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**REGIONAL FRATERNITIES
ARE HAVING FUN**

**BLESSED KATERI TEKAKWITHA
REGIONAL FRATERNITY**

Our Regional Formation Team is planning a Formation Workshop scheduled for Friday through Sunday morning on October 14-16, 2011, at Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse, New York. The workshop is designed for Formation Directors, their Formation Team members, Regional Council Members and Spiritual Assistants.

We have eight members on the Regional Formation Team including Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM. We each will have a part in the workshop. The purpose is to share the FUN Manual. We plan to explain and demonstrate the use of the manual and the CD resources. We plan to demonstrate lessons, one for each of the levels of Initial Formation. There will be follow up SFO Days in each of the three areas of the region.

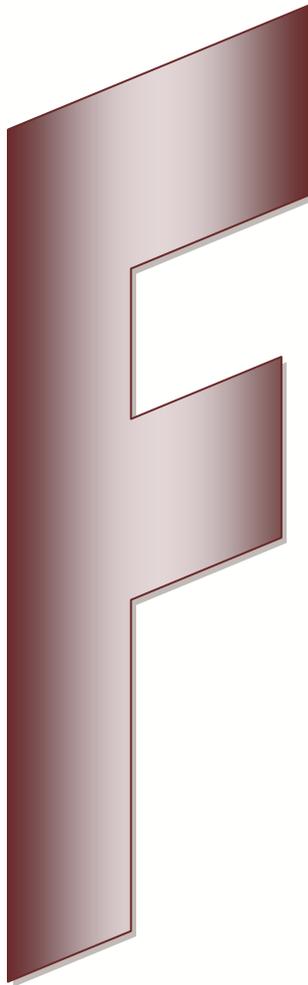
THANK YOU, MARY FRANCES CHARSKY, SFO

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HOLY TRINITY REGIONAL FRATERNITY will have planning meetings with the Regional Formation Team, and do planning on how to present the FUN Formation Manual. We plan to use different presentation styles. The FUN Formation Manual was briefly introduced at Regional Spring Chapter/Full Council Gathering on June 11. In the Fall or early Spring, we plan to start a series of three full-day workshops, in the three areas of Holy Trinity Region: North, Central and South.

We have a Regional *Yahoo* group that we can use for feedback, to share updates, successes and difficulties in implementing the FUN Formation Manual, etc. We have Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM, coming in March, for our Annual Regional Retreat. We have asked him to talk about profession being a process, throughout our lifelong journey of transFOrmation, as a Secular Franciscan.

PACE E BENE, STEVE WHITE, SFO



ST. FRANCIS REGIONAL FRATERNITY

I have appointed three working groups to work on 3 presentations, decided upon by our Regional Council. They are:

1st: The two articles on vocations, charism, mission, etc.

2nd: For the Formator and What is Formation?

3rd: Basic Catholic Doctrine and Elements of Ecclesiology and Theology of the Laity.

The working groups include all the members of the REC plus selected members of our current Lay Spiritual Assistant/Formator class. They will spend the afternoon of the next LSA/F class (mid-July) meeting working on these, as well as part of the next REC meeting (1st of August). The three sessions will be presented to the August class, and fine-tuned after that. Hopefully we'll be ready for workshops in September/October. We're giving eight: One for each of our five geographic districts and one for each of our three language groups.

The participants at the workshops will be, for each district: each council, each formation director and team, and each spiritual assistant. Once we have this done, we will go on to the next part of the FUN Manual. **PEACE! SYLVIA PAOLI, SFO**

JUAN DE PADILLA REGIONAL FRATERNITY

We have divided our region into three areas: Oklahoma (6 fraternities), western Kansas (3 fraternities), and eastern Kansas (7 fraternities).

Kenton Miller (the formation director), Alice Crews (regional minister), and some members who attended the workshop in Belleville are meeting with each of these three areas. We have made attendance mandatory for the local minister, formation director and spiritual assistant and strongly encourage any other member to attend. Each fraternity minister is receiving the FUN manual purchased in Belleville, along with a CD containing the PDF file of the manual to allow for mass printing. Each area's session has been set for a Saturday and for six hours. An overview is given by Kenton Miller and then presentations similar to those given in Belleville are given by those who attended in Belleville, allowing for frequent discussions and questions. Each one brings a sack lunch. To date (June 22), we have had two sessions (eastern Kansas and Oklahoma), and the reception has been overwhelming. Everyone is very excited about this, and all seem eager to get started using it. In fact, several fraternities have already found bargains in getting the copies made so each fraternity council member has a copy. After the sessions are complete, Kenton and Alice plan to follow up with each fraternity from time to time and especially at visitations. We are stressing that we don't HAVE to use this manual as is, but it is STRONGLY recommended since using another book will require the local council to ensure that all items in the manual have been covered.

PEACE AND BLESSINGS, ALICE CREWS, SFO

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ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE REGIONAL FRATERNITY

We have divided
the manual into
10 sessions.

First, the REC will learn
in these sessions and
then the fraternity's minister,
formation director and spiritual
assistant. We have divided our
region into clusters and so the
formation director and the REC
cluster person will handle the
fraternities in each cluster.

We plan to have some sort of
certification at the end. This will
give them some incentive to
continue the course. We also
are going to have a workshop
on how adults learn. I pray
that we can accomplish
this in good time.

JOANNE ANGELETTI, SFO

ST. THOMAS MORE REGIONAL FRATERNITY

Our REC is meeting June 4 to
share the experiences of our recent
NAFRA Forming the Formators
Workshop. The three who attended
the NAFRA workshop along with our
Regional FD will plan the July Region
Formation Workshop that includes local
fraternity Ministers, Spiritual Assistants
and Formation Directors. Rough plans are
to provide the manuals to each of our local
FDs with an overview for all. We will focus
on only 2 of the 4 topics which were given
at the NAFRA workshop — The Vocation
Mission Charism and Profession. We plan
to be available to local fraternities if they
want us to repeat our workshop with
their local fraternity council and/or
formation team. As we move forward
we will firm our plans and will keep
in touch. *PEACE AND JOY,*

SUSAN SIMEONE, SFO

BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS REGIONAL FRATERNITY

We will articulate our plan during our Annual Regional
Gathering (July 22–24) and give a little “teaser”
that this wonderful new tool is coming (via a
presentation by our Regional SA). This gathering
is attended by approximately 250 of our
members, including all of our 32 ministers/
leaders in the Region so the word will be out
there. Our plan is as follows: September 10,
2011, we will have a workshop for all REC
members and all SFO certified Spiritual
Assistants. The workshop will be led by the
three of us who attended the national workshop
in Belleville, plus our Regional SA, Fr. Linus
DeSantis, OFM Conv. From this workshop, we will
develop teams to go out to the three areas of our
Region in 2012 and present the material to the
Ministers/leaders and the formation directors/teams.
Only by attending a workshop will they physically receive
the material. We have used this area concept for several
years and have great response and attendance by all
fraternities in the Region so we should get this out
to everyone to integrate into their initial formation by
mid-year 2012. *PEACE AND ALL GOOD, JERRY*

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Regional Fraternity

Our first meeting is the end of the month for all
REC members as well as the Regional Formation
team. This will be led by the three members who
attended the National Workshop. Then we hope to
develop teams to go out to the districts and present
to the ministers and formation directors/teams.
I liked the idea of not giving them the material
unless they attend a workshop. Then we plan to have
a Formation Weekend in the late Fall — November to
pull it all together. Again, this will be for ministers
and formation people from the whole region.

JACKIE WALSH, SFO

OUR LADY OF INDIANA REGIONAL

FRATERNITY is having a planning session July 15
prior to our FUN workshop September 10. It will
be challenging to present FUN topics to the local
formation teams. We have been preparing our local
formation directors for this for the past two years at
previous annual formation gatherings. The emphasis
has been and will remain on Forming the Formators
so they are prepared to form the candidates.

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FIVE FRANCISCAN MARTYRS REGIONAL FRATERNITY

What we are doing is a twofold approach to establishing Formation Workshops in the future.

We are taking two steps:

1. Distribution of a limited amount of material to all local Fraternity Formation Directors with a request to make copies and distribute copies to all professed members. That material consists of: "For the Formators" article from the FUN Manual and Fr. Felice Cangelosi, OFM Cap. Keynote Address in 2008, "Profession in the SFO: Gift and Commitment." The objective is to generate local interest and obtain reactions, positive or negative, before finalizing the workshop programs.

2. A review of the same material plus some history and lesson plan formats and several questions for consideration by REC members before the next REC meeting in July. The questions focus on what the workshop deliverables should look like, media formats, training approaches and distribution options.

The purpose here is to get a consensus on what we will do to deliver the FUN Manual in the Region. This way we should have some local and REC input as we begin to address the how and what ways at the July meeting. The local input is critical because of the size of resources and skill levels in the small versus large fraternities. We need an approach or approaches that will cover all of our Fraternities.

PAX, HANS

Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity

Our FUN Regional workshop is scheduled for July 22–24, 2011 and Jan Parker is our guest! We are "duplicating" the National FUN workshop held in May in Belleville, Illinois. Our Regional Formation Team and Jan will be leading each workshop. The workshop is being

held at a retreat center; there will be opportunity for free time, sharing, Mass, chapel time, and a craft (teambuilding) for a prayer space symbol that will travel to each formation opportunity and which can be built upon at future FUN workshops. Our Brothers & Sisters who are registered for the 2011 July FUN will be invited to be a part of the Regional FUN Formation Team to help lead future workshops for the region, i.e. FUN II and FUN III. This will be a beneficial and empowering leadership opportunity especially if our region votes to implement "districtization" in August, 2011 and will insure that the FUN Manual will be continually passed on to our Members to implement. **PATTI REYNOLDS, SFO**

Mother Cabrini Regional Fraternity

Our Regional Formation Commission will be meeting on July 9 to lay out our plans for our weekend Formation Workshop to be held September 17–18. This workshop has been publicized repeatedly to our fraternities already, so that local ministers, formation directors, and as many others (especially spiritual assistants) as possible will put it on their calendars and attend. (We have made it clear, when asked, that having a fraternity meeting one of those days does NOT excuse ministers/formation directors from attending – their fraternities will appreciate them all the more when they've had to manage without them for a month!) One of the preliminary tasks that our formation director and one of the commission members have already undertaken is indexing the topics in the FUN manual in Fr. Lester's most recent formation book. Since the FUN manual is *not* a book for those in formation and many of our fraternities already use Fr. Lester's books, we think that will provide a good path for fraternities to get into the material. We'll know more in a couple of weeks. **VICKIE KLICK**

TAU CROSS REGIONAL FRATERNITY

At our June 4 Regional Executive Council Meeting, we discussed how to effectively present the material to our local Fraternity Formation Directors and Ministers. It was decided that workshops would be conducted at three convenient locations (Bronx, Queens and Nassau/Suffolk) beginning in the fall. Contact was made with the Minister/Administrator/Business Manager of three Churches—Immaculate Conception (Bronx), Holy Family in Flushing (Queens) and St. Elizabeth in Huntington (Nassau/Suffolk). The dates of the workshops are Sept. 10, Nov. 19 and Dec. 10. On July 18, the Regional Formation Team will meet to plan the workshops. An informational flyer with registration will be sent to Ministers and Formation Directors. We have also inquired locally about the copying of the manual. It is most probable that we will have it copied through the printer that does our Regional Newsletter. My *Minister's Message* in the July 2011 (Quarterly) *Tau Cross Newsletter*, reports on the "Forming the Formators" Workshop, Belleville, IL. **JOAN GEIGER, SFO**