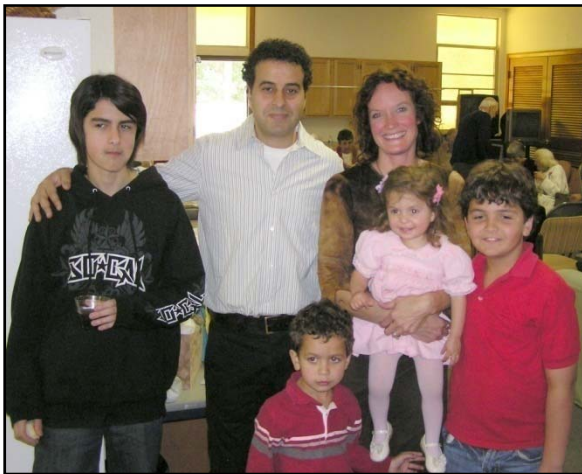


## Five Franciscan Martyrs Region



Clarice Marie Fourari, SFO

**Clarice Marie Fourari, SFO**, was professed at St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity in Apopka, FL on Feb. 1, 2009. Fr. Blase Romano, T.O.R. was the celebrant at Mass and Jeane Swaynos, SFO Minister, and Allen Ward, SFO Formation Director, led the profession ceremony. Clarice and her husband, Abdel, have four children. The youngest, baby Mina, will be with her on her Franciscan journey. Clarice brings the charism of St. Francis to her church ministries, besides being a full-time mom.



The Fourari family

**Queen of Peace Fraternity** in Ocala, FL and **St. Mark's Fraternity** in the Villages spent the day together on October 25, for prayer and Franciscan novelty. Together they shared a continental breakfast, prayed the Crown rosary, and enjoyed a skit on St. Francis in Gubbio.

## Fr. Solanus Casey Region

### Anne Seggerman's Golden Jubilee Living the Gospel Life

By Annabelle Sarno, SFO

Living the gospel life is a goal Secular Franciscans strive to follow. It encompasses being Christ-like, doing the work of Christ and being a servant for the Lord.

The Secular Franciscan Order is blessed to have a woman like Anne Seggerman who professed her Secular Franciscan vows fifty years ago in California and is currently an active member of the Holy Spirit Fraternity, Fairfield, Connecticut in the Fr. Solanus Casey Region. Anne lives the gospel life on international, national and local levels.

*"Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world..."* (SFO Rule 14) Anne Seggerman lives this rule. She founded and is president of the Fourth World Foundation, Inc., which is a non-profit, ecumenical corporation that promotes and strengthens man's spiritual, ethical and moral values. The foundation sponsors annual religious conferences and invites well-known speakers from the United States and other countries. It also develops Catholic faith through television, radio, books, and film productions. Anne has supervised research with Dr. John Jackson, who is a prominent research scientist for the Shroud of Turin authenticity. In addition to supporting the Turin Shroud Center of Colorado, Anne co-founded Turin Shroud Centers in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia.

Secular Franciscans are called upon to aid one another in their needs and if possible cooperate in works of charity. *"Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others."* (SFO Rule 19) Anne Seggerman aids others through her ministry to help people with disabilities and health issues. She has worked in Washington, D.C. to assist the National Council on Disability; the Committee on Housing for Handicapped Families, chaired by Jack Kemp; and the President's Committee on Mental Retardation.

Her special skills and interests enable Anne to provide care, treatment and rehabilitation for acute and chronic schizophrenics and alcoholics. She provides care for learning-disabled children. Some of her affiliations have included: President's Reagan's Health Task Force; the Easter Seal Rehabilitation Center; Anuk, a mental health rehabilitation facility; the World Health Medical Group; and the National Health Federation. Anne is Chairman of the Board and Founder of the Huxley Institute for Biosocial Research and has rallied legislators to protect the availability of orthomolecular therapy.

In the inner city of Bridgeport, Connecticut, Anne assisted Youth at Risk; Bridgeport Urban Gardens; St. Anthony School; McGivney Center; and St. Martin de Porres Guild.

Always mindful of the need for a strong prayer life, Anne coordinated a Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle; headed the Bridgeport Diocesan Division of the Blue Army of Fatima; directed a National Day of Prayer in Connecticut; and founded a pro-life prayer group, the Star of the Unborn Cenacle.

Anne has received the following religious awards and honors for her many apostolic ministries: Commander with a Star in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre; Dame of Malta; and an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Connecticut.

For Anne Seggerman, the most important Secular Franciscan formation begins after profession, when one actually lives the Gospel Life. She readily tackles charitable projects and has outstanding achievements because of her strong faith and devotion to the Lord. *"...Amen, I say to you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."* (Matthew 17:20)

In Lent the Secular Franciscan Order thanked and congratulated Anne on her "Golden Franciscan Jubilee."

#### **Some Newly Elected Regional Executive Councils:**

##### **Fr. Solanus Casey Region**

Minister: Sally Haddad  
Vice Minister: Mary Ann Julian  
Formation Director: Maureen Haege  
Secretary: Mary Welborn  
Treasurer: Louis Mirabello  
Councilor West: Mary Lou Scebelo  
Councilor Central: Dorothea MacNeil  
Councilor East: Anna Fulton

##### **St. Francis Region**

Minister: Sylvia Paoli, SFO  
Vice Minister: Robert Herbelin, SFO  
Secretary: Judith Mussatto, SFO  
Treasurer: Carolyn M. Paxton, SFO  
Councilor: Anthony Tuan Cao, SFO  
Councilor: Robert L. Lopez, SFO  
Councilor: John Kwon, SFO

##### **Our Lady of Guadalupe – Empress of the Americas Region**

Minister: Christine Imislund, SFO  
Vice Minister: Arturo Villarreal, SFO  
Secretary: Donna Hollis, SFO  
Treasurer: Ernie Ramirez, SFO  
Formation Director: Rena Xuereb, SFO  
Councilor: Cathy Pierce, SFO  
Councilor: Ruth Nevarez, SFO

##### **St. Margaret of Cortona Region**

Minister: Mary Thuman, SFO  
Vice Minister: Claire Hoagland, SFO  
Secretary: Teri Egan, SFO  
Treasurer: Patrick Martin, SFO  
Formation: Michael Huether, SFO  
Councilor-MD/PA/DE: Mary Simmons, SFO  
Councilor-DC Area: Ann Corro, SFO  
Councilor-VA/WV: Mary Lou Coffman, SFO

##### **St. Thomas More Region**

Minister: Susan Simeone, SFO  
Vice-Minister: William Neu, SFO  
Formation Director: Michael Reidy, SFO  
Treasurer: Robert Bundy, SFO  
Secretary: Patricia Nikolaisen, SFO  
Councilor: Paul R. Winter, SFO  
Councilor: Rosemarie LeClercq, SFO



L to R: Susan Simeone, SFO, Minister of St. Thomas More Region, Brother Bob Brady, OFM National Spiritual Assistant, Patrick Mendes, SFO, National Minister, Anne Mulqueen, SFO, International Councilor, and Rosemarie LeClercq, SFO, JPIC Councilor of St. Thomas More Region

The Thomas More Region hosted a "Meet and Greet Event," where forty Fraternity Ministers and Executive Council Members welcomed the National Executive Council, who were having their Quarterly Council Meeting in Scottsdale, AZ on February 26-28.

##### **Mother Cabrini Region**

The Region held a **Candidates' Retreat:** "Following Christ with Francis, Today" on April 4 and May 2.

In March **St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity (Fox Valley)** members staffed a display table with promotional material about our Order at the "Here I am Lord National Vocational Conference" held at the St. Patrick Parish (St. Charles). The conference is the largest parish-based vocations conference in the US.