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New Minister of St. Francis Region in Southern California Participates in National Secular Franciscan Gathering in NM



LA MIRADA, CA – Sylvia Paoli, M.M., J.D., of La Mirada, CA is the new Regional Minister of St. Francis Region of The Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) in Southern California. Representing fraternities in the region, she participated in the order's national gathering held in Albuquerque, NM from Oct. 20 to 25.

Paoli is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Fraternity in La Habra, CA where she has been minister, vice-minister, treasurer and on the formation team. On the regional level, she has served as minister, vice-minister, secretary, district liaison and chairman of the family commission. She was professed in 1964.

From 1977 to 2005 she served as an attorney and a certified Appellate Specialist. Since 1994 she has also worked as a law school professor. From 1951 to 2000

Paoli was music director at various parishes. Part of that time she also taught piano, organ, and music theory. She was a concert pianist from 1955 to 1975.

Among Paoli's community activities are: The Ninety-Nines, Inc, a non-profit international organization of women pilots; chairman of the Orange County Bar Appellate section; chairman of the Orange County Bar Aviation Section; chairman of the Appellate Advisory Committee to the State Bar of California; a pilot with the Civil Air Patrol in search and rescue. As a church member, she has been involved in CCD, the Christian Family Movement, Cursillo, and the Catholic Worker.

Paoli has been married to her husband Peter for 50 years. They have four children, Peggy, John, Kathleen MacAller, and Michael; ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Secular Franciscan Order is an order of lay men and women, single and married, founded by St. Francis of Assisi. For more information about the SFO, call 1-800-Francis or go on-line to NAFRA-SFO.ORG.

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