

General Chapter

The next General Chapter will be held in November 2008, in Hungary and the theme will be *"The Profession of Secular Franciscans and Their Sense of Belonging..."*

Prayer for the General Chapter of the Secular Franciscan Order

Most High Glorious God, we praise You for Your presence in the world and for the tremendous gift of our Franciscan vocation.

We beseech You to inspire every brother and sister of the Secular Franciscan Order as we prepare for the upcoming General Chapter in Hungary.

Grant the necessary wisdom to our brothers and sisters who will take part in the Chapter to develop the priorities for the Order for the next six years and to elect those You want to lead and animate us.

Guide and direct us so that we may follow the Gospel and our Rule more closely and be coworkers with You in the rebuilding of the Church and the World.

We ask this through Christ our Lord and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and our holy patrons St. Elizabeth and St. Louis.

Amen.

NAFRA Peace Award

"A nominee should have made significant efforts in the generally defined area of Peace. Current activities would carry more weight than past activity; that is, a nominee exhibiting current Peace activity will have more weight over a nominee who displayed activity a few years ago. In order to prevent any scandal, the nominee should be of known good moral character. As this is a National award, nominees who reside in the United States or U.S. Territories would have more weight than nominees from other parts of the world. Nominees need not be Franciscan or Catholic. Nominees should not be political, nor carry an agenda."

Nominations may be submitted in hard copy by email to any of the members of the Committee: our National Peace and Justice Chair, Carolyn Colburn (colburn@sonic.net); La Verna Regional Minister and former Chair of the Peace Award Committee, Ken Beattie (beatiesfo@aol.com); St. Clare Regional Minister, Jan Parker (jansfo@yahoo.com); Mother Cabrini Regional Minister, Stephanie Sormane (stefsfo@sbcglobal.net); or to me, directly (Tom Bello, SFO/ 1710 Chesterbrook Vale Ct./McLean, VA 22101-3244/tbellosfo@aol.com). (For more info: write to: Tom Bello, SFO).

A nomination needs to be of three parts: one, the name of the possible recipient; two, reasons why this person should be considered; three, the name of the person or group making the nomination.

The firm deadline for receiving nominations is July 1, 2008.

Past National Peace Award Recipients are:

1950 - Myron C. Taylor
 1951 - John Foster Dulles
 1952 - John W. McCormack
 1953 - John C. Wur
 1954 - Ralph Bunche
 1955 - *
 1956 - John R. Gariepy
 1957 - Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing
 1958 - Patrick McGrehan, Sr.
 1959 - Victor Andrew Belaunde
 1960 - J. Edgar Hoover
 1961 - George K. Hunter
 1962 - Mrs. Lester Auberlin
 1963 - Rev. Martin L. King
 1964 - Most Rev. John J. Wright
 1965 - Pope Paul VI
 1966 - Cardinal Wyszynski
 1967 - Bishop Fred Pierce Carson
 1968 - Robert F. Kennedy (post)
 1969 - Msgr. Robert Fox
 1970 - Bp. James Walsh MM
 1971 - *
 1972 - Jean Vanier
 1973 - *
 1974 - Mother Teresa of Calcutta
 1975 - Dom Helder Camara
 1976 - Abp. Joseph L. Bernadine
 1977 - 1979 *
 1980 - Anwar Sadat
 1981 - 1985 *
 1986 - Pope John Paul II
 1987 - 1999 *
 2000 - James Flickinger, SFO
 2001 - Hal Sieber, SFO
 2002 - Ona Harris, SFO
 2003 - 2006 *
 2007 - Dr. Anthony Lazzara, SFO
 (* No award that year).

Comprehensive Course on Franciscan Missionary Charism from Germany

The CCFMC-News, Challenge and Reflection are on line. You can read it or download it at:

News:

pdf: http://www.ccfmc.net/wEnglish/ccfmc/ccfmc-news/2008/2008_04_News.pdf

html: http://www.ccfmc.net/wEnglish/ccfmc/ccfmc-news/2008/2008_04_News.shtml

Challenge:

http://www.ccfmc.net/wEnglish/ccfmc/impulse/2008/2008_04Impuls.shtml?navId=13

Reflection:

http://www.ccfmc.net/wEnglish/ccfmc/meditation/2008/2008_04_Meditation.shtml?navId=116



A Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscans
 Endorsed by the National Executive Council of the SFO
“Development of Lay Leadership in the Secular Franciscan Order”

June 26 – 29, 2008

At St. Francis University - Loretto, PA



Fr. Bernie Tickerhoof, TOR, is currently the Director of Novices for his religious community, and serves on his province’s leadership team. He was ordained in 1978, and has been involved in spiritual ministry and retreat work since

1979. He has traveled widely throughout the country in a ministry of preaching, spiritual conferences, and retreats. He served on the formation team for his religious community as Vocation Director from 1993 to 1996, and has done extensive work in Franciscan Spirituality through the Franciscan Federation of the U.S. and as a spiritual assistant for the Secular Franciscan Order at the local, provincial, and regional levels. Fr. Bernie serves on the Advisory Board of the Institute for Contemporary Franciscan Life at St. Francis University, and teaches a course on Franciscan Servant Leadership for the Institute.

Fr. Bernie is a founding member of the Vineyard Guild, an ecumenical organization dedicated to promoting spiritual leadership and a member of Spiritual Directors International. He is an author of spiritual books including, “Paradox: *The Spiritual Path to Transformation.*”

Anne Mulqueen, SFO

has served the Order in many ways in the 24 years, since her profession. Currently, she is serving as the National Fraternity’s International Councilor to CIOFS. Before being elected International Councilor, Anne served as formation director at all levels of fraternity in the United States: local, provincial, regional, and national. In her role as formation director, she has conducted and presented at various formation forums, including *Spirit and Life Team presentations.*



NEW BOOKS

Seeking a Gospel Life

By Lester Bach, OFM, Cap, Barbo-Carlson Enter.

Seeking a Gospel Life explores the scriptural foundations of our Franciscan life. It can be a helpful book for people who are related to SFO people but not a part of the SFO. It would help them understand our Franciscan approach to life. It is also helpful for SFO members to go from *gospel to life and life to gospel.*

History of the Secular Franciscan Order
In the United States Volume I

By William Wicks, SFO, Barbo-Carlson Enter.

Some fraternities plan to use this book as a fraternity program to study the early history of the SFO in the U.S. A study guide is available upon request to author at sfowicks2@earthlink.net. Volume II of SFO History (1942 to 1978) is presently being written, and should be available for sale by the end of the year.

Old Books

Good news for readers: There are now many old books back in print. See below:

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 Menahaga, MN 56464
 800-772-6910
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Old books back in print,
 Fully Mature-the Fullness of Christ, etc.

Barbo-Carlson Enterprise

P O Box 189, Lindsborg, KS 67456
 785-227-2364, bevbarbo@kans.com

Books and formation material,
 Catch Me A Rainbow Too, Pick More Daisies, etc

St. Anthony Messenger Press

28 West Liberty St.
 Cincinnati, OH 45202
 800-488-0488

The Ritual, To Live as Francis Lived, etc.