

# Up to Now

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

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## St. Margaret of Cortona Region Annual Chapter

**O**rdo Franciscanus Sæcularis (OFS), as we all know, is a world-wide secular order of the Roman Catholic Church. The Constitutions and Statutes, as approved by the Holy See, govern our international (CIOFS), national (NAFRA), regional (St. Margaret of Cortona), and local fraternities. Just as regional fraternal and pastoral visitations are required for each local fraternity, so too, are national fraternal and pastoral visitations required for each region. Our region welcomed our national visitors at our Annual Chapter, held on December 7, 2013, at St. Francis of Assisi School in Triangle, Va. Twenty-seven of the Region's 33 fraternities were represented, making a quorum.

Representing NAFRA were Elaine Hedtke (national vice-minister) and Fr. Matthias Wesnofske, OFM Cap. Like all fraternities, the regional fraternity meeting consisted of prayer, formation, social, and a bit of business.

Anne Mulqueen OFS, regional spiritual assistant delegate (representing the OFM Conv.) and regional spiritual assistant Brother Kip Ledger, OFM. Cap. presented our on-going formation. Anne spoke of the diversity of charisms in the church. She contrasted the Franciscan and Dominican approaches, i.e., St. Francis compared to St. Thomas Aquinas. Thomas was analytical and logical, while Francis was dramatic and psychological.

Brother Kip discussed the status of the spiritual assistants, and the training program. Regional spiritual assistant delegate Tom Bello OFS (representing the OFM) and Anne Mulqueen are part of the training team. In discussing the lack of spiritual assistants, Br. Kip indicated that all SA's should be approved by the province bonded to that fraternity. Please inform the regional council whenever there is a change in the status of the position.

Regional Minister Patrick Martin, OFS, spoke about the "administrivia," concerning the budget and the fair share. In previous years, the national fair share in the United States has been based on professed members,



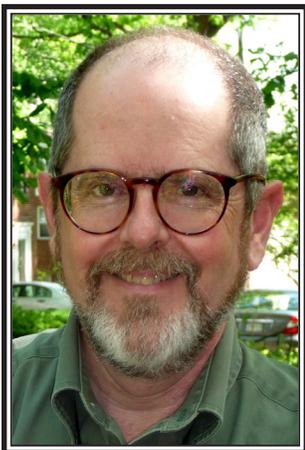
whereas, elsewhere in the world, the fair share includes candidates. NAFRA found the funds to catch up. Beginning in 2015, however, fraternities will be assessed for both professed members and candidates. There will continue to be a different amount for excused members and active members. Patrick also described a census from CIOFS to collect data in 2014. The questions are very specific (especially concerning financial status), but Anne explained that there is anonymity in the responses

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## Regional Minister's Message



### FRANCIS AND EUCHARIST

*I see nothing corporally of the Most High Son of God in this world except His Most holy Body and Blood*

*From The Testament*

My Dear Sisters and Brothers,

According to his biographers - and even in his own writings - Francis'

relationship to the Eucharist was intimate and intense. Our Rule (#5) reminds us of this special connection. At a time when the Fourth Lateran Council felt compelled to ORDER all Christians to receive communion at least once a year, Francis and his followers attended Mass daily whenever they could. His understanding of the meaning of Eucharist sometimes gets lost in our modern world. But its radical and transformative power deserves our attention.

In his retreat program, "Becoming the Eucharist We Celebrate," Father Dan Crosby, O.F.M. Cap. shares with us a crisis he underwent as a young priest. The Eucharist had become "boring," "magical," and required "no skin off my back." As he struggled with this crisis, he came to the understanding that he was only doing the Eucharist half-way. There was another dimension of Eucharist which he had not yet realized.

According to Father Dan, the description of Eucharist, especially as found in the Gospel of John and in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, reveals that Eucharist is not a passive experience; it requires action on our part.

The early Church Fathers saw the scriptural basis for Eucharist as action. Francis saw it, too. But that teaching diminished over time.

However, like Father Dan, we need look no farther than the four verbs of institution in the Eucharistic Prayer to see what Jesus asks of each one of us:

**1. Take:** At the Last Supper, Jesus takes bread in his hands. Through this action, he also chooses us and takes us as his own.

**2. Bless:** In the Jewish tradition, to bless is to

recognize the God-given goodness within an object and praise God for it. We are all blessed and loved by God.

**3. Break:** What good is bread if it isn't broken? Jesus knows that he must be broken for the salvation of the World, and if we are to follow him, we too must be broken - from our selfishness, our hatreds, from all that is not Christ-like.

**4. Share:** Jesus shared the bread and gave the cup. We are all called to share with others. The final verb of institution requires an action.

When Jesus said, "Do this in memory of me," Father Dan realized that he was only doing the first two. In the Eucharist, God calls us to do all four.

Francis especially understood the Eucharistic requirement for action. He was a lay person who made the action of the Eucharist his entire life. He wasn't always accepted by his brothers. Sometimes, the Church didn't understand him. He made his life an example of how we must not just go half way with the Eucharist. We must go all the way.

Eight hundred years later, on Corpus Christi Sunday in 2012, Pope Benedict XVI said in his homily, "...by concentrating the entire relationship with the Eucharistic Jesus in the sole moment of Holy Mass, one risks emptying the rest of existential time and space of his presence. This makes ever less perceptible the meaning of Jesus' constant presence in our midst and with us, a presence that is tangible, close, in our homes, as the "beating Heart" of the city, of the country, and of the area, with its various expressions and activities. **The sacrament of Christ's Charity must permeate the whole of daily life.**"

Take; bless; break; share. Each time we join together for Eucharist, we must become Eucharist ourselves.

In the peace and joy of Francis and Clare, Patrick Martin, OFS St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Minister



## Regional Formation Director's Message

Hello again to all my sisters and brothers in St. Francis, and a Happy New Year to all!

Much of the current work of the regional formation team and youth/young adult subcommittee is focusing on making the Secular Franciscan Order more attractive to young people. This is a major thrust of the National as well as the regional fraternity. It is also in concert with our Holy Father Francis's call for more saints among our young people of the Church. Progress in the region is slow, but progress is being made. Here are some of our proposed plans and efforts:

Jeanie McLees, our youth/young adult sub-committee coordinator continues to be active with young adult ministry in her diocese of Richmond, providing exposure to the Franciscan charism through the activities of the diocese. She has also had high school students of her school bring food and clothing items to local shelters. She is working diligently with the Old Dominion University Catholic campus community to establish a Franciscan young adult group that will meet at least monthly on campus. She hopes to get much of her high school students involved voluntarily with an outreach program for the SPCA in her area.

Harry Ford continues his efforts by approaching St. Katherine Drexel parish in Frederick, Md., to make use of the seven-session series on "Christian Simplicity: A Gospel Value." This program is based upon themes of protecting God's creation (Eco-Spirituality), embracing Gospel justice, and nurturing spiritual fulfillment. These themes are well within the Franciscan framework. The idea here is to set the stage for establishing a YouFra fraternity by establishing a Franciscan Earth Corps group. As a young adult group already meets there and they already have shown some interest in the seven-week program, Harry hopes to be able to interest them in this respect. The "Christian Simplicity" series is actually a program done by the Passionists, but it can be Franciscan in focus, especially in its ecological aspect. Harry is also putting together a proposal involving Hood College in Frederick. This college already has a very active ministry of ecumenical, social and environmental programs. He is working with the campus minister here in possibly making this a location for a Franciscan Earth Corps group.

By the way, Harry's profession is scheduled for Sunday, February 16 at 3PM at the Shrine Of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. Congratulations, Harry!

Other efforts are being made by youth/young adult subcommittee members, and as they begin to progress, I will certainly let you know about them. In the meantime, keep this drive for the calling of the young people into our Order in your deepest prayers.

The Fifth Annual Inquirers' and Candidates' Day of Recollection will be held on April 5, 2014, at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. The cost will be \$35 per person. It is, as always, open to orienters, inquirers, candidates, newly-professed (one year or less), ministers, formation directors and formation team members. I will be taking my turn at co-facilitating the event, along with our regional spiritual assistant, Brother Kip Ledger, OFM Cap. The theme for the day is: "The Franciscan Heart" concentrating upon how a Christian, already nurtured in Christ, sets his/her mind and heart on an enrichment of their already established imitation of Jesus Christ by taking on again the Gospel values as our seraphic Father Francis did. The day starts at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at around 4:00 p.m. See the registration form on page 6, and send it as soon as possible to Mary Lou Coffman so we can have an accurate count of attendance. Fraternities are strongly encouraged to cover the cost of the day for at least their orienters, inquirers and candidates.

The regional formation team and youth/young adult subcommittee will visit your fraternity to talk about any topic of formation, the FUN manual, or how to organize and sponsor a YouFra fraternity. If there are at least five prospective young adults of age 18 to roughly 35 years of age who are thinking or are inquiring into a Franciscan way of life in your estimation, why not invite them to your gathering and have us give a presentation on setting up a YouFra fraternity. We have one presentation already scheduled for March 16 with St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Fraternity of Thurmont. The presentation is approximately one hour long and is part of our continued efforts at involving our young people in our Franciscan community.

Mike Huether, OFS  
Regional Formation Director

## Mark Your Calendar



St. Anthony's Shrine

**April 5, 2014 — St. Margaret of Cortona Day of Reflection for Inquirers and Candidates**, Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, Md., 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration form on page 6.



**July 10-14, 2014 — 6th OFS Summer Seminar, Spiritual Assistance**, Saint Francis University, Loretto, Penn.

**September 26-28, 2014 — Chapter of Mats**. Priest Field Retreat Center, Kearneysville, W.Va.



Priest Field Retreat Center

## Around the Region



*Tau Fraternity Newly Professed from left: Paola Larin, OFS, Terry Rinker, OFS, Vera Stewart, OFS.*

### NEWLY PROFESSED

- Joan Bundy, OFS, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.  
Chris Donaldson, OFS, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.  
Patrick, OFS, Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
Harry Ford, OFS, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.  
Kathy Ford, OFS, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.  
Oyoua Hoba, OFS, Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
Kady Catherine Konan, OFS, Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
Paola Larin, OFS, Tau Fraternity, Herndon, Va.  
Terry Rinker, OFS, Tau Fraternity, Herndon, Va.  
Vera Stewart, OFS, Tau Fraternity, Herndon, Va.



### NEWLY ORDAINED

- Brian Majewski, OFS, Holy Family Fraternity, Manassas, Va. as a permanent deacon. Brian is on the far left in the photo. Our warmest congratulations to you Brian!



*Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity Council: Leo Wells, Vice Minister; Chris Wells, Minister; Glen Davis, Formation Director; Deanne Marshall, Secretary; Ed Gerhard, Treasurer.*

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED

#### **Our Lady of the Rosary Fraternity, Williamsburg, Va.**

- Minister: Christine Wells, OFS  
Vice Minister: Leo Wells, OFS  
Secretary: Deanne Marshall, OFS  
Treasurer: Edward Gerhard, OFS  
Formation Director: Glenn Davis, OFS

#### **Sacred Heart Fraternity, Virginia Beach, Va.**

- Minister: Donald Schwab, OFS  
Vice Minister: Patricia Strong, OFS  
Secretary: Anne O'Leary, OFS  
Treasurer: Stana Piazza, OFS  
Formation Director: Jeanne McLees, OFS

#### **Sacred Heart of Jesus Fraternity, Warrenton, Va.**

- Minister: Fred Duca, OFS  
Vice Minister: Charles Rowzie, OFS  
Secretary: Toya Finzel, OFS  
Treasurer: Doris Rowzie, OFS  
Formation Director: Sandra Weeks, OFS  
Spiritual Assistant: Rev. Terrence R. Staples, OFS

#### **San Camilo Fraternity, Silver Spring, Md.**

- Minister: Ottoniel Perez, OFS  
Vice Minister: Amable Mejia, OFS  
Secretary: Gerardo Palacios, OFS  
Treasurer: Maria Victoria (Vicki) Andrade, OFS  
Formation Director: Esther Reyes, OFS

#### **St. Bonaventure Fraternity, Fairfax, Va.**

- Minister: Ok Hee Kang, OFS  
Vice Minister: Jae Ok Kwak, OFS  
Secretary: Stella Kang, OFS  
Treasurer: Ok Sun Kim, OFS  
Formation Director: Eun Ja Cho, OFS



*St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity Council from left, back row: Nick Wineriter, Vice Minister, Greg Davis, Minister, Tom McGrath, Formation Director, Alina Zygmunt, Councilor; front row: Madonna Goody, Councilor, Joyce Routh, Treasurer, Peggy Nicholson, Secretary.*

**St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis, Md.**

Minister: Judith Tyrrell, OFS  
 Vice Minister: Susan Burns, OFS  
 Secretary: Joan Faltot, OFS  
 Treasurer: Patrick Tyrrell, OFS  
 Formation Director: Denise Miente, OFS  
 Councilor: Teresita Chitty, OFS  
 Spiritual Assistant: Br. John Paul, OFM Cap.

**St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Rockville, Md.**

Minister: Gregory L. Davis, OFS  
 Vice Minister: Nick Wineriter, OFS  
 Secretary: Peg Nicholson, OFS  
 Treasurer: Joyce Routh, OFS  
 Formation Director: Tom McGrath, OFS  
 Councilor: Genie Dutton, OFS  
 Councilor: Alina Zygmunt, OFS  
 Councilor: Madonna Goody, OFS

**LOSSES IN THE FAMILY**



**Sr. Irene Marshiano, OSF**, died October 31, 2013. Sr. Irene was formerly a Spiritual Assistant to Mary Our Queen Fraternity. She founded the Franciscan Center in Baltimore 45 years ago. The center is an emergency assistance and outreach service

that remains one of the apostolates that the St. Margaret of Cortona Region supports.

**Millie Willig, OFS**, December 1, 1923-October 26, 2013. On April 19, 1998, Millie was among the first to be professed in St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity. She served as secretary of the fraternity from November 2000 to January 2004.

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**What Are We Doing?**

**GREATER GOOD TECHNOLOGY**

Catholic Web Services (CWS) is a new ministry started by two Secular Franciscans, Carl Stacy and John Clem, in the new Mount La Verna Fraternity in Charlottesville, Virginia. CWS offers internet services to parishes and other Catholic organizations.

One of its recent efforts is a new ministry to help bring internet training and accessibility to the poor and homeless. There is a great need for the poor and disadvantaged to have equal access to the internet. There is a great "Digital Divide" between those who have access to the internet, and those who are denied. Greater Good Technology is part of CWS and is helping fill this divide by offering cost-effective ways to bring computers and internet access to those who can't afford this needed resource.

Carl Stacy, OFS, was mentoring a man transitioning out of homelessness, and this man wanted to help others, so Greater Good Technology was started. The man received an education in using Google App for resume, voicemail and gmail, and he is now training others and getting a \$40 stipend for each person trained. The trainees get a certificate and

can use community computers to access and use their training to find jobs. If you would like to help bring this to your community or help with a donation please see the website at: <http://catholicws.com/greater-good-technology/>. If you have any questions, you can e-mail Carl at [info@peaceandallgood.org](mailto:info@peaceandallgood.org).



*Carl Stacy, OFS, training for Greater Good Technology.*



# The Franciscan Heart Franciscan Day of Reflection For Inquirers and Candidates Lent 2014

Saturday, April 5, 2014, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Shrine of St. Anthony  
12290 Folly Quarter Road  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
(410) 531-2800

Sponsored by the St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Formation Team

What does it mean to take on a Franciscan heart and mind? Are we ready to follow Christ in the footsteps of Francis? Spend the day in the company of your brothers and sisters, and consider what it means to answer the call.

**(Formation teams and newly professed are also invited.)**

Cost: \$35.00 per person.

Yes! I plan to attend the Franciscan Day of Recollection for  
Candidates and Inquirers.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fraternity \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I am an Inquirer  I am a candidate  I am newly professed

I am a member of the formation team

Please complete this form  
and return by March 28  
with check payable to

**St. Margaret or Cortona Region**

Send form and payment to:

Mary Lou Coffman  
2862 Beechtree Lane  
Woodbridge, VA 22191  
(703) 221-1846  
marylousfo@gmail.com

**My heart is ready, oh God; my heart is ready.**

*Psalm 57:7*

[Directions to the Shrine of St. Anthony](#)



# C4C

## ***Franciscan Care for Creation***

***Informs*** - Franciscan Action Network's adult formation program addresses important environmental issues

***Inspires*** – Putting faith into action

***Challenges*** – Our call to Catholic Social Teaching

***Invites a response*** – St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi inspired a vision to help us respond to our ecological vocation

The C4C study begins Saturday Feb 1, 2014, and continues each first Saturday for the next 5 months; Mar 1, Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7, Jul 12 (first non-holiday Saturday). Each session begins at 10 am at Our Lady of the Fields, 1070 Cecil Ave., Millersville, Md., room 202. At noon, a light lunch will be shared (optional) and discussion to follow (optional) ending at 2 pm. The current day discussion topics will focus on building a deeper relationship with Christ recognizing the obstacles and distractions to discerning His will.

The C4C program has been published by Franciscan Action Network and includes a DVD and study guide. Handouts will be provided. This study at OLOF is sponsored by St. Conrad Fraternity. Register with Susan Burns to receive the materials. [seburns318@comcast.net](mailto:seburns318@comcast.net) 410-245-0890

The 6 **C4C** session topics are:

- 1. *Telling the Franciscan story*** - Overview of Franciscan themes and approaches relevant for environmental justice and ecological sustainability
- 2. *Opening the Book of Creation*** - Basic ecology, the science of ecosystems, watersheds, food security, climate change, and the ecological footprint
- 3. *Hearing the cry of the poor*** - Environmental justice, and the impacts of pollution and climate change on poor and marginalized people
- 4. *Speaking in the public square*** - Catholic Faithful Citizenship, servant leadership, political processes, and civic engagement
- 5. *Reading the signs of the times*** - Applying a Franciscan ecosocial analysis to identify problems and suggest possible directions
- 6. *Doing what is now ours to do*** - Creating a plan of action for environmental justice and Caring for Creation

## Franciscan Youth and Young Adults

*This begins a series on Franciscan Youth and Young Adults. The following is an excerpt from "A Vision Of Franciscan Youth In The United States" by Riobart (Rob) Breen, OFS, chairman of the National Franciscan Youth/Young Adult Commission:*

What worked for previous generations of young Catholics will not be appropriate for most of this next generation today. We will need the Holy Spirit's vision, creativity, and sensitivity in order for us to touch the hearts of young people, and invite them into the Franciscan Family. Let us first review how YouFra is set up, and then see the vision for a new YouFra movement in the U.S.

Officially, YouFra is supposed to be its own organization, with its own constitutions, its own local, regional, and national fraternities, its own elected leaders, and its own financial resources. The Secular Franciscan Order is to provide support, mentoring, guidance, and assistance with formation for YouFra. The relationship is similar to the relation the Friars have with the Secular Franciscan Order. The Secular Franciscan Order should also have structures in place to support YouFra at every level, and always ready to invite YouFra should they want to pursue

a deepening adult vocation to the Franciscan Gospel life as professed Secular Franciscans.

Since there is no YouFra organization established in the United States yet, according to our Rule and Constitutions, it is the responsibility of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States to rebuild a viable and active Franciscan Youth(YouFra) movement and organization. In the words of Francis, "Let us begin again, for until now, we have done nothing." Here is the general vision that we will be unfolding over the next few years to make this happen.

Rebuilding YouFra will be done primarily by regional fraternities and councils working with local fraternities. However, there is a strong need for the first several years for initial capacity building and visioning by the National fraternity and Council (NAFRA) to spur this nationwide YouFra movement. This will be done by building the capacity of regional councils to help both the local OFS fraternities and emerging YouFra fraternities.

*Next time: Requirements for the Regional Fraternities to Achieve Success in Building YouFra*



## Websites of Interest

### WEBSITES AVAILABLE FOR YOUR FRATERNITY

Catholic Web Services has started a new service to offer websites to all fraternities. These websites are pre-loaded with many items such as The SFO Rule, Constitutions, History, Videos, Prayers, and web links. The website has videos and a manual for you to learn WordPress (the software that builds and maintains the site). Each fraternity can edit and customize the website to their liking, and Catholic Web Services is available to answer questions by e-mail. These websites are FREE, but we ask that you consider a free-will offering, since it costs \$10/month for server and maintenance costs. More details about the service and easy sign-up are available at <http://sfousa.org/>. If you have any questions please e-mail John Clem at [jclem@catholicws.com](mailto:jclem@catholicws.com) Two fraternities already use this service in the Margaret of Cortona Region:

- 1) Mount La Verna <http://peaceandallgood.org/>
- 2) St. Joseph of Cupertino <http://stjosephcupertino.sfousa.org/>.



Sacred Heart Auto League is a Catholic organization started by Catholic Priests. Members of the Auto League pledge themselves to prayerful careful driving and share in the

blessings of a Mass offered each morning for all members, living and deceased. [https://secure2.convio.net/shl/site/Ecommerce;jsessionid=917EB12F37C335F238A4E22531Bo6A94.app263a?VIEW\\_PRODUCT=true&product\\_id=2721&store\\_id=4961](https://secure2.convio.net/shl/site/Ecommerce;jsessionid=917EB12F37C335F238A4E22531Bo6A94.app263a?VIEW_PRODUCT=true&product_id=2721&store_id=4961). Thank you, Mrs. Vu



Pope Francis' list for our collective New Year's resolution. <http://www.rappler.com/move-ph/46933-new-year-resolutions-pope-francis-quotes>. Thank you Pat O'Shea



Tau Publishing recently acquired the publishing rights to Franciscan Morning and Evening Praise that was produced by the Franciscan Federation in Washington, D.C. in 2009 and has been out of print for the past 2 years. The newly revised, 2 volume hard cover set is now available to order for 69.95 plus shipping and handling. The book will be shipped in early January.

Here is the link for more information or to place an order. <http://tau-publishing.com/giftShopProductDetails.aspx?itemID=487>. Please feel free to call at 602-625-6183 if you have any questions or would like to place an order over the phone.

## **Franciscan Saints, Blesseds and Feasts**

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

### **FEBRUARY**

15 [Transfer of the Body of St. Anthony of Padua](#)

17 [Bl. Luke Belludi](#), religious, I Ord.

19 [St. Conrad of Piacenza](#), hermit, III Ord.

27 [Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio](#), religious, I Ord.

### **MARCH**

2 [St. Agnes of Prague](#), virgin, II Ord.

3 [Bls. Liberatus Weiss, Samuele Marzorati and Michele Pio Fasoli](#), priests and martyrs, I Ord.

5 [St. John Joseph of the Cross](#), priest, I Ord.

9 [St. Frances of Rome](#), religious, III Ord.

12 [Bl. Angela Salawa](#), virgin, III Ord.

18 [St. Salvator of Horta](#), religious I Ord.

20 [Bl. John of Parma](#), priest, I Ord.

22 [St. Benvenute of Osimo](#), priest, I Ord.

23 [St. Catherine of Genoa](#), III Ord.

24 [Bl. Ludovico of Casoria](#), priest, I Ord.

30 [St. Peter Regaldo](#), priest, I Ord.

### **APRIL**

2 [Bl. Elisabetta Vendramini](#), religious, III Ord., founder

3 [St. Benedict the Moor](#), religious, I Ord. (Sometimes celebrated on April 4)

6 [St. Crescentia Höss](#), virgin, III Order

16 [St. Bernadette Soubirous](#),  
[St. Benedict Joseph Labre](#), cord-bearers of St. Francis

21 [St. Conrad of Parzham](#), religious, I Ord.

23 [Bl. Giles of Assisi](#), religious, I Ord.

24 [St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen](#), priest, martyr, I Ord.

25 [Bl. Pedro de San Jose Betancur](#), religious, III Ord., founder

27 [St. Zita of Lucca](#), virgin, III Ord.

28 [Bl. Luchesius](#), III Ord.

30 [Bl. Benedict of Urbino](#), priest, I Ord.  
[St. Benedict Joseph Cottolengo](#), III Ord.

### **MAY**

3 [Bl. Arthur Bell, Henry Heath, John Woodcock, et al.](#), priests, martyrs of England, I Ord.

7 [Bl. Agnellus of Pisa](#), religious, I Ord.

8 [Bl. Jeremiah of Valacchia](#), religious, I Ord.

9 [St. Catherine of Bologna](#), virgin, II Ord.

10 [St. Ivo of Brittany](#), III Ord.

11 [St. Ignatius of Laconi](#), religious, I Ord.  
[Bl. Antonio of St. Anne Galvoa](#), I Ord., founder

12 [St. Leopold Mandic](#), priest, I Ord.

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



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and the process for returning the completed forms. All fraternities will need to complete the census this spring.

Patrick thanked the ministers for their annual reports. Regional Treasurer Mary Lou Coffman said that 11 fraternities have not yet returned their fair share forms.

There will be a Chapter of Mats at Priestfield Retreat Center September 26-28. As is the region's custom, this will replace the annual regional retreat.

Ministers met with the regional councilors over lunch and reported that concerns for 2014 include attracting youth, interfraternity projects and guidelines on JPIC.

The regional council then left the room so that the visitors could hear from the ministers.

Upon reconvening, the remembrance ceremony was held for all recently deceased members.

The visitors have sent the regional council a written report of the visitation. Their findings and recommendations will be presented in the next issue.

**THE FRANCISCAN SCHOOL OF SPIRITUALITY**

**Adaptation by Anne Mulqueen of Paper by Roy M. Gasnick, OFM**

**Contrasting Thomastic and Franciscan Spirituality**

**ORIGINAL OUTLINE BY FR. ROY GASNICK**

**THOMASTIC**

- (1) Self-discipline of intellect (mind)
- (2) Centers on God and self
- (3) Passive
- (4) Analytical expression of faith
- (5) Formal
- (6) Logical—step-by-step
- (7) Ordered
- (8) Future oriented
- (9) Use of definitions—descriptions
- (10) Transcendent values (truth, beauty, Goodness, unity, love, etc.)
- (11) Intellectual: God speaks through ideas  
God is reached by ideas
- (12) Seeks truth of God, self, others
- (13) Hunger for perfection
- (14) Needs symbols
- (15) What does God want me to know?
- (16) Prayer: meditation—contemplation
- (17) Source: Church authority

**FRANCISCAN**

- Self-discipline of will (heart)
- Centers on God/self/others/creation
- Active
- Dramatic expression of faith
- Informal
- Psychological—free association
- Spontaneous
- Present oriented
- Use of stories, parables, anecdotes
- Incarnational values (a truthful person, a beautiful tree, etc.)
- Sensual: God speaks through the senses,  
God is reached by the senses
- Seeks love of God, self, others
- Hunger for social justice
- Needs role models, concrete images
- What does God want me to do?
- Conversation with God, prayer of work
- Source: The Gospel

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION BY ANNE MULQUEEN**

1. Both—were members of mendicant Orders—that is, supported by alms and begging
2. Both—were guided by God's inspiration
3. Both—reformed and renewed the life of the Church and society
4. Both—showed it was possible to live evangelical poverty without being separated from the church (or falling into heresies of Cathars, Albigencians)
5. Both—were witnesses
6. Both—were great men and both are saints

- The Thomastic form of liturgy came to be recommended above all others in the post-Tridentine period of church history.
- St. Thomas is the second most quoted theologian in Catholic Catechism.
- Franciscan Spirituality is illuminated by stories, while Thomistic spirituality by definitions.
- St. Francis has the second longer bibliography in the Library of Congress after Jesus Christ.
- St. Thomas—a Dominican—was a member of the Order of Preachers (OP).
- St. Francis founded the Order of Friars Minor (OFM).
- Leo XIII named St. Thomas patron of all Catholic universities, colleges and schools worldwide.
- St. Francis was named the patron of animals and ecology and shares with St Catherine of Sienna as patron saint of Italy.

**ADDITIONAL COMPARISON OF ATTRIBUTES OF  
SAINT THOMAS AND SAINT FRANCIS**

Thomas	Francis
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Analytical</li> <li>2. Systematic</li> <li>3. Abstract</li> <li>4. Theoretical</li> <li>5. Intellectual</li> <li>6. Complex</li> <li>7. Competence</li> <li>8. Efficient</li> <li>9. Exacting</li> <li>10. Independent</li> <li>11. Logical</li> <li>12. Technical</li> <li>13. Curious</li> <li>14. Scientific</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Adaptable</li> <li>2. Artistic</li> <li>3. Aware of reality</li> <li>4. Not too interested in theories</li> <li>5. Open minded</li> <li>6. Looks for workable compromises</li> <li>7. Sees the needs of the moment</li> <li>8. Tolerant</li> <li>9. Unprejudiced</li> <li>10. Persuasive</li> <li>11. Sensitive</li> <li>12. Prefers firsthand experience</li> <li>13. Generous</li> <li>14. Affectionate</li> </ol>