

Up to Now

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

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Regional Chapter of Elections

Once every three years, St. Margaret of Cortona Regional holds its Regional Chapter of Elections.

Seculars from throughout the Region stand for election to be your servant leaders in the coming three years.

This year's election will be a day event on March 24 and will take place in the St. Francis Room of the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 1400 Quincy Street, N.E., Washington, D.C.

We are pleased to present the bios of the well-qualified and dedicated candidates, in order of position, and then alphabetically.

Please note that there is no absentee voting. If you are unable to be present, you must provide a certified alternate.

Bios of Candidates in the 2012

St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Election

Minister

Patrick Martin, OFS

St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity

I was professed in 2007.

My qualifications are:

- Member, St. Peter's Church, Washington, D.C. since 1979; choir member; facilitator for Just Faith Program; coordinator for Operation Rice Bowl; participant in ministry to So Others Might Eat and Notre Dame D'Altgrace (twinned parish in Cap Haitien, Haiti).
- Founding member and co-chair, Archdiocese of Washington Global Solidarity Committee, 2007–2011, charged with animating the Bishops' Letter to Parishes, "Called to Global Solidarity."
- Business Manager, founding leadership team, Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School of the Archdiocese of Washington, a new high school for disadvantaged

families, 2006–present.

- Assistant dean, School of Communication, American University, 1984 – 2006

How I serve my fraternity/the region:

- Minister, St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity, since 2009
- Treasurer, St. Margaret of Cortona region, since 2009

Why I feel called to serve the region:

Ever since I was an Inquirer, St. Francis and the Secular Franciscan Order has inspired and animated my ministry. In 2009, my experiences at the fraternity and regional level compelled me offer myself in servant leadership as Regional Treasurer to my brothers and sisters of St. Margaret of Cortona. If chosen as Regional Minister, the Admonitions of St. Francis would be my guide in the way of humility, patience and service to our region.

Victoria L. Spalding, OFS

Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity

I have been professed for 11 years.

How I serve my fraternity/the region:

Currently, I serve as Minister of my fraternity. Since my profession in 2000, I have served eight years as Minister and three years as Councilor. I've had the privilege of working with Council in forming committees such as Social, Hospitality, Liturgy, and Prayer Committees, have aided in helping establish the Liturgy of the Hours (evening prayer), helped to implement new policies, and have written fraternity guidelines to meet

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Regional Minister's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters of St. Margaret of Cortona Region,

How is this Lent going to be different from others? How will our relationship with Jesus, Our Lord and Savior deepen and become more consuming as it did for our brother Francis? As I reflect on the days of the Lord's passion, death and resurrection, I am once again humbled and

awed at the same time. Jesus loves us so much that He endured the physical and mental agony of crucifixion to set us free from our guilt and selfishness of sin. He loves us unconditionally. There is no greater gift!

This Lent will be somewhat different for our region because the Chapter of Elections will take place on Saturday, March 24 in the St. Francis Room of the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C. (see the schedule below). It is the duty of each fraternity minister to attend and vote. If

a fraternity minister cannot attend for a very serious reason, he or she must designate another professed brother or sister to represent that fraternity. Absentee ballots are not allowed at a regional election. I have heard that there are also several days of recollections on this day. We all need spiritual nourishment BUT in this case I ask that you put the Chapter of Elections first. THANK YOU!

Lastly, it has been both my challenge and my blessing to serve as your regional minister for the past three years. Being with you in your fraternity gatherings, walking with you on your spiritual journeys, representing you at the National Fraternity, trying to animate and guide our region will always be my true "Franciscan joy." Due to my ongoing struggle with breast cancer and the side effects from the medications that I take, I cannot continue to serve. Please know that this has not been an easy decision for me but one that I needed to make. My prayers and support are with the brothers and sisters who are willing to serve our region in the next three years.

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



Mark Your Calendar



March 24, 2012 — Regional Chapter of Elections. Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

April 21, 2012 — The St. Margaret Cortona Regional Candidates Retreat, Shrine of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, Md., 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration form on page 7.

July 3-8, 2012 — National Quinquennial. Holiday Inn Northshore, Chicago, Ill.

October 5-7, 2012 — Regional Retreat. Priestfield Retreat Center, Priestfield, W.Va.



St. Anthony's Shrine

St. Margaret of Cortona Region Chapter of Elections Saturday, March 24, 2012 Agenda

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Gathering Time Light breakfast foods
10:15 a.m.	Welcome: Fr. John Shanahan, TOR Friar Witness Michelle Kim – International Counselor Election Presider
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Election of Officers
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch*
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Mass in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel Installation of New Servant Leaders
	*\$7.00

Regional Formation Director's Message

Greetings, once again, to all of my sisters and brothers in Francis and Christ!

Our Formation Workshop March 2 to 4 was a resounding success. More than 50 people attended, including Jan Parker, a member of the National Formation Commission, who presented the overview of the new FUN Manual. Anne Mulqueen, National Representative to CIOFS talked about Our Identity as Secular Franciscans. Formation team members Susan Burke, Mary Lou Coffman, Ann Corro and Jeanie McLees made presentations, and I conducted a lively and interesting roundtable and wrap-up. National Minister Tom Bello greeted us at the beginning of the workshop, Peggy Gregory of Holy Family Fraternity chose the music and put together a beautiful worship aid for our Saturday evening Mass, and Fr. John Shanahan, one of our Regional Spiritual Assistants, was the presider at the Mass

The participants at the workshop were excited about the new material, and are looking forward to putting it to use in their formation programs.

The next upcoming event is the third annual Inquirers' and Candidates' Day of Recollection of April 21 at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City. Please look at my article of the November UTN on page 5 for the specifics. This day was originally intended inquirers, candidates, and those within the first year of their profession. After evaluative discussion on the last two days of recollection (4/10/10 and 4/2/11), even though events were truly uplifting for all who attended, we felt that in order to better facilitate our prospective sisters and brothers in our Father Francis, we keep the topics of the day geared toward discernment, assisting them in making their final and permanent commitment to our order. In this respect, formation is a responsibility of all of the "seasoned" and professed sisters and brothers, a primary service, and a

spiritual inspiration by us to all these perspective sisters and brothers. So, please encourage your fraternity's inquirers and candidates to attend this day and assist them to promote and enhance their discernment process. Again, the date this year is April 21. A registration form is on page 7 of this issue of *Up to Now*. Call or email me if you have any questions.

Now let's focus on our newly-formed youth formation planning sub-committee. Jeanie McLees, our sub-committee coordinator, tells us that the sub-committee will be doing a youth ecology presentation at the gathering of Del Camino fraternity on April 28. This presentation will also involve landscape plantings on the grounds of their gathering place, Capulchin College in D.C. This activity will be in observance of the 42nd annual Earth Day, April 22. The youth sub-committee's main purpose is to devise a youth/young adult formation program that can be used regionwide. The sub-committee is always open to any member of any of our fraternities who want to work with our youth and young adults. Once again, I emphasize that formation is one of our primary responsibilities to all of us, especially to our young people. Contact Jeanie at JeanieMcLees@cox.net if you are interested in helping on the sub-committee.

Lastly, retreats have always been a part of our ongoing formation process. So I would like to invite all of you to our next annual regional retreat at our usual place of Priestfield Retreat Center in Kearneysville, W.V., on October 5-7, 2012. This event has traditionally been a weekend of deep fellowship and spiritual renewal and enrichment of our Franciscan lives. So, I hope to see all of you there. More information, of course, will be coming in the next issue.

Mike Huether
Regional Formation Director

Editor's Note: So far this year has been so filled with filling, that I've had a great deal of trouble getting this issue put together. In order to get the bios of the candidates out to you in a (more or less) timely fashion, I'm eliminating much of the news and features that would ordinarily be included in the issue.

Please be assured that notices of profession, anniversaries, losses in the family, and all the other news about our fraternities will be included in the next issue.

Please accept my apology for both the lateness of the issue and its truncated condition.

Peace and love,
Mary Lou



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our specific needs. I've also enjoyed sharing personal stories with our members of overseas pilgrimages, shared pictures taken of Assisi and other holy places, and was able to bring the use of the Internet to our meetings, coupled with the use of a media projector, in order to deepen our spiritual growth.

I try to serve the Region through prayer, by being a faithful Minister, by trying to follow in the footsteps of Francis and Clare, by living the Gospel to the best of my ability, and by attending Regional Minister Meetings. In the past, I have also attended several retreats at Loyola and Priestfield, as well as attending the Franciscan Leadership Workshop in Loretto, PA. I have also completed an online course entitled 'Franciscan Gospel Living in a Contemporary World' offered through St. Francis University. I have shared several resources with other fraternities that our Council has compiled and currently use, such as distributing and emailing the SFO Formation Booklet that was drafted with the help of Council, as well as sharing our written Fraternity Guidelines and other resources with other regional fraternities.

Why I feel called to serve the region:

After prayerful consideration, I feel the Holy Spirit is calling me to reach out more to my Franciscan brothers and sisters, through means of leadership and dialogue. If elected, my goals include but are not limited to the following:

- To faithfully uphold the office of Regional Minister to the best of my ability according to Article 63 of the Secular Franciscan Constitution.
- To contact each fraternity personally or through means of the Regional Council members, in order to determine what each individual fraternity's needs are and to work towards meeting those needs.
- To always faithfully obey and uphold the teachings of the Magisterium of the Holy Roman Catholic Church and to provide updated information to fraternities from the Region as they are received. I will also provide members with information regarding authoritative Church teachings, by the means of various tools; such as email, Regional website, and also by way of Regional and local Council members' fraternal and pastoral visits, etc.
- One of my goals is to also help structure formation programs where needed and to provide materials to aid in the process.
- And lastly, to lift up in daily prayer all our Franciscan brothers and sisters throughout the world and to animate and guide the Region to the best of my ability.

Vice Minister**Christopher Cropper, OFS**

Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity

I have been professed for 6 years.

How I serve my fraternity/the region:

I was professed November 19, 2006, and was elected Vice-Minister of Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity in January 2007. I have taught formation classes and continue to teach on-going formation. I started a Hospitality Committee that I continue to lead. I assist with Liturgical planning as well as Extraordinary Minister, Lector, and Altar server. I have acted as Minister in the absence of our Minister. I help plan our monthly meetings as well as contribute to our newsletter, The Chimes. I collaborate with the Minister in creating new programs, policies, and developing ideas. I reach out to members, who may be struggling with health, job, or emotional difficulties. I am a prayer warrior for the fraternity and its members. I am also a guardian for the physical and spiritual well-being of our members.

Why I feel called to serve the region:

After attending the Regional meeting in December 2011, and after much prayer and reflection, I have felt the desire to serve the Lord and our sisters and brothers in the Secular Franciscan Order in a greater capacity. I would like to serve as Vice Minister by helping the Regional Council develop and implement plans and policies that will be consistent with the growth of the members of the SFO. I will help create strategies for the various fraternities to grow. I will visit and help fraternities develop spiritually and fraternally. I will be a prayer warrior for the Region of St. Margaret of Cortona. I will be a gentle peacemaker with all fraternities. I will strive to improve communication at the various levels of the SFO hierarchy. I will work with the National Council in an effort of cooperation. I will be faithful to the Roman Catholic Church and its teachings and authority as our father St. Francis was. I will always strive to learn, grow, and develop as a Secular Franciscan and to share my life with others.

Mary Simmons, OFS

St. Padre Pio Fraternity

I have been professed for 16 years.

How I serve my fraternity/the region:

- Professed into Little Flower Fraternity on March 23, 1986
- Represented Little Flower Fraternity on the Peace & Justice Commission with my husband Ed
- Assisted with ongoing formation and when asked, gave presentations

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- Established a fraternity in Harford County with the assistance of Fr. Bart Karwacki, OFM, Conv., RSA, Ann Corro, Regional Minister and Carolyn Protin, Regional Councilor — Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity canonically established November 22, 1999
- Acting fraternity minister of Padre Pio Fraternity from 1996 to 2000.
- Elected fraternity minister of Padre Pio Fraternity and served two terms as fraternity minister from 2001 – 2006, totaling 10 years serving as Acting/Fraternity Minister
- Served as Md. Pa. Del. Regional Councilor for two terms from 2006-2012 — duties include holding quarterly meetings for the area ministers, conducting fraternal elections and visitations, attending regional executive council meetings and reporting on the Md. Pa. Del. area at the yearly regional council meetings
- Worked with local ministers and advised them on issues of concern when needed
- Taught CCD, and served as Eucharistic Minister for 25 years in my Parish, St. Mark's, Fallston, MD
- Certified as a spiritual director from the Archdiocese of Baltimore under the direction of Fr. Dale Picarelli
- Served on the Regional Area Formation Team, led by Jenny Moreria from 1999–2006, and when asked gave presentations
- Currently serve as Secretary to St. Padre Pio Fraternity

Why I feel called to serve the region:

I feel so grateful to the Region for all that it has done for me; especially for the help given to me to get St. Padre Pio Fraternity started and canonically established. I would like to give back to the Region for all that they have given to me. They have shown me what true Servant Leadership is and the value of each and every person, no matter what their condition may be, and to work for peace and justice for all. This is how I feel called to serve the region.

Personal Information

- Married and have 4 children and 4 grandchildren.
- Work as a dental hygienist
- Graduated Phi Theta Kappa, on the National Dean's List and awarded The Dental Hygiene Curriculum Award and Distinguished Scholar Awards.

Secretary

Teri Egan, OFS

St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Washington, D.C.
I was professed in 1999.

How I serve my fraternity/the region:

- Current Regional Secretary.
- Peace and Justice chair for my Fraternity.
- Peace and Justice Representative on the regional executive council.
- Member of the National Peace and Justice Commission.
- Organized the Chapter of Mats in 2011.

Why I feel called to serve the region:

I care very much for our region. Unity and expression of the Franciscan Charism is what we should all strive for. The regional executive council serves as the model for this.

Treasurer

Mary Lou Coffman, OFS

St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Triangle, Va.
I have been professed for 14 years.

My qualifications are:

Eight years experience as bookkeeper in various companies.

How I serve my fraternity/the region:

- Before I was even an inquirer, I volunteered to serve as editor of *Up to Now*. After a period when I did not serve in this position, I again took that responsibility, which continues to the present.
- I was Formation Director of my local fraternity for 12 years, bringing 38 years experience in adult formation, of which 18 years were as a member of our parish RCIA team.
- I have been Minister of my fraternity since January 2011.
- During the past three-year term, I've served as Area Councilor for Virginia.
- I am a pianist for the choir and cantored Masses in my parishes, and now provide liturgical music at some gatherings of the Regional Fraternity.
- I am on the Regional Formation Team. In that capacity, I attended the National FUN Manual workshop in May 2011 and made a presentation on Profession at the Regional Workshop in March 2012.
- I edited and indexed the FUN Manual.
- I copy edit the national newsletter, The TAU.

Why I feel called to serve the region:

Ever since I began attending fraternity meetings in 1995, there's been no question in my mind that a major part of my identity is as a Secular Franciscan.

I feel that God has given me an overflowing abundance of

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gifts, and that the grateful response to having received those gifts is to share them, hopefully to enrich the Franciscan lives of my brothers and sisters in the Order.

I feel called to stand for election as the Treasurer of the Regional Fraternity, because it’s just part of my nature to step up where I feel there’s a need.

Formation Minister

Mike Huether, OFS

I have been professed for 14 years.

How I serve my fraternity/the region:

I serve my fraternity as Vice Minister and as a member of the formation team, periodically conducting initial and ongoing formation sessions.

Why I feel called to serve the region:

My call to serve the region has been going on for the last three years as Regional Formation Director and continues as strongly as it has from the beginning. I plan to continue my “fraternal” visits to fraternities promoting all the apostolates, but in particular, ecology, formation, and especially youth and young adult formation.

My regional team members, who have been very proactive, and I established the Youth Formation Subcommittee with very capable and talented servant leadership. We must move on to make SFO formation the priority for the Order that it truly is. We move on, “For up to now, we have done nothing.

D.C. Area Councilor

Laura Hansen-Rainey, OFS

St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity

I was professed in 2009.

How I serve my fraternity/the region:

I currently serve as Formation Director for St. Anthony of Nagasaki fraternity in DC.

Why I feel called to serve the region:

Why I feel called to serve the region: I believe that all Secular Franciscans should step up and serve the larger fraternity whenever possible. With God’s help, I hope to be able to provide guidance and insights from the regional council to the fraternities in the DC area – and from the fraternities to the regional council.

Md./Penn./Del. Area Councilor

Mary Simmons, OFS

(See listing under Vice Minister)

Sheila Solomon, OFS

St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity

I have been professed for 11 years.

How I serve my fraternity/the region:

Worked on social justice apostolate after becoming professed, council member, currently in second term as minister of the St. Joseph of Cupertino Fraternity.

Why I feel called to serve the region:

I feel that each of us is called to discern how we can serve the fraternity according to our life situation, physical health and financial means. Although I am working full time and currently have a demanding schedule, I feel I can meet the commitment of area councilor if elected. I welcome the opportunity to visit fraternities in our region and hope to work at bringing them together to share as the brothers and sisters that we are.

Virginia Area Councilor

Claire Hoagland, OFS

St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity, Triangle, Va.

I have been professed for 16 years.

I am a wife, a mom, daughter, sister, niece, cousin, social worker and a Franciscan. I am someone who speaks out for those who cannot speak out for themselves. I have found that other religions and faiths provide me with a wonderful sense of spirituality. I am a lover of nature and always have been. I am also a lover of life and attempt to live every day to the fullest. I feel that I have always been Franciscan.

I have been married to my best friend for almost 20 years and we have a 17 year old daughter and 3 dogs—including one who has one eye, who we recently adopted. Raising our daughter has always been my first “job.” My career currently has me working as a social worker—providing counseling to families, teenagers and adults. I also work as a care coordinator for those in the military and their family members who have suffered traumatic brain injuries.

I was professed as a Franciscan in 1997—following in the footsteps of my mom as a Secular Franciscan. I have held the positions within my fraternity of Treasurer and Minister. I have held the position of Vice Minister and JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) Coordinator for the St. Margaret of Cortona Region for the past 3 years. I am currently an Action Commissioner with the Franciscan Action Network (FAN).

I have enjoyed representing the Region at various events and have enjoyed being active within the region and in my own fraternity. I love being who I am—including being Franciscan.



Come, Follow Me

Franciscan Day of Recollection For Inquirers and Candidates Easter 2012

Saturday, April 21, 2012, 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

Presenter

Mary Lou Coffman, OFS

Jesus invited his friends to follow him. Is he inviting us to follow him in the footsteps of Francis? Are we ready to answer his call? 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: \$30.00 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 bring a bandana or a scarf with you.

Please return this form with
payment by April 7 to:

Mike Huether
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My heart is ready, oh God; my heart is ready.

Psalm 57:7

Franciscan Saints, Blesseds and Feasts

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

FEBRUARY

- 17 **Bl. Luke Belludi**, religious, I Ord.
- 19 **St. Conrad of Piacenza**, hermit, III Ord.
- 27 **Bl. Sebastian of Aparicio**, religious, I Ord.

MARCH

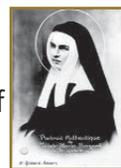
- 2 **Bl. Agnes of Prague**, virgin, II Ord.
- 3 **Bls. Liberatus Weiss, Samuele Marzorati and Michele Pio Fasoli**, priests and martyrs, I Ord.
- 5 **St. John Joseph of the Cross**, priest, I Ord.
- 9 **St. Frances of Rome**, religious, III Ord.
- 12 **Bl. Angela Salawa**, virgin, III Ord.
- 18 **St. 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.



St. Agnes of Prague

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**, cord-bearer of St. Francis
St. Benedict Joseph Labre, cord-bearer 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.



St. Bernadette Soubirous

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.



St. Margaret of Cortona

Luca Pacioli

Although not declared a saint, Luca Pacioli (1446/7 – 1517) was a Franciscan friar, called the Father of Accounting and one of the greatest men of the Renaissance. He is also one of the least known.



Pope Paul II (1417-1471) encouraged Pacioli to become a monk and dedicate his life to God. Pacioli took the pope's suggestion and took the vows of Franciscan Minor. He was the first person to describe double-entry accounting, also known as the Venetian method. The new system was state-of-the-art, and revolutionized economy and business. It was described in a book he wrote called in English *The Collected Knowledge of Arithmetic, Geometry, Proportion and Proportionality*, which was widely read and became one of the first books published on the Gutenberg press. This manuscript made him famous, and he was invited to teach mathematics at the Court of Duke Lodovico Maria Sforza in Milan. One of his pupils would be Leonardo Da Vinci.

During the seven years Pacioli and Da Vinci spent together, the two would help each other create two masterpieces that would withstand the test of time. Da Vinci illustrated Pacioli's next and second most important manuscript *Of Divine Proportions*, and Pacioli taught Da Vinci perspective and proportionality. This knowledge allowed Da Vinci to create one of his greatest masterpieces, the famous painting known as "The Last Supper." Da Vinci mentions Pacioli many times in his notes.

In 1510, Pacioli was appointed director of the Franciscan monastery in Sansepolcro; it was said much to the dismay of his fellow friars. In 1514, Pope Leo III called Pacioli to the papacy in Rome to become a teacher there. Scholars are uncertain about what happened to Pacioli afterwards but are fairly certain he never made it to Rome. He probably died on June 19, 1517, in the monastery.

For more about Luca Pacioli go to:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luca_Pacioli

Joe Harkins in Troubadour, newsletter of the Holy Family Fraternity