



New Book: A completely new formation book for orientation and initial formation is being published. The title is: *The Franciscan Journey – Embracing the Franciscan Vision* by Lester Bach, OFM Cap. It incorporates the recommended content from the SFO General Chapter in Hungary in 2008. A chapter on the Prologue and each of the articles of the SFO Rule are included together with quotations from the

Constitutions/ Statutes, words of Francis and Clare, Church documents, SFO members and other Franciscan authors. It shares the Franciscan-Trinitarian spirituality vision. The book may also be used for ongoing formation purposes. Publication is slated for the first few months of 2010 by Smokey Valley Press (formerly Barbo-Carlson). As publication is finalized, further information (on costs, etc) will be available in TAU-USA

Save the dates! Franciscans International offers two programs in 2010: (1) from February 26-28 prior to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), and (2) from May 1-2, prior to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), both programs at the FI New York Office. **The theme of the CSW and our program** is a review of the Beijing Platform for Action. Our speakers will also update us on trafficking and the world financial crisis and include a presentation on the spirituality of the Franciscan NGO. **The CSD program** will focus on climate change, the Millennium Development Goals, poverty, and human rights. Both programs will conclude with the NGO Consultation Day held on the eve of the Commissions. Application deadline is Dec. 15. For further information, e-mail Kathie Uhler at uhler@fiop.org or phone: 1-212 490-4624. N. B. The Annual UN NGO Conference will be held in Melbourne, Australia in September 2010; dates TBA.