

Up to Now

Newsletter of the St. Margaret of Cortona Region of the Secular Franciscan Order

Covering the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia,
and portions of West Virginia and Pennsylvania



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Let us begin again, for up to now we have done nothing.

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Annual Inquirers' and Candidates' Day of Reflection

On April 18, the sixth annual Day of Reflection for inquirers and candidates was held. God blessed us once again with a beautifully sunny day at the Shrine of St. Anthony. The theme of this year's day of reflection was "Embracing The Leper."

We began with an opening prayer service, "Litany For The Exiled" by our team associate, Harry Ford. After this, Brother Lawrence LaFlame, OFM Conv., introduced the theme of the day with a thought-provoking talk on the lepers in MY life, not just the lepers in our lives. We can all name the lepers in our lives right away: people with AIDS, the homeless, the street people, and all those others we label as "marginalized." What the theme of the day really asked us was, "But what about those lepers in our own lives?" What about those who are right there beside us but are shunned or repulsed by us for some reason or another: our neighbors, co-workers, or even family members? What of those people in our lives we try to avoid each and every day of our lives? Indeed, this is a challenge to discerning a vocation to our order as Franciscans. How do we bring ourselves to set these attitudes aside and make amends, accept, and eventually embrace these personal lepers in our lives?

After Brother Lawrence's talk, participants divided into six groups and scattered themselves throughout the Shrine grounds. Within each group, they paired up and shared three things about themselves that they would like to have made known to the rest of the group. After this sharing activity, the participants were each given a 3x5 index card and asked to write down three categories of people or individuals who, they feel, are the personal lepers in their lives — people who they tend to avoid. When all gathered back together again, lists of these were compiled and recorded for all the participants to see. Then, they discussed the elements of what they saw in common with all the categories and individuals: those types of people who are "annoying" to all of us.

After lunch, team associate Ann Corro presented a listing of types of personalities that she had researched and found to be common personal "lepers" in many peoples' lives. She invited the participants to add any others that they know about or have experienced in their lives to the list. All discussed their findings and what they shared from the morning session.

Many of the participants were willing to share their personal situations of individuals in their lives who have made life difficult for them, considering them their personal lepers. We then discussed the different ways we could overcome the barriers they present to us and come to better serve them as our fellow human beings. The day was concluded with the prayer, "Psalm Of The Homeless" from *Prayers For A Planetary Pilgrim* by Edward Hays.

The participants departed expressing how much they really learned about the day's theme. The next Inquirers' and Candidates' Day of Reflection is tentatively scheduled for April 2, 2016, at the Shrine, the Saturday after Easter.

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"DID YOU HEAR THE ONE ABOUT . . ."

Pope Francis admonishes us to avoid being "sourpusses" (his word, not mine: see *Evangelii Gaudium*, section 85). Humor is an important part of our evangelization, says Father James Martin, S.J., author of *Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life*.

So, brothers and sisters, permit me to begin with a joke (credit to Friar Casey Cole, OFM, and his website, www.breakinginthehabit.org):

Saints Benedict, Dominic, Ignatius, and Francis were in heaven arguing over which of their charisms was most primordial. Saint Benedict said: "All the way in the garden of Eden, all that existed was work and prayer, 'Ora et Labora,' therefore we are first." Dominic jumped in, "Hold on. In order for Eden to be created, God had to speak, and so the Word was first. Dominicans are older." Ignatius, feeling quite confident, said, "But even before that, there was chaos, and the Lord gave creation structure and order. The Jesuits are clearly first." Chuckling to himself, Francis agreed: "You're right. First came chaos!"

From the very beginning, ours has been a chaotic Order. Saint Francis had many graces and blessings, but institutional organization was not one of them. His vision of the Franciscan charism was simple and pure. All that became complicated when young men throughout Assisi began to join him. In his Testament, he writes, "And after the Lord gave me brothers, no one showed me what I should do, but the Most High Himself revealed to me that I should live according to the form of the Holy Gospel." Francis lived just that way for the rest of his life. But the Order that bears his name could not.

In his new book, *The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton*, Father Dan Horan, OFM, tells of Francis returning from the Fifth Crusade after his visit to Sultan Malik al-Kamil and finding a religious order in turmoil:

What was becoming the soon-to-be institutionalized Order of Friars Minor was at the threshold of its previously conceived limits. Never having considered that this community of friars would grow to be in the thousands in such a short time, Francis had always maintained a rather ad hoc attitude toward problem solving. If an issue of

concern arose, he or one of the regional delegates would address the matter. However, that was no longer possible nor sensible, given the size and unwieldy responsibilities that such an organization presented to its leader. Around the same time that Francis announced his desire to step down from formal leadership of the order, Pope Honorius III issued a papal bull titled *Cum Secundum* (1220), which imposed certain regulatory aspects to the Franciscan movement that made the friars adhere to a more institutionalized form of life. The most significant change this Roman imposition mandated was the requirement of a year of probation, what we today call a "novitiate" year....

Previously, Francis had simply welcomed anybody who showed up expressing interest in becoming a friar. Generally, this wouldn't have been so problematic when the group was small and Francis along with the other brothers got to know everyone who came to the order. As time moved on, however, and the order grew to more than ten thousand, this was no longer the case.

Our own Secular Order has nearly 400,000 members in 116 countries around the globe. There are nearly 13,000 Secular Franciscans in 30 regions across the United States. In our own St. Margaret of Cortona region, we have just completed our annual census, and there are 749 professed members (active and excused), 86 candidates, and 74 inquirers.

We are an institution of the Roman Catholic Church. Each member should be aware of how we govern ourselves. If you are a member of your fraternity's council or part of its formation team, you should **READ OUR CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES!** They have been handed down to us by Rome. They describe how we are to function as an Order of the Church. In an almost spiritual way, they describe our form of life, our active presence in the Church and the world, and our life in fraternity. They describe how to enter and be formed in our Order, fraternities at various levels (local, regional, national and international), elections, spiritual assistance, fraternal, and pastoral visitations. It is an excellent source for on-going formation.

After our Rule, they are the most important documents for every brother and sister. Those who do not know our constitutions and statutes do not know the Secular Franciscan Order.

And that's no joke.

READ OUR CONSTITUTIONS AND STATUTES!

Peace and all good,
Patrick

Regional Formation Director's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters! May the love of Our Lord Jesus Christ fill our hearts and minds with his abiding peace and joy! And may the guidance of St. Francis, St. Clare and all the Franciscan saints continue to inspire us to greater heights of holiness!

I am both honored and humbled to be writing to you for the first time as your new Regional Formation Director. I would first like to thank my predecessor, Mike Huether, and all those who have served on the formation team, for their many years of dedication and service. I am sure that I will be enlisting their help in the future, especially in the areas of Youth and Young Adult formation.

Second, I would like to share with you a little of my background. I was professed in November 2000 and belong to the Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C. In the last 14 years, I have served as Fraternity Minister for three terms and Councilor for nearly six; a position I currently hold.

During my time as Minister, along with the aid of a fantastic Council team, we developed a very wonderful formation program for our fraternity. Some of the materials we compiled included a document containing "Fraternity Guidelines"; a formation booklet (with materials that I think will definitely be helpful to you!) and an Open House flyer with pertinent information on the Franciscan Order, as well as Power Point Presentations for teaching. I also have some additional materials that have served to be very useful for us. I hope to share these materials with you very soon!

In order to better meet your needs, however, I would like to send out a short survey to each fraternity Formation director in the near future (yes, please be patient with me!). I promise the survey won't be long or difficult, but it will be very instrumental in helping me gather information, so I can better evaluate each individual fraternity's needs. My goal is to assist you the best possible way I can over the next three years.

As you know, each person is unique in the talents they bring to the Franciscan Order and its way of life. I would ask that you please pray to the Holy Spirit to inspire you how to best serve your fraternity and the Region. I am always open to hearing your suggestions and ideas. Each of us can learn and grow from each other. As the Secular Franciscan Order Creed, by Leonard Foley, OFM and Jovian Weigel, OFM, states: "*We are conscious of our obligation to share in the life and mission of the Church. We are lay apostles called by Christ to continue his work on earth.*"

As you know, the first part of formation as Christians and Franciscans should always begin with prayer. Therefore, I ask that you would continue to pray daily for our Holy Father, our Church, and our Franciscan Order. Please pray for me, as well, as I transition into this important role as your Formation Director. I promise to pray for you and all your loved ones. With that in mind, I would like to share with you a prayer for Franciscan vocations. May God inspire each of us to be His instruments of peace, bringing souls ever closer to Him!

FOR FRANCISCAN VOCATIONS

O God, when the world was growing cold, you called blessed Francis to enkindle your love in the hearts of men. Increase in us the warmth of your Holy Spirit.

We also pray that you will increase the number of our brothers and sisters in the Lay Order of St. Francis, so that through them and all others living a Christian life, the world may be worthy to receive your Peace and Goodness and give glory to you. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

To make this prayer effective, I pledge to endeavor with your grace and inspiration to bring one member to the Lay Order.

*Victoria Spalding, OFS
Regional Formation Director*



Mark Your Calendar

June 22-26, 2015 – Ecumenical Scripture Workshop.

PriestField Retreat Center, Kearneysville, Md. (See information beginning on page 9.)



St. Francis University

July 9-12, 2015 – 7th OFS Summer Seminar, Servant Leadership (open to all professed, inquirers and candidates) Saint Francis University, Loretto, Penn. (See information beginning on page 12.)

December 5, 2015 – Annual Chapter (Ministers' Meeting). Location TBD.

April 2, 2016 – Day of Reflection for Candidates and Inquirers. St. Anthony's Shrine, Ellicott City, Md.

April 22-24, 2016 – Annual Regional Retreat. PriestField Retreat Center, Kearneysville, Md.



PriestField Retreat Center

Embraced by the Franciscan family, FMS Marks 25 Years of Mission

The annual World Care Benefit and Celebration always makes me think of a Franciscan family reunion. This year was particularly celebratory as friars, sisters, Seculars, returned missionaries and the Franciscan-hearted gathered to commemorate FMS' 25 years of lay mission in the Franciscan tradition.

With 190 attendees, this year's celebration on May 1 at St. Francis Hall in DC was one of the largest gatherings in years and our most successful fundraiser to date.

An affiliate of the OFM Immaculate Conception Province, keynote speaker and Salesian-Franciscan Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez Maradiaga spoke about his Jesuit-Franciscan friend Pope Francis and the mission of the laity. The Cardinal entranced the crowd with his deep and animated presentation, and surprised us all when he asked us to join him in singing together a song he wrote about Pope Francis and joy.

Other notable guests included the apostolic nuncio and many long-time supporters of FMS from the St. Margaret of Cortona region.

"I loved reconnecting with Franciscan friends, the unspoken delight we shared in our mutual support of Franciscan Mission Service, and the children's drawings at our table places, reminding us of the real people whom FMS is serving," Susan Burke, OFS, of the Portiuncula Fraternity, said.

Those drawings were thank you gifts for guests made at Valley of the Angels in Guatemala, a boarding school and former orphanage for children experiencing poverty. Two FMS lay missionaries serve at the school, and its director, Fr. Michael Della Penna, OFM, attended the event and gave the invocation. Attendees had the opportunity to financially invest in this and other FMS ministries.

"For me, what makes FMS special today is its commitment to the ministry of presence, which anyone potentially can provide, regardless of individual skills or talents," said Burke.

Photos and videos from the evening – as well as information on the evening's two award honorees Fr. John O'Connor, OFM, and college senior Emma Laut – can be found on our webpage <http://franciscanmissionservice.org/support/worldcare2015/>.

THE FRANCISCAN 100 – JOIN TODAY!

The 2015 World Care's feeling of being a Franciscan family affair was particularly strong due to the positive response we received to the Franciscan 100 initiative. Names of the fraternities, regions, congregations, provinces, ministries, and individuals that chose to embrace us in honor of 25th anniversary were posted around the room.

We are about halfway to our goal of having 100 Franciscan entities supporting us this year with a special donation, written blessing, and their ongoing prayers. We are particularly grateful to the St. Margaret of Cortona Region and several of its members for joining this initiative.

Note that it is not too late for YOUR fraternity or household to join! Please consider giving either a \$125 Gift of Peace or \$250 Gift of Hope. Your contribution to our ministries makes it possible to engage young people and offer lay mission in the tradition of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi for another 25 years to come.

For more information or to make a gift online, please visit <http://franciscanmissionservice.org/support/franciscan-100/>. You can also mail checks to Franciscan Mission Service at PO Box 29034, Washington DC 20017.

By Kim Smolik, Executive Director

Clockwise from top:

2015 Award recipient Fr. John O'Connor, OFM, alongside Fr. Larry Dunham, OFM, Guardian of the Franciscan monastery in DC, Fr. Kevin Mullen, OFM, Provincial of Holy Name Province, Fr. John Ulrich, OFM, Br. Michael Harlen, OFM, and Fr. Mike Della Penna, OFM, Director of Valley of the Angels school in Guatemala

Evening's emcee Genevieve Mougey with keynote speaker Cardinal Oscar Rodriguez and executive director Kim Smolik

Susan Burke, OFS, with FMS staff members Bridget Higginbotham (communications manager) and Melissa Montrowl (development associate in the Nonprofit Servant Leadership Program)



Around the Region

NEWLY PROFESSED

Paul Sweeney, ofs, St. Francis of Assisi Deaf Fraternity, Landover Hills, Md.
Consuelo Wild, ofs, St. Francis of Assisi Deaf Fraternity, Landover Hills, Md.
Scott Graham, ofs, St. John the Beloved Apostle, Alexandria, Va.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED

Mary Our Queen Fraternity, Rosedale, Md.

Minister: Mary Virginia Stepke
Vice Minister: Carol Purwin
Secretary: Joseph J. Mantegna
Treasurer: Shirley Sapp
Formation Director: Barbara Countryman-Moch

St. Clare Fraternity Council, Rehoboth, Del.

Minister: Andrew A. Zampini
Vice Minister: Carolyn Protin
Secretary: Doris Tippett
Treasurer: Miriam Farrell
Formation Director: Mary Moran (Re-appointed)
Counselor: Judy Bennett
Infirmarian: Ellen Oneto



Left to right...Mary Moran, Judy Bennett, Andy Zampini, Carolyn Protin, Mimi Farrell, Doris Tippett. Not in picture: Ellen Oneto

St. John the Beloved, Alexandria, Va.

Minister: Stephen Piscitelli
Vice Minister: Marcia Campbell
Secretary: Karen Connair
Treasurer: Arthur Scarano
Director of Formation: Pat McGrath

We are spouses when the faithful soul is joined to our Lord Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. We are brothers to Him when we do the will of the Father Who is in Heaven (Mt 12:50); mothers, when we carry Him in our heart and body (cf. 1 Cor 6:20) through divine love and pure and sincere conscience and when we give birth to Him through a holy manner of working, which should shine before others as an example (cf. Mt 5:16).

*Second Letter of St. Francis of Assisi
to the Faithful*

St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Council

Minister: Patrick Martin
Vice Minister: Ottoniel Perez
Secretary: Teri Egan
Treasurer: Peter Noyes
Formation Director: Vicky Spalding
Area Councilor MD/PA: Sharon Hare
Area Councilor DC Metro Area: Bob Longo
Area Councilor MD/DEL: Al Gigel
Area Councilor VA: Rita Colleran



St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Council, from left: Patrick Martin, Minister; Peter Noyes, Treasurer; Ottoniel Perez, Vice Minister; Teri Egan, Secretary; Sharon Hare, Area Councilor MD/PA; Bob Longo, Area Councilor DC Metro Area; Vicky Spalding, Formation Director; Al Gigel, Area Councilor MD/DEL; Rita Colleran, Area Councilor VA

LOSSES IN THE FAMILY



Janie Frieson, OFS, Mary Our Queen Fraternity, professed October 26, 1980; July 13, 1928-March 7, 2014. She never let the need for a walker or wheelchair get in her way. Many of us have fond memories of this lovely lady that we can share.



Francisco Ramos of St. Francis Fraternity, Cap College, greets Cardinal Seán O'Malley, OFM Cap, at the celebration of the 175th anniversary of St. Matthew the Apostle Cathedral in Washington. Cardinal O'Malley presented the address in honor of the occasion.

St. Margaret of Cortona Region 2015 Chapter of Mats



Photos by Marci Grattan, o/s,
St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Triangle, Va.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Maureen Kozelius celebrated the 50th anniversary of her profession into the Secular Franciscan Order. She was received into the St. Francis Fraternity in Tucson, Arizona on February 16th, 1964. Her profession took place on March 21st, 1965.

After moving to Maryland in 1990, she joined the Little Flower Fraternity and has been with us for the last 25 years.

Maureen is a dedicated servant. As a prayer captain, she contacts members for prayer and always prays for the sick and their relatives. She displays Franciscan love and compassion to all of her brothers and sisters. As a fraternity we are truly blessed by her faithfulness and are honored to have her as part of our Franciscan family.



NOTE FROM MIKE HUETHER

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of my regional team associates in both formation and youth/young adults for these last six years of servant leadership to the region. I also want to thank all the fraternities that supported me.

I plan to remain as part of the regional formation team and certainly part of the youth/young adult subcommittee. I will continue to be a part of the region's formation team, concentrating more on our on-going outreach to the young adults considering our Order. I also look forward to yet another way to serve you as a new spiritual assistant for the region. Thanks to all for your past and future support!

Prayer for Good Humor

Grant me, O Lord, good digestion, and also something to digest. Grant me a healthy body, and the necessary good humor to maintain it.

Grant me a simple soul that knows to treasure all that is good and that doesn't frighten easily at the sight of evil, but rather finds the means to put things back in their place.

Give me a soul that knows not boredom, grumblings, sighs and laments, nor excess of stress, because of that obstructing thing called "I."

Grant me, O Lord, a sense of good humor. Allow me the grace to be able to take a joke, to discover in life a bit of joy, and to be able to share it with others.

by St. Thomas More

Websites of Interest

Writings about St. Francis:
<http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/writings-of-st-francis-of-assisil/>

Thanks, Bob Longo

If you were in this area before 1968, you probably have fond memories of Glen Echo Park in Maryland. This is a long one: an hour-long program that aired on TV more than 20 years ago — but worth it if you have the time.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LatpnwBBxEs>



"Monk at Computer" from the Centre for the History of the Book, University of Edinburgh

Choose one day a month to unplug and avoid all technology. Spend time with friends and loved ones, take a long walk, or even better, find silence and talk with God.

Franciscan Saints, Blesseds and Feasts

(Click on the name to go to a Web link.)

MAY

16 [St. Margaret of Cortona](#), III Ord.

17 [St. Paschal Baylon](#), religious, I Ord.

18 [St. Felix of Cantalice](#), religious, I Ord.

19 [St. Crispin of Viterbo](#), religious, I Ord.

[St. Theophilus of Corte](#), priest, I Ord.

20 [St. Bernardine of Siena](#), priest, I Ord.

21 [Bl. Franz Jägerstätter](#), martyr, III Ord.

24 [Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi](#)

28 [St. Mariana of Jesus de Paredes](#), virgin, III Ord.

30 [St. Ferdinand](#), king, III Ord.

[St. Camilla Battista of Varano](#), OSC

JUNE

2 [St. Felix of Nicosia](#), religious, I Ord.

8 [Bl. Nicholas of Gèsturi](#), religious, I Ord.

12 [Bl. Florida Cevoli](#), virgin, II Ord.

[Bl. Jolenta](#), religious, II Ord.

[Bl. Antoninus Bajewski](#), priest, and companions, martyrs (Pius Bartosik, Innocent Guz, Achille Puchala, Herman Stepien, priests; [Timothy Troianowski](#), Boniface Zukowski, religious), I Ord.

13 [St. Anthony of Padua](#), priest, doctor, I Ord.

16 [Bl. Anizet Koplín](#), priest, and companions, martyrs of Poland (Henry Krzystofik, Florian Stêpniak, Fidelis Chojnacki, Symforiam Ducki), I Ord.

[Bl. Guy \(Guido\) Vignotelli](#), priest, I Ord.

17 [St. Albert Chmielowski](#), religious, III Ord., founder

22 [St. Thomas More](#), martyr, III Ord.

23 [St. Joseph Cafasso](#), priest, III Ord.

25 [Bl. Jutta of Thuringia](#), widow, III Ord.

26 [Bl. Andrew Hyacinth Longhin](#), bishop, I Ord.

30 [Bl. Raymond Lull](#), martyr, III Ord.

JULY

1 [Bl. Junipero Serra](#), priest, I Ord.

4 [St. Elizabeth of Portugal](#), queen, III Ord.

7 [Bl. Davanzato](#), bishop, III Ord.,

8 [Bl. Gregory Grassi](#), bishop, and companions, martyrs, I Ord.

9 [St. Nicholas Pick](#), priest, and companions, martyrs, I and III Ord.

10 [St. Veronica Giuliani](#), virgin, II Ord.

12 [Sts. John Jones and John Wall](#), priests, martyrs, I Ord.

13 [Bl. Angeline of Marisciano](#), religious, III Ord.

15 [St. Bonaventure](#), bishop, doctor, I Ord.

16 [Canonization of St. Francis](#), Canonized 16 July 1228 by Pope Gregory IX

[St. Francis Solano](#), priest, I Ord.

Outside of the U.S., he is celebrated on July 14

18 [St. Simon of Lipnica](#), religious, I Ord.

21 [St. Lawrence of Brindisi](#), priest, doctor, I Ord.

23 [Bl. Cunegunda](#), religious, II Ord.

[St. Bridget of Sweden](#), widow, III Ord.

24 [Bl. Louise of Savoy](#), widow, II Ord.

[Bl. Modestino of Jesus and Mary](#), religious, I Ord.

[Bl. Antonio Lucci, bishop](#), I Ord.

27 [Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinengo](#), virgin, II Ord.

28 [Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska](#), virgin, martyr of Poland, II Ord.

[Bl. Mattia Nazarei](#), virgin, II Ord.

AUGUST

2 [Our Lady of the Angels at the Portiuncula](#)

3 [Bl. Frederic Janssoone](#), priest, I Ord.

4 [St. John Vianney](#), priest, III Ord.

7 [Bls. Agathangelus and Cassian](#), priests and martyrs, I Ord.

8 [Holy Father Dominic](#), priest, founder, Order of Preachers

9 [Bl. John of La Verna](#), priest, I Ord.

11 [St. Clare of Assisi](#), virgin, II Ord.

13 [Bl. Mark of Aviano](#), priest, I Ord.

14 [St. Maximilian Kolbe](#), priest, I Ord.

17 [St. Roch](#), III Ord.



St Felix of Cantalice



St. Bonaventure

LECTURERS

Dr. Robert D. Miller

COPING WITH CHANGE... WHEN YOU ARE NOT IN CHARGE!

The times of the Hebrews Scriptures are rife with change—in politics, in religion and culture. Many of these changes were imposed on the Israelites as they journeyed from tribes to kingdom to vassal state. We explore how these changes are reflected in the beliefs and literature we have inherited from them as they journeyed in faith seeking God.

Suggested Reading:

Anathea Fortier-Young, *Apocalypse Against Empire: Theologies of Resistance in Early Judaism*, but with a warning that it's on the more academic side. Anything by Michael Fishbane, especially his 1988 *Biblical Interpretation in Ancient Israel*.

https://books.google.com/books?id=cSN_AAAAAMAAJ&q=michael+fishbane&dq=michael+fishbane&hl=en&sa=X&ei=6xnRVPvcDsqNsQSY2IG4Cg&ved=0CFUQ6AEwBw

Rev. Dr. Sarah S. Henrich

COPING WITH CHANGE... WHEN YOU ARE NOT IN CHARGE!

New Testament times brought rapid and complex changes to the known world. The men and women creating these changes had little idea of the far-reaching consequences of their beliefs and actions. Yet they persevered, and in so doing provide a wonderful example for us as we encounter the changes which threaten to overwhelm us in our own times.

Suggested Reading:

Almost anything by Walter Brueggemann especially his new book (2014): *"Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now"*; *"Truth Speaks to Power: The Counter-cultural Nature of Scripture"*; *"The Practice of Prophetic Imagination: Preaching an Emancipating Word"*.

Richard Horsley: *"The Message and the Kingdom"; Jesus and Empire: The Kingdom of God and the New World Disorder"*.



Ecumenical Scripture Workshop

Coping With Change...
When you are not in charge!

June 22-26, 2015



Priest Field Pastoral Center
4030 Middleway Pike
Kearneysville, WV



Faculty

WORKSHOP DYNAMICS

The Workshop begins with registration Monday by 5:00 P.M. It ends Friday after Morning Prayer.

SPIRITUAL DYNAMIC

Worship is both private and communal. Tuesday through Thursday have Eucharistic Liturgies and prayer services led by various attending clergy and laity. Chapels and grounds provide opportunity for prayer and meditation.

INTELLECTUAL DYNAMIC

There are two lecture sessions on Monday and four on the next three days. Lecturers rotate, so each presents morning and afternoon sessions. Once each afternoon, the lecturers comprise a panel to discuss questions in an open assembly.

FELLOWSHIP DYNAMIC

There are formal breaks after lunch, socials before dinner and at the end of each day. Snacks and beverages are provided at the socials. Informal fellowship may occur at any time.

Robert Miller II, O.F.S., Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Old Testament

Born in Ohio, Robert D. Miller II is a Secular Franciscan, married (wife Anne-Marie) with four boys. He earned a PhD in Hebrew Bible from the University of Michigan. His book, *Chieftains of the Highland Clans: A History of Israel in the 12th and 11th Centuries BC* (2005), *Oral Tradition in Ancient Israel* (2011), and related articles have made him a recognized authority on Early Israel. He is also greatly interested in Biblical Theology, having organized several conferences on the subject, edited the volume, *Syriac and Antiochian Exegesis and Biblical Theology for the 3rd Millennium* (2008), and attempted a new critical biblical theology in *Covenant and Grace in the Old Testament: Assyrian Propaganda and Israelite Faith* (2012). He is a former member of the Board of Trustees of the American Schools of Oriental Research and serves on the Board of Control of the *New American Bible* for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Rev. Sarah S. Henrich, Ph.D.
Professor of New Testament

Sarah Henrich is Interim Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. She is also emerita at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. She has MA degrees from Bryn Mawr and Yale; her MDiv is from Lutheran Theological Seminary and her MPhil is also from Yale, as is her PhD. She received a MA degree in Art History at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN.

Rev. Dr. Henrich has taught for over 20 years at Luther Seminary. Previously, she taught at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and Yale University. She is presently serving on the national Lutheran-Roman Catholic Dialogue, Chair the Bible Division and also serves on teams engaged in dialogue with the Disciples of Christ and with the Moravians. Her many publications are listed at www2.luthersem.edu/faculty/fac_vitae.asp?contact_id=shenrich.

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PLEASE RETURN RESERVATION FORM

BY JUNE 8, 2015

COST OF THE WORKSHOP

The total cost of the workshop for a single room is \$395.00. The price for double room occupancy is \$365.00 per person. This includes lodging, meals, use of the facility and registration fee. The price for a commuter is \$225.00 for registration fee, use of the facility and meals (does not include breakfasts or evening socials). Rooms are available on a first come first serve basis. Registration must be received by June 8, 2015. **NO** refunds will be granted after June 12, 2015. All refunds are subject to a \$50.00 processing fee.

PARTICIPANTS

Clergy and laity of various churches possessing an interest in furthering their scripture understanding and possessing some scripture study background are encouraged to attend. Faculty are outstanding scholars engaged in main-line scripture research. The atmosphere of frank and open dialogue between participants and faculty is exceedingly conducive to growth in scriptural appreciation.

PLEASE BRING A BIBLE

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PASTORAL CENTER

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www.priestfield.org

Click on directions tab.

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Office of Religious Unity
1116 Kanawha Blvd., East
Charleston, WV 25301

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“Servant Leadership” – Presenters

Fr. Michael Higgins, TOR – Special Assistant to the President, Franciscan School of Theology

Fr. Michael is a Franciscan of the Third Order Regular (TOR) and is currently working as Special Assistant to the President and Dean of the Franciscan School of Theology in Oceanside, California. He has been a Franciscan, TOR for thirty-seven years and was ordained to the priesthood in June of 1985. Prior to religious life, he served in Viet Nam as a radar repairman in the US Army and was the assistant manager of a large electronic store in Natick, Massachusetts. Since joining the Third Order Regular he has served in parish ministry, campus ministry, adult education, and college instruction on both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has also served in formation as the Director of Novices for the Sacred Heart Province. Finally, he also has served the Third Order Regular in Rome first as the Secretary General of the Order and then as the Vicar General and Minister General.

Fr. Michael’s academic credentials include: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychology, Master of Divinity (M.Div.), Master of Sacred Theology (S.T.M.), Master of Arts in Spirituality (M.A.), Doctorate in Sacred Theology (S.Th.D.), and Doctor of Philosophy in Higher Education Administration (Ph.D.)

Fr. Michael is committed to the spread of lay ministry and leadership in the local church and has served the Sacred Heart Province both as the Provincial Spiritual Assistant to the Secular Franciscan Order and as the Local Spiritual Assistant to St. Clare’s Fraternity in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania. During his time as Vicar General of his Order he also held the position of General Spiritual Assistant to the Secular Franciscan Order.

Mary Frances Charsky, OFS – National Councilor, NAFRA-USA

Mary Frances Charsky, OFS, professed as a Secular Franciscan in 1981 and is a member of St. Francis Fraternity in Binghamton, NY. She currently serves as a National Councilor for NAFRA-USA. Regionally, Mary Frances has served as Minister, Councilor and Formation Team member and in her local fraternity as Minister, Vice-Minister, Formation Director, Councilor and Formation Team members. Her leadership training has included professional as well as Franciscan spiritual experiences.

Mary Frances’s academic credentials include: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Education, Master of Science (M.S.) in Special Education, Certificate of Advanced Study in Supervision and Administration, and doctoral level graduate study in Supervision and Administration. She has also completed coursework in Clinical Supervision and Staff Development, and the IDEA Fellows program sponsored by the Kellogg Foundation on leadership development. Her Franciscan spirituality training includes multiple experiences such as workshops, retreats, summer seminars at Saint Francis University and course work at the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University.

Mary Frances has been employed as a teacher of students with special needs, as well as an elementary teacher, a coordinator of special services, an elementary school principal and an adjunct professor at Binghamton University. She is also involved as a volunteer in a wide variety of parish, hospital, diocesan, and foreign-service ministries.



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Tentative Schedule

Thursday- July 9, 2015

- 12:00 - 4:30 PM – Registration (*Christian Hall*)
- 5:00 PM – Dinner (*Torvian Dining Hall*)
- 6:30 PM – Evening prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 7:00 PM – **Session 1: TBA**
- 8:30 PM – Social (*Christian Hall*)

Friday – July 10, 2015

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast (*Torvian*)
- 9:15 AM – Morning prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 9:30 AM – **Session 2 (DiSepio): TBA**
- 11:30 AM – Break
- 12:00 noon – Lunch (*Torvian*)
- 2:00 PM – **Session 3 (DiSepio): TBA**
- 3:30 PM – Break
- 4:00 PM – Eucharist (*Immaculate Conception Chapel*)
- 5:00 PM – Dinner (*Torvian*)
- 6:30 PM – Evening prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 7:00 PM – **Session 4 (DiSepio): TBA**
- 8:30 PM – Social (*Christian Hall*)

Saturday – July 11, 2015

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast (*Torvian*)
- 9:15 AM – Morning prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 9:30 AM – **Session 5 (DiSepio): TBA**
- 11:30 AM – Break
- 12:00 noon – Lunch (*Torvian*)
- 2:00 PM – **Session 6 (DiSepio): TBA**
- 3:30 PM – Break
- 4:00 PM – Eucharist – Sunday liturgy (*Immaculate Conception Chapel*)
- 5:00 PM – Dinner (*Torvian*)
- 6:30 PM – Evening prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 7:00 PM – **Session 7 (DiSepio): TBA**
- 8:30 PM – Social (*Christian Hall*)

Sunday, July 12, 2015

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast (*Torvian*)
- 9:15 AM – Morning prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 9:30 AM – **Session 8: TBA**
- 12:00 noon – Lunch and Departures



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Driving Directions to Saint Francis University

From Northwestern Pennsylvania: Take **I-79 to Rt. 422 East** to Ebensburg. In town, turn left at the traffic light onto High Street. Continue straight at next light. Turn left on to Manor Road. Saint Francis University is six miles on the right.

From Cleveland (Ohio area): Take **Ohio Turnpike East to I-80 East**. Take **I-680 South to Route 422 East** (approximately 120 miles) to Ebensburg. In town, turn left at the traffic light onto High Street. Continue straight at next light. Turn left on to Manor Road. Follow this road for six miles to the Saint Francis University entrance on right.

From Southwestern PA and Southeast Ohio: Take **Route 22 East** from Pittsburgh to second Ebensburg exit (Ebensburg/Loretto exit). Bear right at end of exit ramp. Proceed straight (crossing over Route 22). Turn right at the first light on to Manor Road. Follow this road for six miles to the Saint Francis University entrance on right.

From Northeastern PA/Central New Jersey: Take **I-80 South to I-80 West to Exit 161** (Bellefonte). Take **US99/Rt. 220 South** approximately 50 miles to Altoona. Take **Rt. 22 West** to Lilly/Portage Exit. Turn right onto **Rt. 53 North**. Continue on Rt. 53 North approximately two miles to traffic light (Sheetz on left). Turn left at light and continue beneath railroad overpass. 200 yards beyond overpass, bear right at Saint Francis University sign onto St. Joseph Street. Take this road four miles to Loretto. At Village Cross monument on traffic circle, bear left. Saint Francis University entrance is 200 yards on left.

From Southeastern PA, Baltimore, MD, and Washington, D.C.: Take **PA Turnpike (I-76) West to Bedford Exit 146 (220 North/I-99 North)**. Turn left after toll booth. At top of hill, turn left onto **US99/Rt. 220 North** to Altoona. Travel approximately 30 miles to Rt. 22 West. Continue from Altoona -- previous paragraph.

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- Check out time is 12 noon, July 12th
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- Shuttle service is provided to/from residence hall, dining hall, and conference center for all attendees

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Please note: No transportation to/from airports is provided by the Seminar. We recommend flying into one of the following options and driving to campus.

- Johnstown Regional - JST (25 mi.)
- Altoona-Blair County – AOO (30 mi.)
- University Park (State College, PA) – UNV (73 mi.)
- Pittsburgh International - PIT (100 mi.)

Other questions? Please contact Diane Rombouts at 814-472-3219 (daytime) or e-mail icfl@francis.edu



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