year Begins June 6, 2018

40th Anniversary of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

Minister General Tibor Kauser has announced the celebration of a Jubilee Year from June 6, 2018, to June 6, 2019, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the current OFS Rule. Pope Paul VI approved this Rule on June 24, 1978, with the apostolic letter *Seraphicus Patriarcha*. All fraternities are invited to suggest to the NEC ways in which this Jubilee year might be celebrated. Our National Fraternity Council has already put our 2018 theme into place:

“Renewed and Confirmed: Live the Treasure! Celebrating 40 Years of our OFS Rule”

Results of the General Chapter

Early in 2014, the International Council of the OFS (CIOFS) asked all National Fraternities to consider “How should an Order like the OFS be managed at all its levels?” As part of a process of reflection, and in preparation for the General Chapter, we studied the various proposals CIOFS set forth in the *Instrumentum Laboris* in spring of 2017, and we submitted our responses.

We are excited to report that this great undertaking has borne fruit. At the XV General Chapter, our international leadership approved specific projects for each of the eight areas of priority – Formation, Fraternal Life, Building a More Fraternal and Evangelical World (JPIC), Leadership, Communications, Finance, Spiritual Assistance and Youth. Each project has specific goals and a timeframe. Budgets will soon be developed. The impact of these projects will be significant.

Each of these projects is described in detail in the Conclusive Documents of the General Chapter. These documents, along with the Minister General’s accompanying letter and the CIOFS Report on the State of the Order, are posted on our NAFRA website. We strongly encourage you to review them. As Tibor states in his letter, “These documents are the ones that the International Fraternity intends to use as a basis of our work during the next three years. *Therefore, it is very important that each and every sister and brother... has the opportunity to study them. Also, I invite all the councils on each level to study and work on these documents, so that the intentions and decisions of the General Chapter can be implemented.*” (Emphasis added.)

The NEC agrees that these innovative projects will help strengthen and renew life in the fraternities on the various levels. Moreover, they will help our Order meet the expectations of our Church, to “be a great service in the cause of the Kingdom of God in our world today... a model of organic, structural and charismatic union.”

Formation Visioning Workshop

In light of the new directives from the General Chapter, most particularly those concerning Formation, we have planned a special Formation Visioning Workshop to be held Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2018, in Kansas City, Kansas. Regional Formation Directors, Regional Spiritual Assistants, and a number of OFS members passionate about formation will come together with the National Formation Commission and members of the NEC to discern the direction our national formation will take in the coming years. Those interested in attending may contact Jane DeRose-Bamman for an application.

New OFS-USA Website Launch

Our new OFS-USA website will be launched by April 30. We are excited about the direction we are taking with the new website, which allows greater interactivity with our visitors. We ask for your suggestions and feedback as we go forward in establishing our presence on the web. (For more information, see the article in this issue of the TAU on page 19.)

New Documents on Website

New documents pertaining to Regional Elections and Visitations have been uploaded to our nafra-sfo.org website. These documents can be adapted for use by local fraternities. Our website also provides a link to the reports and resources from our 2017 NAFRA Chapter, including the OFS-USA State of the Order and some useful PowerPoint presentations.

National Database Assistance

Please note that our National Database Administrator, Cyl Maljan-Herbelin, is happy to assist you with questions about the database. You can contact her at cylmaljan@earthlink.net.

OFS-USA Logo



Our new OFS-USA logo (pictured) can now be downloaded from our website. Local and Regional fraternities are invited to use this logo widely, helping us create a “brand” for the OFS-USA. It is suggested that any lettering used in conjunction with the logo be in **Palatino Linotype** font, as featured on our new website.



Generosity for Our Family in Need

In response to the recent hurricanes and earthquakes, the National Executive Council put out a call asking for donations to assist our OFS brothers and sisters in the impacted areas. As of the end of February 2018, over 100 OFS members responded (individuals, local fraternities, Regional fraternities, NAFRA) donating nearly \$34,000 in relief.



Earthquake Relief - Mexico



Hurricane Relief - Puerto Rico

Donations were distributed to our family in St. Joan of Arc Region, Five Franciscan Martyrs Region, the Puerto Rico National Fraternity, Our Lady of the Angels Fraternity in the Virgin Islands, and Catholic Relief Services for Mexico Earthquake relief. Thank you for responding to the call for help!



Hurricane Relief - Virgin Islands



Members of the CIOFS Presidency pose with Cardinal Parolin after opening mass at the XV General Chapter. In front row, is past General Minister Encarnación del Pozo, OFS and next to Cardinal Parolin is present General Minister Tibor Kauser, OFS.

XV GENERAL CHAPTER TAKES ORDER TO NEW LEVEL

by Mary Stronach, OFS, International Councilor

One hundred fifty participants from 110 countries converged at the Seraphicum, a Franciscan Theological University in Rome, Italy, in November 2017 for the XV General Chapter. Guests and visitors included members of our National Executive Council, Vice Minister Mary Bittner, OFS, and National Councilor Mary Frances Charsky, OFS, as well as National PR Co-chair and Editor of *Vox Franciscana* Bob Stronach. Anne Mulqueen, OFS, was a special guest who had been invited to speak to the assembly. As International Councilor, I was the official representative and voting member of the group.

The joy of so many of our brothers and sisters meeting from around the world filled the air with excitement. Hugs, smiles, laughter, song, and prayers embraced us. Every day, a new discovery was made about our brothers and sisters from beyond the seven seas. Every day, the challenge of communication was met. Every day, the realization was reached that we are one in Francis but our experiences cover the gamut – from the pain of dysfunctional governments in some African countries to the devastation of hurricanes in Puerto Rico, flooding in Peru, and earthquakes in Mexico. Each brother or sister shared a new experience, helping me realize how blessed we are in the United States – despite our own destruction from hurricanes and other challenges.

Our week began with an inspirational Mass presided over by the Vatican Secretary of State, Cardinal Pietro Parolin. A choir from the area lifted its voice in exultation. The next morning, all gathered in the auditorium with

headphones serving as our link to the messages we received in the four official languages.



Cardinal Parolin and St. Francis lift up their arms in prayer. Left is General Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Amando Trujillo Cano. The priest to the right is the Cardinal's assistant.

First General Minister Tibor Kauser, OFS, welcomed the OFS and updated us on state of the Order and what had happened during the last three years (the General Chapter is held only every three years): 300,000 members in the world order; 50,000 Franciscan Youth; challenges and hopes for the Order in parts of Africa, Egypt, China; successes in outreach in some parts of Africa and Southeast Asia; Congresses held in Southeast Asia, Europe and South America; YouFra plans for World Youth Day. He had much news for the capitulars, as they called the voting councilors, and all was presented in four languages with the help of interpreters in Spanish, English, French and Italian.

Reflecting the theme **“As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world”** (Jn 17,18), there were particularly emotional and dramatic presentations by Secular Eugenio and Elisabetta that addressed special ministries in Milan. They and their family work and live at a rundown, urban church and reach out to the struggling neighborhood families. Then there was Michel, a Secular Franciscan and cardiovascular surgeon from the Netherlands, who shared his testimony about how he serves the OFS at its different levels.

There was also Franco, who participates in both public and political life in Italy. He emphasized the importance of getting involved in the politics of the times. Lorena from Spain shared how she started a formation project on care for creation. And, finally, our very own Anne Mulqueen, OFS, explained the role of the lay spiritual assistant and how our lay spiritual assistants in the United States provide support for the order.

Among the most emotional moments were presentations on the causes of beatification and canonization of two Secular Franciscans who gave their lives as martyrs for their faith: Lucien Botovasoa, a teacher from Madagascar, and Franz Jägerstätter, an Austrian farmer.

A report was also given on the beginning process of the causes for the beatification of Augusto Natali (Italy), an OFS leader in the precursor of the international fraternity, and past General Ministers Manuela Mattioli (Venezuela) and Emanuela de Nunzio (Italy).

Interspersed among the presentations were work sessions based on the *Instrumentum Laboris* on the Management of the Order – a project that we in the United States have been working on for the past three years, completing surveys, discussing at our fraternities, participating in focus groups. As a focal point of the General Chapter, it took much time and discussion. It was the task of the International Fraternity (the International Councilors and the Presidency representing the countries of the world) to recommend various actions for the future of the Order and to put support behind the chosen proposals.

Canadian Doug Clorey, OFS, previous vice minister of the Order, pointed out that this is a major step in moving the order forward and has been a priority for the Presidency for years. “I don’t think our members realize what this means for the Order.”

The Chapter voted to:

1. establish a permanent international formation office/team that will focus on maintaining continuity of formation around the world
2. form an international communications office/team to ensure that there is follow-through on outreach – both internally and outside the order –

to bring the life of the international fraternity closer to the brothers and sisters scattered around the world.

3. Establish a JPIC Secretariat to help integrate efforts and coordinate activities and to collaborate with others in the Franciscan family
4. develop a financial strategy for the future of the Order
5. recommend that National Fraternities establish a National Registry of OFS members in their countries



Capitulars voting on an agenda item.

For a complete list of all decisions and how they may impact our National, Regional and Local fraternities, go to our national website.

The participants worked intensely during the days, but the nights were dedicated to laughter and the sharing of cultures through song, dance, and presentations. Our United States and Canadian contingents entered singing “When the Saints Come Marching In” and then talked about our newest saints and venerables from the United States, among them St. Marianne Cope, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, and Blessed Solanus Casey.

This was, indeed, a momentous Chapter, a Chapter that will change the way we, as an Order, interact with each other and with the world. It reminded us that we are one Order whose goal is to bring the Gospel to life – for our members and for the world.



Gerty, International Councilor from Germany, introduces her friar friend to General Minister Tibor Kauser, OFS.

News & Views

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Secular Franciscans, on this 40th anniversary of the 1978 Rule, are called to enrich their faithfulness to profession, by building up fraternity life, with conversion as a daily result.

In personal life they reflect faithfulness to the 1978 Rule, by sharing stories, insights, new ideas, prayerfulness, action, support for one another, friendship building, dialogue and shared gospel love.

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Seculars reach out to people in daily life. Neighbors, family, strangers, enemies, migrants, refugees, people from different nations and cultures.

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OFS people share experiences that reflect the 1978 OFS Rule and bring hope and peace to a troubled world, a bit each day.

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This vocation to action calls us to follow the OFS Rule of 1978.



St Paul's advice

*Put on, then, garments that suit God's chosen and beloved people: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, compassion, patience. Be tolerant with one another and forgiving, if any of you has cause for complaint; you must forgive as the Lord has forgiven you. Finally, to bind everything together and complete the whole, **there must be love.** Let Christ's peace be arbiter in your decisions ... always be thankful. Let the gospel of Christ dwell among you in all its richness; teach and instruct one another with all the wisdom it gives you. ...*

Colossians 3: 12-16 (REB)

I wish to know in this way if you love the Lord and me, his servant and yours: that if there is any brother (sister) in the world who has sinned - however much he could have sinned - who when he looked into your eyes, would ever depart without your mercy, if he is looking for mercy. And if he were not looking for mercy, you would ask him if he wants mercy. And if he would sin a thousand times before your eyes, love him more than me so that you may draw him to the Lord, and always be merciful with brothers (sisters) such as these. ...

Letter to a Minister - Francis of Assisi, the Saint - Page 97-98

United by their vocation as "brothers and sisters of penance," and motivated by the dynamic power of the gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel itself calls "conversion." Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily.

On this road to renewal the sacrament of reconciliation is the privileged sign of the Father's mercy and the source of grace.

1978 OFS Rule - #7

As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do.

Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.

1978 OFS Rule - #8



Sometimes we find it difficult to deal with certain situations - even with the best of reasons. We need support and dialogue with one another to engage in some social actions or prayerfulness. We choose to work and dialogue in collaboration with Secular brothers and sisters and other healthy groups. *We are encouraged to do what we can rather than doing nothing.*

Some social actions may need to be accompanied by presence, prayerfulness, together with *conversion* - plus enriching our ability to love one another. To work and pray together is a treasured goal in serving people' needs.

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Franciscans are devoted to Mary, our Blessed Mother. She responded to God's call and trusted God's word. She responded positively when her concerns were dealt with. Her faith accepted the message and showed her trust in God. She was faithful to that call for her whole life.

The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.

1978 OFS Rule - #9

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United themselves to the redemptive obedience of Jesus, who placed his will into the Father's hands, let them faithfully fulfill the duties proper to their various circumstances of life. Let them also follow the poor and crucified Christ, witness to him even in difficulties and persecutions.

1978 OFS Rule - #10

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Ministries with seculars and other groups are a good thing. But family members also need to be faithful in their love for one another. Seculars search for a balance between helping others and responsibilities to family and neighbors.

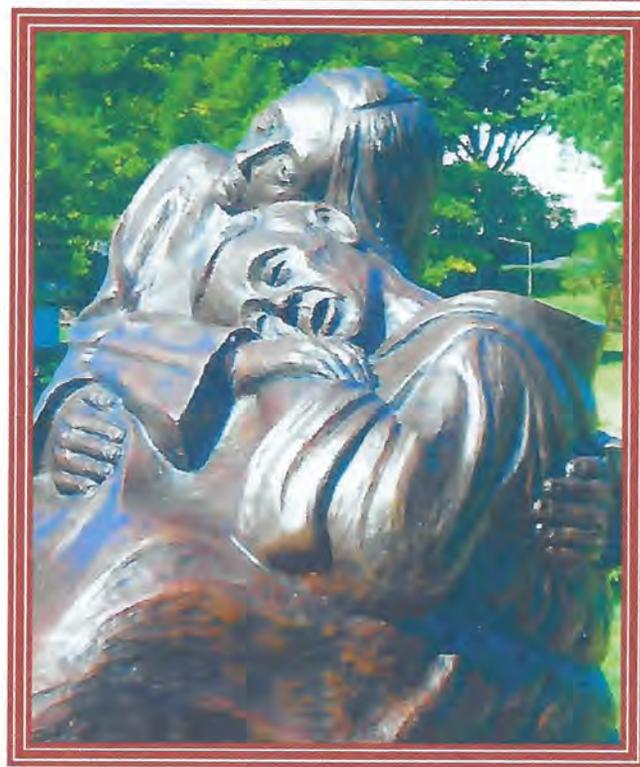
In various ways and forms, but in life-giving union with each other, they intend to make present the charism of their common Seraphic Father in the life and mission of the Church.

1978 OFS Rule - #1

... Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others.

1978 OFS Rule - #19

Read articles 13 to 19 of the 1978 OFS Rule, plus chapter 3, articles #20 to #26 - *Life in Fraternity* of the 1978 OFS Rule - They invite us to work together in developing fraternal life.



- SISTER DEATH -

A beautiful statue by Bro. Michael Gaffney, OFM Cap. It is located in the Capuchin cemetery at St Lawrence Seminary, Mt Calvary, WI.

... Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.

1978 OFS Rule - #19

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This statue offers a beautiful image of Sister Death as announced in *The Canticle of the Creatures* (Brother Sun)

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Praised be You, through our Sister Bodily Death, from whom no one living can escape.

... blessed are those whom death will find in your holy will ...

Francis of Assisi - Vol 1 - The Saint
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FORMATION COMMISSION

THE WAY OF LIFE IN FRATERNITY

by Mary Anne Lenzi, OFS

It is the second Sunday of the month. My local fraternity meets today. The work week was exhausting. I have so much to do. I skimmed the material in the book we are studying. Am I prepared to openly participate in prayer and discussion? It is a 45-minute drive through a section of the city that challenges me. I relish some quiet, reflective, alone time. What do I do? What did I promise? Years ago, I promised to “live all the days of my life the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its rule of life.”¹ That rule calls me and you to a commitment of life in fraternity.

June 24, 2018, marks the 40th Anniversary of the *Rule of 1978* approved by Pope Paul VI by means of his apostolic letter *Seraphicus Patriarca*. The modification of the previous rule was prompted by the Second Vatican Council. The reason was *aggiornamento* — to update and address more effectively living our **charism** in the culture of the day.² In 1969 at the Assisi Congress, a special committee was formed that included both friars and lay men and women. The Way of Life Commission was tasked with developing essential elements for the new rule. Seventeen essential elements were established that gave a new direction toward our involvement with the world, with special consideration to our secular nature and spirituality. The 1978 Rule is essentially the outcome of the “refining, organizing and integrating”³ of these elements. It also hinged on a return to the origins and to the spiritual experiences of St Francis and the brothers and sisters of penance who received from him their inspiration and guidance.⁴ For a refresher on the historic developments of the 1978 Rule consider reading Chapter 6, *The Pauline Rule*, in *A History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States*, Vol. IIA, by William Wicks OFS.

In preparation for this musing, I pulled a tattered periodical from my bookshelf: *The Cord*, Volume 53. No. 3, May/June, 2003, a special edition commemorating 25 years of the renewed rule, with wisdom writings by international and national servant leaders. What I read was not new, but it was highlighted through a lens of relationship. The “only two things necessary to be a Franciscan are the Gospel and community. If the Gospel is the book from which Franciscans are formed, then the

community, the local fraternity, is the fertile ground in which the seeds of this message are nurtured and grown.”⁵ Fr. Michael Higgins wrote that the rule “is replete with terms that refer to relationship and sharing of life. . . . “fraternity,” “community,” and “brothers and sisters” appear eight times each.”⁶ These two points stuck with me.



What did I do? I collected my breviary and book, some paper and a pen, a bundle of fruit and sweets to share and tossed them in my meeting bag. I paused before revving the engine and whispered a prayer to the Holy Spirit to breathe a little extra fortitude in me.

The Spirit does not disappoint. We shared a simple meal, a prayer, and stories of where we encountered God in our lives. In sharing a struggle, a member responded. As a fraternity we voice our struggles and try to help each other along the journey because living a Franciscan life is not a singular path. It is a daily exercise in trying to follow the Gospel in the way of St. Francis. It’s actually not easy. We can’t do it alone.

I was renewed. Joining with brothers and sisters, I experienced all that a fraternity is called to be: “a community of love, a place for ongoing conversion, and a place of support for living the Gospel in the world.”⁷ It is a place where we learn to let go of “me” to experience the beauty of “we.”

This June, consider celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Rule with your fraternity, then add it to next year’s calendar, and the next. Each time we study and pray the Rule something new will stand out about prayer, contemplation or action in our desire to fulfill our promises. The Rule we profess to live each day may not seem easy. It reflects a simple gospel command. “Love one another as I have loved you” (John 15: 12).

Some ongoing formation suggestions:

Fr. Michael Higgins suggested an in depth study of how the words “fraternity,” “community” and “brothers and sisters” are used and understood in the Rule.

Select a Chapter in the *FUN Manual* to review and supplement: *The History of the Order*, *A Call to Vocation*, *The Rule*, *Our Identity*, *Fraternity and Francis*, for example.

¹ Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order, p. 24

² A History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States, Volume IIA 1943-1978, p. 110

³ FUN Manual, History of the SFO and its Rules 3-23-11, p. 26

⁴ A History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States, Volume IIA 1943-1978, p. 174

⁵ Baker and Mulqueen, *The Privilege of Being Secular*, *The Cord*, p. 122

⁶ Higgins, *The Franciscan Rule, an Invitation to Relationship*, p.110

⁷ *FUN Manual*, *Fraternity as Fundamental Element*, p.12



FRANCISCAN YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT COMMISSION REPORT

by Kathleen Molaro, OFS FYYA Commission Chair

Fostering Communion with Our Youth and Young Adults

As Pope Francis said in *Laudato Si'*, “The Spirit of God has filled the universe with possibilities and therefore from the very heart of things something new can always emerge.” In this case, the “something new” is fostering communion with our youth (Rule, Art. 24), inspiring them to live Gospel lives and supporting them in their journey toward holiness.

The National Franciscan Youth and Young Adult Commission hopes to motivate and support your efforts. God counts on our cooperation, and we are aware of the difficult choices and roadblocks that might inhibit you. But as Franciscans, we have truly precious advantages to help us bring about this renewal we're all so desperate for.

First, we have the examples of our dear Francis and Clare, who exemplified so beautifully a life driven by the Gospels. At a recent retreat with Larry Grosselin, OFM, he shared that what drew him to the Franciscan Order was Francis himself. Fr. Grosselin spoke of qualities he admired in our beloved Francis—his authenticity, humility, joy, and love of the Gospel. His humanness, and faithfulness to the Catholic Church and his love of all brothers and sisters, including creation.

Qualities that we, as Secular Franciscans strive to emulate, are observed as we enter into the realm of youth, no matter how insignificant our role may appear. We can inspire them with the Franciscan charism just by being in their presence as they journey in their faith.

We also have our Rule. This year's NAFRA theme, “Renewed and Confirmed: Live the Treasure,” was chosen in commemoration of the Rule's 40th year as our inspiration. We're invited to remember and celebrate what Saint John Paul II said in 1982 at the OFS General Assembly of the International Council, that our Rule “is an authentic treasure in your hands.”

An excerpt from the Four Ministers General is found in the beginning of the Rule. “The hope of renewal hinges upon returning to the origins and to the

spiritual experience of Francis of Assisi and the brothers and sisters of penance who received from him their inspiration and guidance.” Again, we hear of renewal.

In order to fully re-energize our efforts, it's going to take three things. We need to unite, ignite, then invite.

Unite: The FY/YA commission is determined to seek ways to unite us as a nation. We are all called to reach out to our younger generations in some way. It's imperative that we communicate with one another, share ideas, and support each other's efforts.

Ignite: Francis reached way down into his soul to find the courage to embrace a leper, which turned “what once was bitter into sweet!” The Holy Spirit has enkindled in us a fire that we cannot ignore. Each of us must take that first step, then spread our flame to others.

Invite: When our youth experience us as simple folk who live the treasure of our Franciscan charism, they will desire more. Our very lives become the invitation. What will draw them? Francis himself.

Let's carry this “treasure” with us wherever we go, especially when working with youth and young adults. Renewed and confirmed, allow this splendid gift to become our way to unite, ignite, and invite.

New National Secular Franciscan Youth and Young Adult Commission



Mark Carroll, Akisha Eaton, Kathleen Molaro,
and Spiritual Assistant, Kathy Taormina.



Ecumenical Interfaith Committee Joint Committee on Franciscan Unity

“THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT” PEACEMAKING AT ITS BEST

by Donna Hollis, OFS, Our Lady of Guadalupe Region

*...They should go forth as witnesses and instruments of the mission among ALL people
...Fostering an open and trusting dialogue of apostolic effectiveness and creativity. (Rule 6)*

“Renewed and Confirmed: Live the Treasure!”

The ministry of the Ecumenical Interfaith Committee is to promote Christian unity among persons of different religious faiths. We are charged with taking action in search of mutual respect and common ground with our Brothers and Sisters, reaching out to build bridges of understanding and friendship designed to tear down the walls of isolation and fear.

As our Rule states, “...the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord, and an image of Christ.” (Rule 13)

When I watched the premiere of the docudrama “The Sultan and the Saint” in Albuquerque, I was delighted to see that the Islamic Center and the Franciscan Order of Friars Minor were hosting this event together. The film brought clarity and understanding of what peacemaking is all about on a realistic, down-to-earth level. The Sultan and St. Francis were each on their own journeys when the unlikely meeting took place. It was a crossroad moment for them that changed history. They were both men of faith, one an itinerant Christian preacher and the other the ruler of a Muslim Empire.

A dialogue took place after the film between the Muslim community and those who attended the event. This is where misconceptions are clarified and common ground begins in our faith and acceptance of God/Allah as our Creator.

In my Region, two of us initiated a meeting with the Islamic Center in El Paso, Texas, recently and inquired if we could just sit down and dialogue to begin building bridges over any misconceptions and to begin to understand one another in solidarity. The Muslim women were very hospitable and eager to have dialogue. We had a very good introductory discussion with two of the Muslim women.

Soon after, we planned another meeting between more women from our Region and their community. The leader of the women’s group made a flyer that expresses peace and camaraderie among us. We are looking forward to forging new friendships and a lasting bond through these times of sharing.

As we began to tour the Mosque, I sensed a peace and ambiance of deep prayer.

We shared with the Muslim women the story and film of “The Sultan and the Saint,” with which they were not familiar. I asked if we could bring the film to the Mosque and view it together, inviting both our communities so there could be dialogue afterwards, in hopes of opening the door of respect even wider and deepening our bond. The women are very open minded and eager to watch it and to invite others; the door is opened to us to create peace and to build more bridges among us.

QUR’AN:3:64 – “Say, O People of the Book {Christians and Jews}! Come to a common word between us and you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – “Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.”

With regard to the refugees seeking refuge who come across our borders in El Paso, Texas, we continue to work together with other churches of other other denominations and faiths, working hand in hand with hospitality to the stranger and marginalized.

I encourage you to open the doors of your hearts and reach out to those who are in need and to those that are different from you; you will realize we do have common bonds and acknowledge a God with many names and faces.!!

Pope Francis is a messenger of Peace – meeting with leaders of all faiths and embracing them as brothers and sisters. Can we do likewise?

St. Francis traveled far and wide without boundaries with his love for all people as an opportunity of encounter and open dialogue with those along the way.

May we allow God’s wisdom to help us
find unity among diversity
May we fully live the treasure of
who we are among others.

As we celebrate the 40th year of our OFS Rule this year, may we truly embody all that it means in its entirety by living out the words we profess.

The film “The Sultan and the Saint” is now on DVD. It can be ordered from Franciscan Action Network at <https://franciscanaction.org/article/purchase-sultan-and-saint-dvd-and-guide>

GETTING TO KNOW OUR FRANCISCAN FAMILY

by Kate Kleinert, OFS
St. Katharine Drexel Region



It is a downright miserable morning! It is very gray and cold and it's not quite raining. More like 'spraining' – something between a sprinkle and a rain. Whatever it is, it is just chilly enough and damp enough to go right through you.

But on this very miserable morning, I am anything but! I have just spent the last few hours with the postulants of the Padre Pio Friary in Philadelphia. Brother Kip Ledger, OFM Cap, is in charge of the Postulants. Last year, I was stunned when Brother Kip invited me to speak to the class of Postulants and tell them about Secular Franciscans. Not only was I honored; but I was "over-the-moon" that he was reaching out to educate the guys early in their journey.

This year when the invitation was extended, I jumped at the chance to speak to the new class. Brother Kip also invited me to attend the 7:30 a.m. Mass and then have breakfast with them before the class at 9:00 o'clock. What a wonderful start to the day!

I received an e-mail from our brother, Patrick Martin, OFS, the Regional Minister for the St. Margaret of Cortona Region, who had heard I was speaking to the class. Patrick had spoken to them on Servant Leadership, and he thought I could use the piece from the OFM Caps' constitutions where we are mentioned. Although I know the Friars are supposed

to work with us, I never saw these words before. They are certainly beautifully written.

...the Secular Franciscan Order should be especially dear to us. Let us work with Secular Franciscans so that their fraternities may grow as communities of faith particularly equipped for effective evangelization. Let us also work with them in the formation of their members, so that they may spread the Kingdom of God not only by the example of their lives but also by various kinds of apostolic activity.

The men in the class are so young and holy and so ready to go out in the world and serve. They were very impressed with the history of the OFS and want to be part of its future. Something very powerful happened this morning – this rainy, miserable morning. And it is filled with sunshine from the Lord and a smile or two from St. Francis. May we continue to reach out to each other and get to know our family better!



FRANCISCAN LIVING

REMEMBRANCES OF THE “THIRD ORDER SECULAR”

By Francine Gikow, OFS

When I attended my first fraternity meeting, the Rule of 1978 had been only approved for less than five years. This Rule, written and promulgated with the blessings by the Holy See, was in response to the call by Vatican II for a renewal of all religious orders to return to “the spirit and aims of their founders.”¹ It superseded the Leonine Rule of 1883, but at that time, little did I know of the cataclysmic change I would experience as a professed Secular Franciscan. All I knew then was that I was attracted to the Order because of the members’ holiness, simplicity, humility, and care for others.

I was in one of the first initial formation groups begun under the “New Rule” with the white “Catechism”² written by Fr. Zachary Grant, OFM Cap. and taught by Secular Franciscans rather than a Friar Spiritual Assistant. Remnants of formation under the Leonine Rule remained for awhile—I was in “postulancy,” (not Orientation and Inquiry) and “novitiate,” (not Candidacy.) We still recited the “Monthly Pledge of the Third Order Franciscan,” which included rules from the Leonine Rule of monthly confession, recitation of the Office of the Twelve Our Fathers, and other traditions. I also took a religious name in the Order and was admitted with the scapular and cord with many members still wearing brown “habits.” I was professed in 1984 after six months in postulancy and a year and a day in novitiate — and if you missed even one lesson, you had to start over until you attended 12 consecutive months of lessons. Even our name changed: instead of being the “Third Order of St. Francis, Secular,” we became the Secular Franciscan Order!

When I remember the Order I initially joined in 1982, it is now a different Order from the one to which I still belong. The Third Order was very devotional in style at the time, with many public and private devotions, prayers, and practices that were reflective of the era. It also had the characteristics of an “Associate”- or “Affiliate”- type relationship with the first Order.³ Like a religious order’s “Associate” program, most fraternities were attached to a specific parish, monastery, seminary or Franciscan presence in the community, and were seen as “helpers” to the Friars. It provided much of the manpower for the First Orders’ apostolates, as well as financial support. The Third Order member’s identity was also often linked with the “Father” Spiritual Assistant, who determined everything in the Order, from providing initial and ongoing formation, council management, finances, and apostolates: in other words, Father ran the fraternity. Because of this direction, some fraternities were so invested with “their” Friar that attendance and involvement in fraternity life

suffered when that friar was transferred or a new Spiritual Assistant was appointed. In addition, the same geographic area or city might have many unrelated fraternities established by different provinces of the First Order and Third Order Regular Friars. All were Third Order Secular Franciscans, but they never interacted together, never knew each other, and had differing traditions and fraternity life.

As the Rule of 1978 was being implemented, however, the Order began changing. No longer was “Father” in charge — management of the fraternity, was turned over to the Secular Council, which, at times, was poorly equipped to take the reins. (One fraternity, I knew, had most of its Council resign because they did not know how to cope with the changes nor lead the fraternity!)

Members grieved over the loss of traditions: changes in the name of the Order itself; not wearing the “brown habit;” self governance; and finally, due to the reduced number of First Order and Third Order Regular Religious available, that frequent contact and sharing with the sponsoring province were decreasing and even disappearing. Their identity as a Secular Franciscan was challenged.

As the national fraternity began regionalizing (or uniting the local fraternities under many different friar provinces into regional fraternities), many members perceived this as an undermining of their links with “their” friar provinces, but in reality, many provinces withdrew from certain geographic areas or had very limited presence in some locations. The shortage of Franciscan religious has had a huge impact on the Order.

Some members, so upset with the changes, did not continue in the Order without their beloved Friars present. Active membership numbers in the Order fell as the newly-renewed Secular Franciscans sought to discover new ways to bring Christ to others. From the ashes, however, a core of well-formed, committed Secular Franciscans remained dedicated to the Order. The remaining members studied the “new Rule,” allowing transformation to occur, and sincerely tried to apply the Rule in their lives.

Watching these changes, I truly believe that God holds our Order very close to his heart. We are important to Him! I have seen His “touch” in many ways, influencing our Order and its direction. I *still* see Him in the brothers and sisters with their holiness, simplicity, humility and care for others. This is truly a blessed place. This is my home.

¹ Vatican II: *Perfectae Caritatis* (Renewal of Religious Life) II.12a

² Zachary Grant, OFM Cap. *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order with a Catechism and Instructions*. Franciscan Herald Press, Chicago: 1981.

³ Many active religious have Associate or Affiliate programs, which have women, and men “assist” the vowed religious with shared prayer, fundraising and community support.

National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order - USA
Quarterly General Fund Reports for Calendar Year 2017
as of December 31, 2017

	Quarter Ending On:	3/31/17	6/30/17	9/30/17	12/31/17	TOTAL FOR	BUDGET
Acct #	INCOME					YEAR	for 2017
6110	FAIR SHARE	\$ 51,357.00	\$ 152,862.00	\$ 11,220.00	\$ 6,570.50	\$ 222,009.50	\$ 229,874
6120	INTEREST	\$ 68.04	\$ 122.37	\$ 140.68	\$ 134.28	\$ 465.37	\$ 220
6200	FORMATION SALES	\$ 8,888.70	\$ 12,084.77	\$ 6,490.35	\$ 15,856.76	\$ 43,320.58	\$ 48,000
6240	MISCELLANEOUS				\$ 505.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 9,756
	TOTAL INCOME	\$ 60,313.74	\$ 165,069.14	\$ 17,851.03	\$ 23,066.54	\$ 266,300.45	\$287,850.00
	EXPENSES						
7110	CIOFS FAIR SHARE	\$ (22,608.80)				\$ (22,608.80)	\$ 23,000.00
7115	FAN		\$ (12,500.00)			\$ (12,500.00)	\$ 12,500.00
7120	NEWSLETTER	\$ (13,567.24)	\$ (13,198.10)	\$ (14,210.56)	\$ (13,960.85)	\$ (54,936.75)	\$ 55,700.00
7130	ANNUAL CHAPTER	\$ 80.00		\$ (30,104.49)	\$ (600.18)	\$ (30,624.67)	\$ 55,000.00
7135	QUINQUENNIAL			\$ (1,908.87)	\$ (2,050.86)	\$ (3,959.73)	\$ 8,000.00
7140	COUNCIL OFFICERS	\$ (695.27)	\$ (76.03)	\$ (352.73)	\$ (147.53)	\$ (1,271.56)	\$ 2,500.00
7145	CIOFS MEETING		\$ (3,600.00)			\$ (3,600.00)	\$ 3,600.00
7150	COUNCIL MEETINGS	\$ (5,938.42)	\$ (6,262.72)	\$ (2,576.45)	\$ (1,424.73)	\$ (16,202.32)	\$ 23,900.00
7155	LIABILITY INSURANCE		\$ (3,799.00)			\$ (3,799.00)	\$ 3,800.00
7160	CIOFS VISITATION					\$ -	\$ -
7172	JPIC AWARD			\$ (3,000.00)		\$ (3,000.00)	\$ 3,000.00
7173	ARCHIVE		\$ (1,947.71)			\$ (1,947.71)	\$ 1,850.00
7175	HISTORIAN		\$ (487.96)	\$ (666.76)		\$ (1,154.72)	\$ 1,000.00
7176	COMPUTER COMMITTEE	\$ (615.00)	\$ (5,015.89)	\$ (932.35)	\$ (5,487.38)	\$ (12,050.62)	\$ 9,000.00
7180	FORMATION - PRINTING	\$ (51.25)	\$ (17,449.00)		\$ (1,285.00)	\$ (18,785.25)	\$ 20,000.00
7180 L	FORMATION - PRINTING Language					\$ -	\$ 12,000.00
7181	FORMATION		\$ (2,139.77)	\$ (5,655.40)		\$ (7,795.17)	\$ 11,250.00
7183	VOCATIONS	\$ (117.33)	\$ (149.67)	\$ (82.71)	\$ (115.85)	\$ (465.56)	\$ 2,500.00
7184	PR		\$ (377.96)	\$ -		\$ (377.96)	\$ 500.00
7186	JPIC		\$ 2,253.91	\$ (9,748.50)	\$ (1,524.08)	\$ (9,018.67)	\$ 9,000.00
7187	YOUTH		\$ 18.60	\$ (6,003.04)	\$ (2,074.95)	\$ (8,059.39)	\$ 7,500.00
7188	ECUMENICAL - INTERFAITH COMMITTEE	\$ (1,612.00)	\$ (871.93)	\$ (1,330.01)	\$ (294.00)	\$ (4,107.94)	\$ 8,250.00
7198	COMMUNICATIONS					\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
7199	CONF NAT SPIRITUAL ASSISTANTS				\$ (8,000.00)	\$ (8,000.00)	\$ 8,000.00
7200	OTHER EXPENSES	\$ (53.11)	\$ (1,410.63)	\$ (45.00)	\$ (636.00)	\$ (2,144.74)	\$ 5,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ (45,178.42)	\$ (67,013.86)	\$ (76,616.87)	\$ (37,601.41)	\$ (226,410.56)	287,850.00
	NET INCOME (EXPENSE)	\$ 15,135.32	\$ 98,055.28	\$ (58,765.84)	\$ (14,534.87)	\$ 39,889.89	
Bank Balances of General Funds:							
	Beginning: CHECKING	\$ 237,175.17	\$ 254,753.90	\$ 345,704.86	\$ 326,100.34		
	SAVINGS	\$ 187,275.76	\$ 187,343.80	\$ 187,466.17	\$ 187,606.85		
	TOTAL - Beginning Balance	\$ 424,450.93	\$ 442,097.70	\$ 533,171.03	\$ 513,707.19		
	Less Restricted Funds	(131,473.52)	\$(134,134.97)	\$(129,323.02)	\$(168,700.02)		
	TOTAL - Available Funds	\$ 292,977.41	\$ 307,962.73	\$ 403,848.01	\$ 345,007.17		
	Ending: CHECKING	\$ 254,753.90	\$ 345,704.86	\$ 326,100.34	\$ 251,172.60		
	SAVINGS (combined)	\$ 187,343.80	\$ 187,466.17	\$ 187,606.85	\$ 223,211.75		
	TOTAL - Ending Balance	\$ 442,097.70	\$ 533,171.03	\$ 513,707.19	\$ 474,384.35		
	Less Restricted Funds	\$(134,134.97)	\$(129,323.02)	\$(168,700.02)	\$(144,465.83)		
	TOTAL - Available Funds	\$ 307,962.73	\$ 403,848.01	\$ 345,007.17	\$ 329,918.52		
Respectfully submitted by Jerry Rousseau, OFS, National Treasurer - January 9, 2018							

Quarterly Financial Report for the Calendar Year 2017
Restricted Accounts Report as of December 31, 2017

Account	Description of Activity	Received Donations	Donated by NAFRA	Amount Paid	Balance
	UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS TO NAFRA				
7307	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 28,342.29	\$ (500.00) to 7319		
	Transferred to for charity & Gifts		\$ (11,480.00) to 7305		
	Transfer to - NEC/Chapter decision		\$ (8,000.00) to 7310		
7307-M	In Memoriam - estate of Wanda Antonelli	\$ 6,164.00			
	In Memoriam - estate of Stella Nadeau	\$ 872.00			
7307-H	In Honor of NAFRA (Good of the Order)	\$ 1,025.00	\$ (400.00) to 7303		
	Closing Balance	\$ 36,403.29	\$ (20,380.00)		\$ 16,023.29
7303	REGIONAL NEEDS				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 12,400.00	\$ (2,000.00)		(for Rgn 50)
	Duns Scotus Grant from 8110 for Region 50	\$ 750.00	for Rgn 50	\$ (612.09)	
	Transfer from 7307 NEC/Chapter decision	\$ 400.00	for Rgn 50	\$ (400.00)	
	Donation	\$ 100.00	for Rgn 50	\$ (100.00)	
	Closing Balance	\$ 13,650.00		\$ (1,112.09)	\$ 12,537.91
7304	EMERGENCY AID				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 7,500.00			
	Aid to - Region donations	\$ 30,900.70	\$ (2,000.00)	\$ (27,355.00)	
	Closing Balance	\$ 38,400.70		\$ (27,355.00)	\$ 11,045.70
7305	CHARITABLE DONATIONS				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 2,520.00			
	Donation to -- from Chapter			\$ (13,000.00)	
	General aid to disaster victims - (location) donations for				
	Transfer from 7307 for Charitable Giving	\$ 11,480.00			
	Closing Balance	\$ 14,000.00		\$ (13,000.00)	\$ 1,000.00
7306	NATIONAL EVENTS				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 2,209.52			
	Closing Balance				\$ 2,209.52
7310	CIOFS SOLIDARITY FUND				
	Balance at Jan 1, 2017	\$ -			
	Donations received -	\$ 11,145.00			
	Transfer from 7307 - NEC/Chapter decision		\$ 8,000.00		
	Closing Balance	\$ 11,145.00	8,000.00	\$ (19,145.00)	\$ -
7314	FORMATION				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 1,317.10			
	Closing Balance				\$ 1,317.10
7315	ECUMENICAL - INTERFAITH				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 1,138.20			
	Closing Balance				\$ 1,138.20
7316	H2O COLLECTIONS				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 1,229.64			
	Contributions 1st Qtr	\$ 1,545.00			
	Contributions 2nd Qtr	\$ 1,636.98			
	Contributions 3rd Qtr	\$ 859.00		\$ (4,500.00)	
	Contributions 4th Quarter				
	Closing Balance	\$ 5,270.62		\$ (4,500.00)	\$ 770.62
7317	YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	2,488.05			
	Closing Balance				\$ 2,488.05
7319	GIFTS OF APPRECIATION				
	Transfer from 7307	\$ 500.00			
	Closing Balance			\$ (500.00)	\$ -
7335	QUINQUENNIAL CONGRESS				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 52,843.63			
	Miscellaneous income - 2017	\$ 32.45			
	Expenses -2017	\$ (2,455.73)			
	Refunds				
	Closing Balance	\$ 50,420.35			\$50,420.35
7375	HISTORY BOOK SALES				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ (7,042.70)			
	Sales - payment received	\$ 1,500.00			
	Closing Balance	\$ (5,542.70)			\$ (5,542.70)
8110	DUNS SCOTUS TRUST FUND				
	AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 27,293.00		\$ (17,740.00)	
	Grants: XFR to 7181 and 7303			\$ (9,750.00)	
	HSBC wire transfer (sale of funds)	\$ 50,000.00			
	Closing Balance	\$ 77,293.00		\$ (27,490.00)	\$ 49,803.00
8220	LEGAL AND OTHER EXPENSES				
	Balance at January 1, 2017	\$ 1,254.79			
	DSFTF board meeting -				
	Closing Balance				\$ 1,254.79
	TOTAL FUNDS IN RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS:				\$ 144,465.83
	Complete as of December 31, 2017 - Jerry Rousseau, OFS - National Treasurer				

Quarterly Financial Report for the Calendar Year 2017

Restricted Funds - Investments

Acct#	RESTRICTED FUNDS	BEGINNING BALANCE	Quarter Ending On:				YEAR TOTAL	ENDING BALANCE
			3/31/17	6/30/17	9/30/17	12/31/17		
7303	REGIONAL NEEDS	\$ 12,400.00		\$ 126.80	\$ 516.00	\$ (504.89)	\$ 137.91	\$12,537.91
7304	EMERGENCY AID	\$ 7,500.00			\$ 14,722.00	\$ (11,176.30)	\$ 3,545.70	\$11,045.70
7305	CHARITABLE DONATIONS	\$ 2,520.00			\$ 11,480.00	\$ (13,000.00)	\$(1,520.00)	\$ 1,000.00
7306	NATIONAL EVENTS	\$ 2,209.52					\$ -	\$ 2,209.52
7307	UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 28,342.29	\$ 6,764.00	\$(8,475.00)	\$(11,980.00)	\$ 1,372.00	\$(12,319.00)	\$16,023.29
7310	CIOFS SOLIDARITY FUND	\$ -	\$ 3,410.00	\$ 2,085.00	\$ (5,495.00)		\$ -	\$ -
7314	FORMATION	\$ 1,317.10					\$ -	\$ 1,317.10
7315	ECUMENICAL-INTERFAITH	\$ 1,138.20					\$ -	\$ 1,138.20
7316	H2O LENTEN PROJECT	\$ 1,229.64	\$ 1,545.00	\$ 1,636.98	\$ (3,641.00)		\$ (459.02)	\$ 770.62
7317	YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS	\$ 2,488.05					\$ -	\$ 2,488.05
7319	GIFTS OF APPRECIATION	\$ -				\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
7335	QUINQUENNIAL CONGRESS	\$ 52,843.63	\$ 32.45	\$(2,455.73)			\$(2,423.28)	\$50,420.35
7375	HISTORY BOOKS print, sales	\$ (7,042.70)	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$(5,542.70)
DUNS SCOTUS GRANT								
8110	AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS	\$ 27,293.00	\$(9,240.00)		\$ 33,700.00	\$ (1,950.00)	\$22,510.00	\$49,803.00
8220	EXPENSES	\$ 1,254.79					\$ -	\$ 1,254.79
TOTALS								144,465.83

DUNS SCOTUS SECULAR FRANCISCAN FORMATION TRUST FUND		Investment Account	Total Value
12/31/06	Trust Fund Balance	\$ 615,286.39	\$615,286.39
12/31/07	Trust Fund Balance	\$ 656,513.39	\$656,513.39
	Grant to SALT TEAM 3/25/08	\$ (5,000.00)	
12/31/08	Trust Fund Balance end of 2008	\$ 426,423.39	\$426,423.39
12/31/09	Trust Fund Balance end of 2009	\$ 543,308.80	\$543,308.80
12/31/10	Trust Fund Balance end of 2010	\$ 660,194.21	\$660,194.21
	Duns Scotus Withdrawal	\$ (24,000.00)	
12/31/11	Trust Fund Balance end of 2011	\$ 591,675.00	\$591,675.00
12/31/12	Trust Fund Balance end of 2012	\$ 658,566.00	\$658,566.00
	Duns Scotus Redemption	\$ (25,000.00)	
12/31/13	Trust Fund Balance end of 2013	\$ 820,013.16	\$820,013.16
12/31/14	Trust Fund Balance	\$ 911,069.67	\$911,069.67
12/31/15	Trust Fund Balance	\$ 886,234.84	\$886,234.84
12/31/16	Trust Fund Balance	\$ 966,442.21	\$966,442.21
3/31/17	Investment gains/losses: First Quarter	\$ 49,437.00	
	Trust Fund Balance		\$1,015,879.00
6/30/17	Investment gains/losses: Second Quarter	\$ 19,582.01	
	Trust Fund Balance		\$1,035,461.00
	Duns Scotus Withdrawal	\$ (50,000.00)	
	Investment gains/losses: Third Quarter	\$ 25,221.00	
9/30/17	Trust Fund Balance		\$1,010,682.30
12/31/17	Investment gains/losses: Fourth Quarter	\$ 19,770.40	
	Trust Fund Balance		\$1,030,450.00

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Rousseau, OFS, National Treasurer - January 9, 2018



NEW NAFRA WEBSITE TO GO LIVE IN SPRING

By Mary Stronach, OFS International Councilor

Renew. Refresh. Restore. Three words that will define the new website for the Secular Franciscan Order of the United States. Thanks to the efforts of NAFRA's new webmaster, Lee Potts, OFS, the new website is well on the way to restoring all the assets of our old website and providing a fresh, new look with updated features.

The new NAFRA website will be going live on April 30. Among its features are a calendar for national and significant regional events. The calendar will also include Secular Franciscan dates and feasts. Once finalized, the calendar will allow members to register for events.

A blog will offer regular articles, both from the TAU and from our national council – to update and inform on the most pressing and important topics. Imagine, regular communication – not just with our ministers but with the whole order in the United States and with the general public – anyone who loves Francis!

There will be sections dedicated to Formation, Franciscan Youth, and Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation. For those who are hungry for more Franciscanism, there will be links to International, National and Regional sites.

Once the site goes live, we anticipate a feature that would allow people to find local fraternities, provide contact information and meeting dates, and pinpoint locations with the help of Google maps.

For our members of the family who struggle with the English language, a Google translation feature will translate pages of the website as needed. A word of warning here, while Google translate has advanced dramatically over the past few years, it is far from perfect in translating everything accurately and completely. It does, however, provide an overview of a page, which will assist our non-English speakers.

Web visitors will be able to contact any one of the members of the National Executive Council, link to Social Media, including YouTube, and access FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions).

Of course, the new website will also host documents for formation, the Rule, the Constitutions, the *FUN Manual*, documents for visitations and elections, past and present copies of *TAU-USA* to download, the Vocations Toolkit, and much more.

Webmaster Lee, who has experience designing websites both for the Order and professionally, says that every website is “always a work in progress. However, as we find new features or wish to add more information, the publishing system we will now be using makes updating very simple and easy.”

Visit often starting in May, check the following website, <http://secularfranciscansusa.org> because, soon, it will be live, and we'll be “improving, adding, changing and modifying as we go!” Let us know what you think.



THE NATIONAL FRATERNITY
OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
IN THE UNITED STATES

2018 National Elective Chapter

Saturday morning, October 13, 2018
Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel
St. Louis, MO

Positions to be filled are:

National Minister	National Treasurer	National Councilor 3
National Vice Minister	National Councilor 1	International Councilor
National Secretary	National Councilor 2	

Nominations are now being accepted.
Nominations close June 13, 2018, at 11:59PM.

Please nominate well-qualified, permanently professed Secular Franciscans to serve in these positions. You may nominate a person for more than one position.

Please send your nomination (NAME, ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS) via either email or snail-mail to both Nomination Committee Co-Chairs :

Kate Kleinert, OFS
408 Custer Avenue
Glenolden, PA 19036

E-mail: kkleinert@msn.com

and

Bob Crane, OFS
2933 Church Street
Stevens Point, WI 54481

E-mail: bobcrane.ofs@gmail.com

YOU MUST SEND YOUR NOMINATION TO BOTH ADDRESSES TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY NOMINATION BEING LOST IN THE MAIL/E-MAIL.

An information form will be sent to each nominee for written decline / acceptance and a request for a résumé.

Thank you for your cooperation and participation.

✧ VOCATIONS CORNER ✧

Our thanks to Jim Myres, OFS, from the Cincinnati area, for submitting an idea for promoting vocations. “I would like us to invite the family members of all the folks in First, Second, and Third Order vocations to consider joining the Secular Franciscan Order. The family could take the same journey walking in the footsteps of our brother Francis.”

How many methods are there for sharing? Let us count the ways! To start, the general promotional brochure has been updated. http://nafra-sfo.org/forms/VocationsToolkitFiles/2a_OFS_Brochure_Come_and_See_General_English.pdf Fill in pertinent information, make copies and carry them with you. If you have formation houses in your area, request an opportunity to speak during a formation session about the OFS (bring brochures and refreshments). Encourage those in attendance to share with their family members and friends. Mention our NAFRA website and 1-800-Francis so relatives living in another part of the country can meet the OFS in their areas. Organize or participate in activities for promoting peace and justice to inspire others to learn more about what motivates us.

What else do you suggest? Email ideas to: 1.800.Francis@mail.com.

When Jim isn't thinking of ways to spread the word about the OFS, he maintains the Vine Street mailbox for the national fraternity! Thanks for taking care of our snail mail, Jim!



✧ FORMATION VISIONING ✧ *SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT*

Do you have a passion for Formation? Are you ready to go deeper? We are seeking 12 Secular Franciscans to join us on a special mission.

The National Formation Commission in conjunction with members of the National Executive Council will facilitate a Formation Visioning Workshop from Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2018. Participants in the workshop include Regional Formation Directors and Regional Spiritual Assistants. Twelve additional Secular Franciscans will be invited to join us.

If you are interested in attending please contact Jane DeRose-Bamman at janedbfsfo@msn.com by May 15 for an application.

What is your vision for formation? We look forward to hearing from you.



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Secular Franciscan Conference

Becoming Prayer, Becoming Presence: A Workshop for Secular Franciscans

Dates: July 13-15, 2018

Location: SBU campus

Facilitator: Br. Richard Hendricks, O.F.M., Cap., guardian of the Ards Friary and Retreat Centre in Donegal in the North West of Ireland. Br. Richard, an Irish Capuchin Franciscan, for the past 20 years has taught the practice of meditation in the Christian contemplative tradition and has evolved a number of programs teaching meditation and mindfulness to young people through the Sanctuary Spirituality Centre in Dublin.

TOPICS

St. Francis is often described as one who not so much prayed as became prayer! Following this path is to walk the way of transformation through prayer as taught by Francis, Clare and so many of the Franciscan saints. This workshop will look at renewing our sense of the Divine Presence in our lives and practical methods for establishing contemplative space as Franciscans today.

Conference fee: **\$185.00**

All meals: **\$80.00**

Housing for the night of Thursday, July 12th through the morning of Sunday, July 15th, 2018: **\$92.00**

Additional Accommodation Fee:

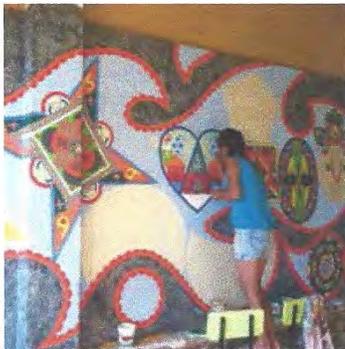
If you are in need of additional housing accommodations, the following fee will apply:

*Additional accommodations: **\$46.00 per night**

For further information on any of our programs, please contact

Jill Smith at 716-375-2062 or jmsmith@sbu.edu





franciscan mission service
**Short-Term Mission &
Global Awareness Trip**

25 AUG—2 SEP, 2018

Experience the rich Bolivian culture and learn the many layers of global poverty that affect Bolivia today. This is your opportunity to join us in visiting our missionaries and their local partners in Cochabamba, Bolivia. With the support of the Secular Franciscan Order, FMS missionaries have been serving in solidarity with the Bolivian people for 25 years.

Registration and 50% deposit required by May 1.
Cost is \$1,500 + flight.

Experience

Learn about the Bolivian culture through shared meals, guided hikes, visits to FMS mission sites, and more. Unlike traditional service trips that focus on completing one project, this experience offers a glimpse into the experience of encounter of being in relationship with the Bolivian people.

Reflect

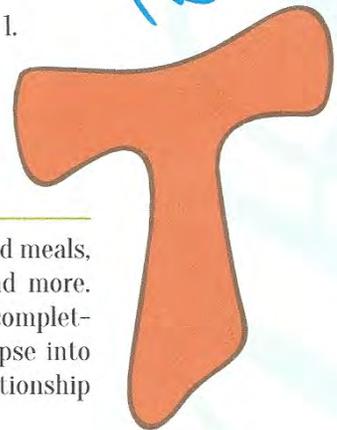
Deepen your understanding of structural poverty, and spend time each day in prayer and guided reflection to process your experience. Ponder your own responsibility as a Secular Franciscan in building the kingdom of God on earth.

Grow

Strengthen your commitment to service and social justice. Develop a better awareness of social and cultural issues. Build friendships with your fellow travelers. Dive deeper into the Secular Franciscan charism.

franciscanmissionservice.org/programs/trips/bolivia

Bolivia





JUBILEE!



In less than four years Secular Franciscans will celebrate the 800th anniversary of the approval of our 1221 Rule. Happily, this special anniversary will coincide with our next Quinquennial Congress, scheduled for the summer of 2021. Our Quinquennial theme, **JUBILEE**, was chosen to commemorate that historical and holy occasion. As we celebrate the 800th anniversary of our Rule, we *also* celebrate the 100th anniversary of the first Quinquennial Congress held in the United States. Given these *two anniversaries* there will be much to celebrate! It truly will be a **JUBILEE!**

What is a Quinquennial?

This may be the first time some of you have seen this word, Quinquennial. The dictionary defines it as an event that happens every five years. In our Franciscan history, we recall that Francis would gather the members of the Order for a chapter of mats – where the members of the Order would take up their mats and meet for the purpose of prayer, formation, sharing and jubilation. We continue that tradition. Every five years, members of our National Family gather for the same purpose. Our documents call this a “National Congress,” and this gathering has come to be known as the “Quinquennial,” or “Q” for short. Of course, today, we are far more comfortable – we don’t have to sleep on mats – but our intention is the same.

Your Gifts and Talents are Needed!

Your Q 2021 Committee has studied the evaluations from past Qs, and we are currently and steadily working on the venue, presenters, schedule, format, etc., based on your recommendations. We invite you to help us and hope you will accept the request to share your gifts in assisting on the 2021 Q planning.

Logo Contest

First, we are having a contest for the **logo** of our **JUBILEE** theme. The logo design can be a detailed image or just a sketch. This logo needs to reflect our Franciscan charism and the theme of “JUBILEE” – the celebration of the 800th anniversary of our Rule and the 100th anniversary of our Quinquennial Congress. Please submit your design by June 15, 2018, to Susan Simeone, ofs, by email to skimeone@cox.net, or by mail to: 12611 South 41 Place, Phoenix, AZ 85044. The logo design will become the property of OFS, USA. The name(s) of the logo designer will be featured at the Q.

Tee Shirt Collection

Remember all those Franciscan tee shirts you have received over the years, from national events, or regional activities, or local gatherings? Some tee shirts

you bought and some were gifts to you from fellow sisters and brothers of Francis – but if they advertise a Franciscan event, or have a “Franciscan saying” on them – *and if you are willing to donate them – we have an exciting plan for using them!* Please check your closets and drawers and gather them up! We will be organizing a collection of these shirts within the next six months to get them ready for the Q 2021. Look for further details in the next TAU... and don’t worry if the t-shirts shrank!

Regional Banner Photos Needed

Q Committee member Donna Hollis, ofs, is seeking photos (digital preferred, but prints okay too) of Regional Fraternity banners. If your Region does not have a banner, please let Donna know immediately. She and her subcommittee are also asking for photos of past Quinquennial Congresses. You can reach Donna by email: donnadancerfeet@aol.com

Volunteer Positions

We are seeking several Franciscans for a variety of volunteer positions. If you have the experience and willingness to serve in Marketing or Public Relations, or as a Venue Coordinator or Host/Hostess coordinator, please contact Susan. Our 2021 Q will, of course, feature some keynote speakers, however the evaluations from the Nineteenth Quinquennial Congress expressed an overwhelming preference for Breakout Sessions again. If you have a calling and experience in presenting to groups of 50-100 people for approximately an hour, please pray about this. We will be seeking breakout presenters soon. Last but not least, the evaluations from the previous Q clearly indicated a strong desire to organize Little Fraternities in 2021 Q. So, please pray about this also. We will need many Little Fraternity Facilitators and will be requesting names and contact information during the next year.

Look for More Information in Each Issue of the TAU-USA!

In the next issue of the TAU-USA we will announce the place and the date of the 2021 Q - and hopefully the logo design.

On behalf of the 2021 Quinquennial Committee, we hold each of you in our prayers and praise God for His unending love and guidance as we go forth in this celebration of our Franciscan way of life. Your Quinquennial Committee members are Kathy Taormina, ofs, Donna Hollis, ofs, Mary Bittner, ofs, (NEC representative), Jan Parker, ofs (Ex Officio) and Susan Simeone, ofs Chair.

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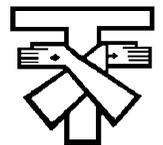
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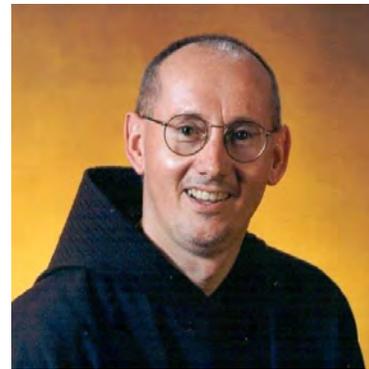
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