

UPCOMING EVENTS & GATHERINGS

REGIONAL ROUND UP—FRATERNAL SHARING

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ENDING DECEMBER 10, 2011.

We will be studying from the book, *Franciscan Prayer*, by Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF.

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To register, email Francesca Wigle, TSSF: fwigle@gmail.com or
Chris Hickmann, SFO: hickmcm@hotmail.com

They'll send your access information in September. All are invited and there is no cost to take the class.

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Is Your Region Planning a Formation Workshop?

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THEY WOULD LOVE TO ATTEND
YOUR WORKSHOP!

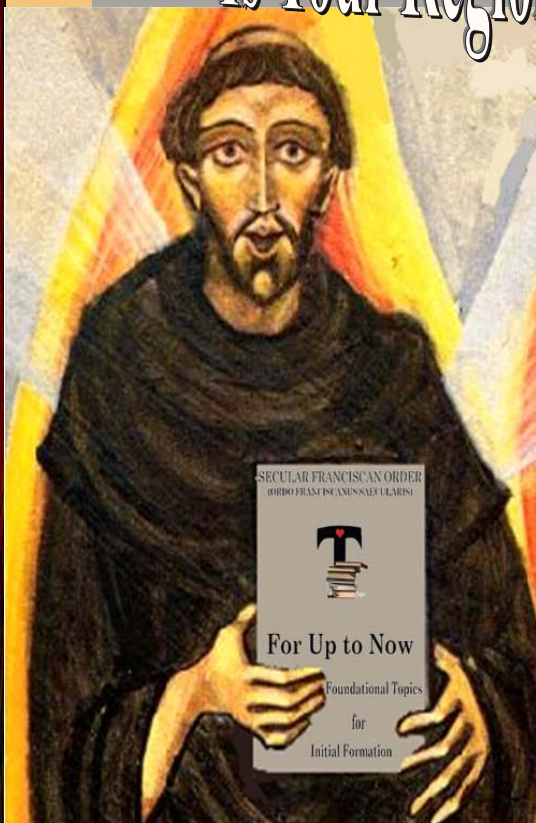
Members of the National Formation Commission will give workshop presentations and be there to answer questions "on the spot."

Travel expenses for NFC members are covered.
The only cost to your region is room and board.

For more ideas on how to have a successful and FUN workshop, phone 509.582.7606; or email Bob Fitzsimmons, SFO, Chair of the National Formation Commission at:

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GATHERINGS

ST. JOHN NEUMANN FRATERNITY of the St. Katherine Drexel Region hosted a "Chapter of Mats" at their monthly gathering on August 17, 2011. Members from the fraternities of the Consolation of Christ; St. Francis, Springfield, PA; St. Patrick, Wilmington, DE; and San Damiano, Wilmington, DE, joined the host fraternity. Guests listened to accounts of the first Chapter of Mats as recorded in *The Little Flowers of St. Francis*, sang appropriate praise songs and blessed the meal with grace.

After the meditations, guests enjoyed a repast consisting only of foods eaten during the time of Francis: bread, cheese, fruit, dried vegetables, seeds and hard boiled eggs.

A balmy summer evening and the beautiful gardens of the Franciscan Spiritual Center of Aston, PA made this a truly memorable occasion.



Submitted by
SANDRA KUSHNER, SFO
 ST. JOHN NEUMANN FRATERNITY



Ministers Jean Piziak, SFO, of the St. John Neumann Fraternity and John Oscar, SFO, Minister of the St. Patrick Fraternity.

SUMMER SEMINAR IN LORETTO, PA.

by **CYL MALJAN, SFO**
 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, CNSA
 MINISTER, LADY POVERTY REGION

The latest presentation of the "Summer Seminars for Secular Franciscans," focusing on "Aspects of Fraternity," at Saint Francis University in Loretto, Pa, ended on Sunday, June 26, 2011, with another successful gathering with Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap, and Mary Bittner, SFO.

It was a weekend centered on love and fraternity! Participants came from ten regions and nine states, several for their third or fourth visit, others for the first time. All experienced the "community of love," the key of a vibrant fraternity.

The Summer Seminars began in 2008 as the result of the desire of Fr. Gabriel Zeis, TOR, University President, to offer something special for Secular Franciscans at the University. The plan was to offer a seminar each year between Quinquennials. Topics and speakers have been chosen with the cooperation of the National Executive Council. The Seminar is endorsed and strongly encouraged by the National Executive Council of the SFO.



The first seminar was on "Development of Lay Leadership in the Secular Franciscan Order" with Fr. Bernard Tickerhoof, TOR, and Anne Mulqueen, SFO, as presenters.

The 2009 Summer Seminar, "Franciscan Spirituality for Secular Franciscans," featured Vinal Van Benthem, SFO, and Bob "Fitz" Fitzsimmons, SFO.

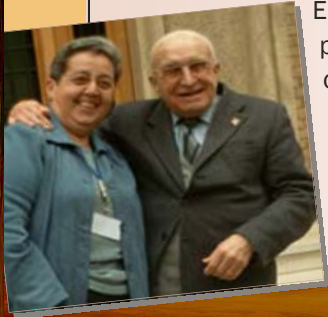
Pat Brandwein-Ball, SFO, and Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM, presented "Peace and Justice for Secular Franciscans" in 2010.

Each of the seminars has been well received, with an average of 75 SFOs from across the country in attendance.

The first two seminars were organized by Fr. Kevin Queally, TOR. Currently, the seminars are administered through the University's Institute for Contemporary Franciscan Life and a planning committee of a TOR and several Secular Franciscans.

The next Summer Seminar will be in 2013, after the 2012 Quinquennial in Chicago.

SISTER DEATH



Our Franciscan brother, **JUAN RENOM CARULLA, OFS**, husband of our beloved General Minister, Encarnación del Pozo, passed away May 3, 2011. The SFO has been blessed with the prayers that brother Juan has offered for all Secular Franciscans around the world, during the course of his long disease. We thank the Lord for his life and for the invaluable support given to our General Minister during her service.

Explanation of Spanish surnames: In Spain surnames do not change with marriage. That is why Juan Renom (father's family name) Carulla (mother's family name) is different from Encarnita's name del Pozo.

H₂O PROJECT RESULTS



The H₂O Project for the 2011 year came to its conclusion this past May 31st, 2011, having raised a total amount of **\$13,628.50** which will be donated to Catholic Relief Services for clean drinking water in Haiti.

A total of 19 Regions and many individuals participated in this year's Fundraising campaign, making it a holy success.

Additional donations received after June 1st, 2011 will be donated towards the 2012 H₂O Project.

These should be mailed to: NAFRA c/o Dennis Ross, SFO, 8933 Trailwood Ct. Mentor, OH 44060.

RECOGNITION AND CONGRATULATIONS

St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity, Oak Lawn, IL, celebrated the Anniversaries of

ROSALEEN NEVEN, 65 years (*photo left*);
MARY DALTON, 50 years, (*center*); and
DOLORES KARNIA, 65 years, (*right*).

Fr. David Rodriguez, OFM, was the celebrant. Many family and friends attended. May God Bless these ladies.



Submitted by JOANN LIPKA, SFO



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGIONAL FRATERNITY who is celebrating their 15th Anniversary of Establishment. A special celebration was held this past April during their yearly "family" gathering, *Convivenza*. This year offered two excellent guest speakers: Richard Morton, SFO, former National SFO Minister; and Mary Stronach, SFO, Co-Chair of the National Public Relations Committee.

This past August, the Region held their Annual Regional Retreat at the beautiful Mount Alvernia Retreat House in Wappingers Falls, NY. Following last years' double track formula, Fr. Andre Cirino, OFM and Deacon Joseph Patrona, SFO, were retreat Masters for the professed members. Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM, Regional and Provincial Spiritual Assistant from Holy Name Province led the separate track offered specifically for Candidates in Initial Formation. The double track formula once again proved to be a great success with the sold-out retreat. The double agenda allows everyone to be together at the same place and time, sharing meals, recreation, prayer and worship while allowing for two completely separate sets of input talks and experiences geared to the participants.

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ELECTION RESULTS CONGRATULATIONS TO

BOB FITZSIMMONS, SFO
REGIONAL MINISTER
AND ALL THE NEWLY ELECTED
COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE
TROUBADOURS OF PEACE REGION

JAMES CARLSON, SFO
REGIONAL MINISTER
AND ALL THE NEWLY ELECTED
COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE
LAVERNA REGION



On Thursday, August 11, the Feast of St. Clare, **CLARE McCLUGGAGE AND MICHAEL REIDY** were married in St. Louis, MO. Father Kevin Queally, TOR joyfully performed the Mass and witnessed the couple's ministering the Sacrament to each other. It was a most blessed

occasion, heightened by seeing our National Secretary Jan Parker, my predecessor Patrick Mendes as the Best Man, and by witnessing, with my own eyes, Ed Shirley and his lovely wife dancing a rather nasty twist.

Congratulations Clare and Michael.
Ad multos annos! —**TOM BELLO**

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CONGRATULATIONS TO LOIS McLAIN, SFO; who celebrated her 60th anniversary of profession on June 26! Ad Multos Annos, Lois!



LOIS AND FR. TOM WEST, OFM

While reading the Spring issue of the *TAU-USA*, I noticed the article about the 50th anniversary of J. Patrick Mendes, SFO. I offer him my congratulations. I was inspired to write to about a member of our emerging fraternity who just celebrated her 60th anniversary of profession.

Her name is Lois McLain, she transferred into Blessed Giles of Assisi, Emerging Fraternity just over two years ago. For many years she had been an "Isolate" member of the SFO. She was granted this status by the Regional Spiritual Assistant when she moved to Sonora, CA in the 1970's. At that time there were no fraternities in this area; in fact we will be the first SFO Fraternity, in our diocese when we are established, hopefully next spring. When she learned of us she contacted us to see about a transfer. We had a bit of trouble finding her records up to the time of getting Isolate status. She was originally professed by St. Elizabeth Fraternity in Oakland, CA and transferred to St. Anthony's in San Francisco. After that she moved to Sonora and it seems that her change of status was lost. Working with regional minister Cindy Wesley, and the regional Spiritual Assistant Br. Bob Brady, OFM we got it all straightened out.

Lois had always continued to live by the "Rule" as a Secular Franciscan, or as she put it, a Third Order Franciscan. This was confirmed by all who knew her all this time. She is a cancer survivor, has had knee replacement surgery, and with her business partner still runs her accounting business from her home. She's quite a lady.

We celebrated her 60th anniversary on June 26th, (her original date of profession was June 6, 1951). The celebration was held at All Saint's Catholic Church in Twain Harte, CA. She renewed her commitment during mass, witnessed by myself, Chuck Brewer, Minister and Mary Mazotti, our Spiritual Assistant. The celebrant was Fr. Tom West, OFM the Guardian of St. Boniface Church in San Francisco, CA. The Mass was followed with a reception in the church hall. It was a beautiful experience for us all, and even roused some interest in the SFO from some in attendance during Mass. It's not often someone makes it to 60 years in any organization. However, the more I get to know Lois, we might want to start planning on a 65th anniversary.

Submitted by CHUCK BREWER, SFO; Blessed Giles of Assisi Emerging Fraternity—Blessed Junipero Serra Region.