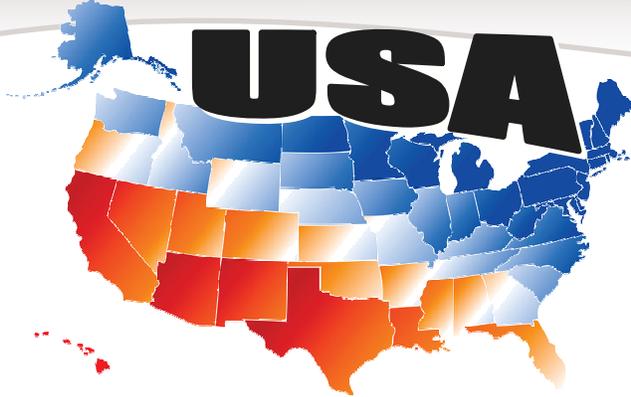


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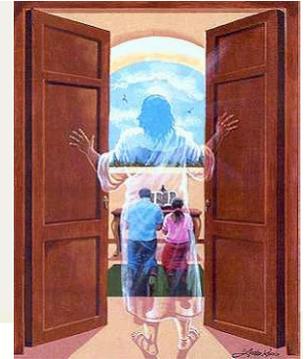
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Most High, all powerful, good  
Lord, Yours are the praises,  
the glory, and the honor and  
all blessings.

To You alone, Most High,  
do they belong  
and no human is worthy  
to mention Your name.



Dear brothers and sisters in St. Francis,

I begin this letter with a deep and heartfelt apology for the delay in getting this double issue newsletter out to you. The reasons need not be expounded though I will ask for your empathy before being judged too harshly. What is of greater importance is that our newsletter is now in your hands and that you find it to be both informative and entertaining. This issue hosts two special section highlights.

The 2011 NaFra Chapter recap with day by day coverage spotlighting keynote presentation events. As Tom Bello so notably states in his current *Letter from the National Minister*, during the Chapter, “we prayed and celebrated the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass together; we formed together; we shared, ate, laughed and learned together; we did what business was ours to do together”. For those of you who couldn’t attend the Chapter, this issue brings the event to you. For those of you who did attend, this issue will be a reminder of a wonderful fraternal week that was shared.

The other section highlight I call to your attention is the upcoming 2012 Quinquennial, an event that only happens once every five years — a special gathering of our entire Nation! The Quinquennial speakers will provide history and perspective to help Reawaken and Focus the *Call of our Vocation*. You will also become part of special small group fraternities who will share what their insights mean to a Secular Franciscan today. These Insights which will then be presented to the National Council to further discern and consider how to make the message real.

If you have already registered, we thank you and ask you to pull out the centerfold brochure and pass it on to someone else with an invitation to attend. If you have not yet registered, please do so now. Every member of the Secular Franciscan Order is called to participate in some way. We urge YOU, yes YOU, one member from every fraternity in the United States to make every effort to come and share alongside your wonderful Order’s International, National, Regional and Local fraternities at every level, and to hear the Holy Spirit’s call to renew and claim the gift of our Franciscan Call.

With thanks and blessings, *Anna*

CELEBRATING THE 8<sup>TH</sup> CENTENARY OF  
THE CONSECRATION OF ST. CLARE  
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