

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



Fr. Philippus Philippus, OFM Cap

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

May 2010

Region Holds Day of Reflection for Candidates and Newly Professed

What an enlightening day it was! I speak of the day of Emmaus journeying we all took at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City on April 10. Seventy-two of our region's orienters, inquirers, candidates, newly-professed, formation directors and fraternity ministers came together for a day of sharing, reflection, and good fellowship with the newness of Easter and springtime fresh on our minds. It would indeed be an understatement to say that our sister Anne Mulqueen and our brother and spiritual guide, Brother Mark Pattock, OFM Cap., did a superb job inspiring all of us with their personal Emmaus stories that day.

It was a little on the cool side, but as the bright sunny day progressed, all who attended were prompted to make their own journeys to profession, or their professions already made, their own personal "Roads to Emmaus" in our ongoing Franciscan way of life. The theme of the day, of course, was based upon that famous Gospel story of the two disciples of Jesus who walked on that road to Emmaus bewil-



Attendees gather in the courtyard of the Franciscan monastery at the end of the day.

dered, uncertain, puzzled and confused about the events of the passion and death of Jesus they had only recently observed. Then Jesus appeared to them as a stranger inquiring about the events they talk about until at dinner the Eucharist is once again offered them, revealing to them



Attendees sign in at the registration table at the beginning of the day of reflection.

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Minister's Message



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I hope your Easter season has been filled with many blessings! The gospel readings throughout this Easter season remind us over and over again that the Lord Jesus is the bearer of peace to all — not as the world gives peace but as He gives it.

By our Baptism and by our profession to the Secular Franciscan Order, we too must be messengers of peace. As we live out this challenge in our day to day lives, we know that this is indeed a challenge. How do we respond? How do we live out this commitment? By God's grace and our openness to the Holy Spirit, we will find the ways in our lives to be the catalyst for peace, for forgiveness, for understanding in our families, in our church, in our workplace and in our fraternities. Each day we must lift each other up in prayer. Where two or three are gathered, He is there.

If we wonder why our church today is struggling with many, many issues, we need only to reflect again on the readings from the Acts of the Apostles. Our predecessors worked tirelessly for unity and peace among the first church communities by seeking the guidance and direction of the Holy Spirit. What more inspiration do we need?

The feast of Pentecost is almost here. May this day be a very special one for us. Let the Holy Spirit be our strength to meet and address the challenges to peace and forgiveness that are all around us.

At the recent Confirmation of one of my grandchildren, this gathering hymn spoke to me. I hope that it will be meaningful for you!

Alive in one Spirit, we gather at table,
alive in one Spirit, anointed we serve,
called to be sacrament of the Lord's
presence, light to the nations and salt of
the earth.

All have been given to drink of the Spirit
so that the gifts of our God may abound,
so that the thirsty may find living water.

Your love, O Lord has now drawn us
together that we may offer thanksgiving
and praise, learning again of our call and
our mission.

I look forward to seeing many of you during the next several months for fraternal visitations, area gatherings and fraternity elections.

In the peace and joy of Francis and Clare,
Mary Thuman, sfo
SMC Regional Minister

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Mark Your Calendar



August 2 - Feast of the Portiuncula. This is the only day of the year when the replica of the Portiuncula on the grounds of the Franciscan Monastery is open to the public.

October 3 - Transitus of Our Seraphic Father Francis. Various celebrations

will be listed in the August issue.

October 8-10 - Regional Retreat at Priestfield Retreat Center. (See registration information on page 8.)

December 4 - Regional Meeting. Location TBA.

July 15-17, 2011 - Chapter of Mats. Details will be provided in later issues.



Regional Formation Director's Message

In addition to the day of reflection for candidates and newly professed, we also had on March 13 sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity of Triangle, Va., and opened to the region. This day of recollection centered on Franciscan peacemaking and was a Lenten reflection in time of war. Fr. Bob Menard, OFM, led us on this day of reflection and did a fantastic job in educating us in and impressing upon us the Franciscan experience of war and peace. He first spoke of how Francis himself dealt with the issue, citing such examples as his meeting with the sultan. He then educated us on how war and peace were handled in Franciscan history as it developed. We viewed a fascinating video about Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, sfo, a 20th century martyr (see article on page 3). We concluded the day with small group workshops on aspects of Franciscan peacemaking and how we can be involved. We thank St. Francis of Assisi of Triangle for all of their efforts at putting this quality day together for all of us.

On the topic of ongoing fraternity visits. I attended the monthly gatherings of St. Francis Fraternity for the deaf, Del Camino, and St. Francis (Capuchin College) fraternities on February 21, 27, and March 20, respectively. A hearty thank you to these fraternities for their hospitality and warm welcomes. They all had excellent ongoing formation

presentations on these days and have very viable initial formation programs as well. My next visit will be on June 12, when I stop in to see St. Anthony of. I will be scheduling more visits in the very near future as my school teaching obligations recess for the summer. If I have not already visited your fraternity or you have a special gathering or other event coming up that you wish to have me or my formation team members there for, let me know as far in advance as possible by either phone or email. We'll be sure to put it on our schedule.

Finally, there had to be a change made in the next regional formation team meeting, held at Ann Corro's home, due to conflicts with meetings and other workshops coming up in June. The new date is July 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. As before and as always, formation directors and ministers, as well as the regional team, are welcome to attend.

Have a happy Mother's day, Memorial Day, Father's Day and a great and restful summer to all!

Mike Huether, SFO
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Beatification of Franz Jägerstätter, Secular Franciscan



An Austrian whose conscientious objection to the Nazi draft led to his beheading in 1943 at age 36, Secular Franciscan Jägerstätter was beatified on October 26, 2007, in Linz, Austria.

Born on May 20, 1907, Franz grew up in the small Austrian village of St. Radekund. He had a wild and rebellious youth and early adulthood, but experienced a religious conversion in 1934

while working in the Stienmark iron mines. He began attending Mass frequently and was drawn to deep prayer and reading of scripture. When he returned to St. Radekund, those who had known him during his wild days were astonished at his conversion.

In 1936, Franz married a prayerful and devout woman named Franziska, with whom he had three daughters. Soon after their marriage, Franz became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and was an active participant in the village parish, working as a church sexton whenever he was not farming the family fields. His daily life included

fasting until noon each day, and although he and his wife were not well-off, he gave generously to the poor. Franz began to earn a reputation as a fanatic, and those who had denounced his wild youth denounced his conversion to Gospel living.

Upon Germany's annexation of Austria in 1938, Jägerstätter openly opposed the takeover and the ideology of National Socialism, which he described as a "shining train going to hell." Drafted in 1940, he reported for six months' training in the motor corps, after which he vowed to refuse future conscription. In March 1943, Franz presented himself to the military and stated that under no circumstances would he fight and kill, offering instead to serve as a medical orderly. He was sentenced to death for sedition; the courts never responded to his offer.

On August 9, 1943, Franz was beheaded lying on his back facing the guillotine. "Just as a man who thinks only of this world does everything possible to make life here easier and better," he wrote, "so must we, too, who believe in the eternal Kingdom, risk everything in order to receive a great reward there. Our struggle is for the eternal Kingdom."

—from SFO News, the monthly newsletter of the Mother Cabrini Regional Fraternity, Nov. 2007

Letter from the National Minister



April 11, 2010

Dear National Family,

As our Lord says three times in today's Divine Mercy Gospel from St. John, "Peace be with you!"

And as our SFO Rule (19) instructs us:

"Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon."

Thus, as in the last three years, so now on this Divine Mercy Sunday, your NAFRA Peace Award Committee is making three requests to you:

First, we would like each fraternity in the United States, locally, regionally and nationally, to pray and work with renewed Spirit from our Risen Lord Jesus Christ for Peace: Peace in our hearts, Peace in our families, Peace in our Church, Peace in our fraternities, Peace in our world, all for the glory of God. Please pray and work for that Peace that only our Lord Jesus can bring!

Second, we would like each fraternity in the United States, locally and regionally, to consider giving some Peace Recognition to a worthy recipient of its own choosing. This Peace Recognition may be a letter from the Minister of the fraternity thanking this individual for working for Peace in the fraternity, in the parish or in the community. You might invite this person to break bread together in Peace at a local restaurant. You might write an article in your fraternity or regional newsletter or send this article to TAU-USA. Anything you might do to recognize those who work for Peace would be appreciated.

Third, we would like each fraternity in the United States, locally and regionally, to consider making a nomination to us, the NAFRA Peace Award Committee for a recipient to receive the 2010 NAFRA Peace Award at the NAFRA Gathering in Arizona in October 2010.

You might click on or insert into your Web browser the following eight-and-a-half-minute YouTube discussion that I offered at NAFRA 2009 to explain the NAFRA Peace Award:

<http://www.youtube.com/secularfranciscans>.

We would prefer that fraternities, local or regional, make these nominations, but nominations by individual Secular Franciscans will be accepted. Nominations may be submitted in hard copy or email to any of the members of the Committee: La Verna Regional Minister and former Chair of the Peace Award Committee Ken Beattie (beatiesfo@aol.com); National Secretary Jan Parker (jansfo@yahoo.com); former Mother Cabrini Regional Minister and current FAN Area Commissioner Stephanie Sormane (stefsfo@sbcglobal.net); or to me directly (Tom Bello, SFO/ 1710 Chesterbrook Vale Ct./McLean, VA 22101-3244 or tbellosofo@gmail.com).

Our firm deadline is July 1, 2010.

A nomination is not complicated or time-consuming. It needs only three parts: one, the name of the possible recipient; two, reasons why this person should be considered; three, the name of the person or group making the nomination.

As you will be able to read in the Guidelines and discern from the full list below of the past Peace Award recipients, each fraternity has great freedom of choice in their nomination for the NAFRA Peace Award.

Here are the Guidelines:

A nominee should have made significant efforts in the generally defined area of Peace. Current activities would carry more weight than past activity; that is, a nominee exhibiting current Peace activity will have more weight over a nominee who displayed activity a few years ago. In order to prevent any scandal, the nominee should be of known good moral character.

As this is a National award, nominees who reside in the United States or U.S. Territories would have more weight than nominees from other parts of the world. Nominees need not be Franciscan or Catholic. Nominees should not be political, nor carry an agenda.



(See Peace Award, page 4)

(Peace Award, from page 3)

The Peace Award was first awarded in 1950 by the North American Federation of the Third Order of St. Francis, now the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (NAFRA). The award was presented to the following:

- 1950 - Myron C. Taylor
- 1951 - John Foster Dulles
- 1952 - John W. McCormack
- 1953 - John C. Wur
- 1954 - Ralph Bunche
- 1955 - *
- 1956 - John R. Gariepy
- 1957 - Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing
- 1958 - Patrick McGrehan, Sr.
- 1959 - Victor Andrew Belaunde
- 1960 - J. Edgar Hoover
- 1961 - George K. Huntor
- 1962 - Mrs. Lester Auberlin
- 1963 - Rev. Martin L. King, Jr.
- 1964 - Most Rev. John J. Wright
- 1965 - Pope Paul VI
- 1966 - Cardinal Wyszynski
- 1967 - Bishop Fred Pierce Carson
- 1968 - Robert F. Kennedy (post)
- 1969 - Msgr. Robert Fox
- 1970 - Bp. James Walsh MM
- 1971 - *
- 1972 - Jean Vanier
- 1973 - *
- 1974 - Mother Teresa of Calcutta
- 1975 - Dom Helder Camara
- 1976 - Abp. Joseph L. Bernadine

- 1977 - 1979 *
- 1980 - Anwar Sadat
- 1981 - 1985 *
- 1986 - Pope John Paul II
- 1987 - 1999 *
- 2000 - James Flickinger, sfo
- 2001 - Hal Sieber, sfo
- 2002 - Ona Harris, sfo
- 2003 - 2006 *
- 2007 - Dr. Anthony Lazzara, sfo
- 2008 - Marie Dennis, sfo
- 2009 - Don Ryder, sfo
- *No award given in these years.

As you can see, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, for one example, was neither American, Catholic nor Franciscan. However, since 2000, the NAFRA Peace Award has gone to an SFO residing in the United States. Each of the NAFRA Peace Award Recipients since 2007 had been nominated more than once before being actually recognized; if your fraternity has made a nomination before that wasn't recognized, please consider making that nomination again. With many worthy Peace-makers in the world, one nomination may not be enough to bring proper and deserved recognition.

Please accept my prayers and best wishes for a Blessed and Peaceful Divine Mercy Sunday and Easter Season. Thanks for all you do to pray and work for Peace. Let us always pray for one another.

—Tom Bello
on behalf of the
NAFRA Peace Award Committee



Tau Day of Spirituality



THE SEVEN LAST WORDS OF CHRIST*

A Bible Journey on Jesus' Passion
Saturday, 20 March 2010

We began our Lenten Journey with Mass and afterward, as we settled down with coffee and bagels, we started with music from "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois. We used each

of the seven movements to introduce each chapter coinciding with each of the Seven Last Words. We divided each

chapter into three sections for discussion purposes: introductory reflection, learning from scripture, and finally experiencing, living and praying Jesus' words.

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM; FOR THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT THEY ARE DOING."

To begin this section, we were asked to place ourselves at the foot of the cross, both among the guilty and among those forgiven. The section centered on three themes: forgiveness, guilt and conscience. We discussed the spiritual condition of our conscience and how guilt affects that condition. We as Christians must understand and accept this great gift of forgiveness that our Lord has given us or He

*By Rich Cleveland, *Emmaus Journey*, The Word Among Us Press, 2006)

(See "Day of Spirituality," page 6)

(“Day of Spirituality,” from page 5)

will have died for nothing. **Gift one: Forgiveness.**

“TRULY I TELL YOU, TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME IN PARADISE.”

We continued with the theme of forgiveness along with Christ’s unending mercy for us. However, we may not be as fortunate as the thief Dismas. The reality of our eternal destiny must be taken care of on this side, here and now. We must realize that our merits are only that and completely dependent upon our Lord’s grace and mercy. As a result, when mercy is understood and received, we should show a spirit of gratitude and with the power of grace turn to righteous living. **Gift two: Mercy.**

“WOMAN, HERE IS YOUR SON....HERE IS YOUR MOTHER.”

We move to new themes in this third section: separation and Mary as our mother. Separation came about in several forms: Jesus emotionally separated from His Father; Jesus separated from his Mother; and Mary separated from her Son. This third Word reminds us that even in extreme emotional and mortal pain, our Lord still thought of others: Mary and the disciple John. In this one statement, a strong theological connection is established in terms of a familial relationship: between Mary and John and Mary and the Church. Since we are the Church, our Lord has given us his mother Mary as well. **Gift three: his mother Mary.**

“MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

The first four words are the key: even at this point of despair, Jesus called his Father – My God, my God. He once again sets an example for all of us, that no matter how dark or despairing our hour, we can always turn to God our Father. We must never forget that our Lord loves us always. **Gift four: God’s eternal love for us.**

“I AM THIRSTY.”

It was ironic that the one who said, “Those who drink of

the water I will give them will never be thirsty” now cried “I am thirsty.” While discussing this theme of thirst, we pondered the questions: Did our Lord indicate that his thirst was to finish drinking the cup of salvation or indicating his thirst for the souls whom he longed to save? In retrospect, we often find ourselves in the same quandary, in that the world provides us only with “sour wine” to quench our thirst, when what we really need is the Living Water that only our Lord can provide. **Gift five: Living Water.**

“IT IS FINISHED.”

On the surface, this statement appears to indicate that Jesus was giving up. However, when one realizes that the Lord used the word “it” and not “I,” it becomes a statement of triumph. He sealed our salvation and brought us freedom from eternal judgment. Our debt was paid by these words. It is strange how an instrument of death became a symbol of love. This new freedom empowers us to love God from the heart in deed and truth. Our joy stemming from this relationship with God must now overflow into our relationships with other people or it cannot be complete. When our time comes will we be able to say, “It is finished”? **Gift six: Freedom.**

“I COMMEND MY SPIRIT.”

In the final word, we learned that there is both a holy way to die well, selflessly and fully cooperating with the Father, and a holy way to live well, selflessly and fully cooperating with the Father. Every day, we must adhere to his will, and recognizing his will as “good” is essential to that act of trust. Jesus provided the ultimate example of trust when he commended his Spirit to his Father. The key to dying well is to learn to live well, relating to others as our Lord did in conjunction with a living relationship with the Father. **Gift seven: Eternal Reward.**

—Bill Bouffard, Minister
Tau Fraternity, Herndon, Va.



Important Reminder About Responding to Group Emails

Brothers, and Sisters,
I am giving you this important reminder, because I forgot, and broadcast a response to the whole Ministers List, when I meant to reply to only the sender. Honestly, I was a little embarrassed that it went back to everyone!

When you want to reply only to the sender (or to only selected others), FORWARD the email, don’t REPLY to the email. When you reply to a Ministers List message, it goes

to everyone on the list. By forwarding the message with a reply, you can limit the recipients.

Don’t get caught in an embarrassing moment as I did!

Peace and all good,
Mary Lou



Refresh Restore Renew

Join your brothers and sisters at the annual St. Margaret of Cortona retreat at the beautiful Priestfield Pastoral Center.

You will be refreshed by the serenity of the peaceful mountain setting.

You will be restored by the spirit-stretching presentations and discussions.

You will renew your friendships in fellowship with your brothers and sisters.

Go to the registration form on page 8.



Where : Priestfield Pastoral Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430-3742

When: October 8-10 2010

Fr. Jude Winkler, OFM Conventual, will direct the Retreat

Who: All Secular Franciscans. Including candidates, inquirers and spiritual assistants

REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Submit form no later than September 3, 2010.
2. Please type or print all information clearly. (This form can be filled in on your computer and then printed out.)
- 3 Only one participant per registration form.
4. NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$50.00 must accompany this form.
5. **Make your check payable to St. Margaret of Cortona Region and mail this form with payment to:**

Carolyn Protin
 115 Starland Way
 Milford, DE 19963-5378
 Phone # 302 424-2441
 e-mail: ceprotin@att.net

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____ E-mail _____

Fraternity _____

Please check room requirement:

Rooms are designed for double occupancy for maximum attendees.

- A) Single occupancy room: \$184.00
- B) Double occupancy room: \$160.00
- C) Single occupancy cabin: \$218.00
- D) Double occupancy cabin: \$173.00
- E) Dormitory: \$138.00

Please choose a roommate or one can be assigned for you.

Select single occupancy only if there is a serious or medical reason.

Thank you! We had to turn some people away last year, as we had too many choosing single occupancy.

Name of preferred roommate _____

Amount enclosed with this form \$ _____



Attendees gather in the courtyard of the Franciscan monastery at the end of the day.



Fortunately, registrants were met not only with paperwork, but with coffee!

Attendees were fortified with a bountiful lunch at the noon break.



who he really is: just as he told them they would recognize him days before at the Last Supper.

As Anne and Brother Mark related to us how Jesus made the events of their lives an eventual revelation for them, so too, we make the events and experiences of our quests for profession or enrichment in our already established professed lives our own personal journeys to Emmaus and to how Jesus revealed himself to all of us. So a tremendous thanks to you, Anne and Brother Mark for all of your time, sharing, and effort in leading us that day!

So do we plan an encore and follow-up to this beautiful day? Yes, indeed, we do!



The group listened attentively as Brother presents a discussion of the Emmaus journey.



Of course no visit to the Monastery would be complete without a trip to the gift shop.

Members of the St. Thomas More Fraternity with Brother Mark in shrining of St. Anthony.



At the request of several of our brothers and sisters, we plan another day for the orienters, inquirers, etc., for the spring of 2011, tentatively scheduled for April 2. As Easter 2011 is on April 24, we are looking at a Lenten theme for the day. As more definite information develops, we will, of course, keep you informed.

—Story by Mike Huether, Regional Formation Director
Photos by Barbara Acri, St. Thomas More Fraternity



Spanish fraternity members with Brother Mark.

TIPS FOR REDUCING YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Use power strips. Turn off the lights. Put recycling bins where you will notice them. Buy energy-efficient appliances. Plant a tree. Eat less meat. Carry reusable grocery bags. Use smart bulbs. Use compost and natural alternatives. Eat fresh, buy local. Avoid buying bottled water.

The Flyer, St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Ellicott City, Md.

Around the Region

NEWLY PROFESSED

Mary Tschida Badjo, sfo, St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Rockville, Md., November 8, 2009

Annette Casanova, sfo, St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Rockville, Md., November 8, 2009

(With my sincere apologies for the delay in this notice.)

LOSSES IN THE FAMILY

Marie Morris, St. Conrad's Fraternity, Annapolis, Md., passed away on 3/31. She was professed on November 9, 1989. At St. Conrad's she was heavily involved in Formation. She was Vice Minister from 1992-1995, and Minister from 1996-1999. She was born Oct. 17, 1922

Christina Lynem, St. John the Beloved Apostle Fraternity, Alexandria, Va., professed August 2007, died March 9, 2010.

NEW SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT

Please welcome and lift up in prayer the new Spiritual Assistant for Mary Our Queen Fraternity in Baltimore, Fr. Berard Dudek, OFM conv. Fr. Berard is in residence at St. Clement's Parish in Rosedale, MD where Mary Our Queen Fraternity gathers.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED

St. Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, Va.

Minister: Ann Wester
Vice Minister: Bill Harrison
Secretary: Terrence Lisbeth
Treasurer: Dr. Elizabeth T. Shaeffer
Formation Director Anna Claire Smith
Councilor at Large Mary Ann Caruso

St. Thomas More Fraternity, Harrisburg, Penn.

Minister: Barbara A. Acri
Vice Minister: Ana Delgado, sfo
Treasurer: Elsie Arnold, sfo
Secretary: David Artz, sfo
Formation Director: Andy Gubicza, sfo
Sp. Assist. Fr. Leon Leitern, OFM. Cap.

Saint Joseph Fraternity, York, Penn.

Minister: Robert Altland
Vice Minister: Mary Jo Ferro
Secretary: John Fay
Treasurer: Carmelina Adinolfi
Formation Director: Sharon Hare
Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Joseph Tuscan OFM Cap

What are We Reading?

Sun & Moon Over Assisi: a personal encounter with Francis and Clare by Gerard Thomas Straub, sfo, St. Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati, Ohio, ISBN 978-0-86716-856-3.

The first reaction of several readers has been "Why do I care about this guy?" However, after about 20 pages, one begins to care very much.

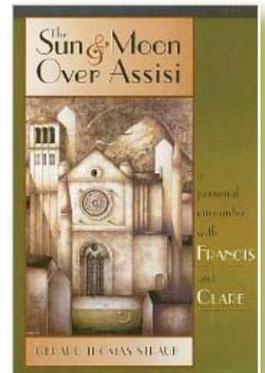
The book is about five books in one; it's organized in five sections: The Atheist and the Saint; Saint Francis of Assisi; Saint Clare of Assisi; Giotto; and Assisi.

Straub weaves his personal journey into his discovery of the spirituality of Francis and Clare. Along the way, he offers reflections on how the lives of Francis and Clare are relevant to our current secular society. He provides references and reflections on the Liturgy of the Hours and contemporary and classical Christian authors. He analyzes the art of Giotto in the Basilica of St. Francis, and he gives a thoughtful and informative tour of the holy places in and around Assisi.

Those who I know who have read the book have enjoyed it very much, and have particularly appreciated the fact that

it's not written by a professional writer on spirituality, but by one of us — one who struggles with the questions, doubts and anxieties of everyday life.

I believe you will enjoy the book as well.



WEBSITES OF INTEREST

Eyjafjallajokull — the impact the volcano had on the economy in several different countries — not just Iceland and England.

<http://www.eco-justice.org/E-100423.asp>

Franciscan Tours offered by Secular Franciscans

<http://www.stfrancispilgrimages.com/index.html>

The Wilderness Society Website analyzes current conditions and offers tips on improving the environment.

<http://www.wilderness.org/>

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. Bernadine of Siena](#), priest, I Ord.
- 21 [Blessed Franz Jägerstätter](#), martyr, III Ord.
- 24 [Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis](#)
- 28 [St. Mariana of Jesus De Paredes](#), virgin, III Ord.
- 30 [Bl. Baptista Varano](#), virgin, II Ord.
- 30 [St. Ferdinand, King](#), III Ord.



St. Margaret of Cortona



The Basilica of St. Francis

JUNE

- 2 [St. Felix of Nicosia](#), religious, I Ord.
- 8 [Bl. Nicholas of Gèsturi](#), religious, I Ord.
- 12 [Bl. Florida Cevoli](#), virgin, I Ord.
[Bl. Jolenta](#), religious, III 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.
- 26 [Bl. Andrew Hyacinth Longhin](#), bishop, I Ord.
- 30 [Bl. Raymond Lull](#), martyr, III Ord.



St. Anthony of Padua

JULY

- 1 [Bl. Junipero Serra](#), priest, I Ord.
- 4 [St. Elizabeth of Portugal](#), queen, III Ord.

- 8 [St. Gregory Grassi](#), bishop, and companions, martyrs, I and III Ord.
- 9 [St. Nicholas Pick](#), priest, and companions, martyrs, I Ord.
- 10 [St. Veronica Giuliani](#), virgin, II Ord.
- 12 [Sts. John Jones and John Wall](#), priests, martyrs, I Ord.
- 13 [Bl. Angeline of Marsciano](#), 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](#), priest, I Ord.
- 21 [St. Lawrence of Brindisi](#), priest, doctor, I Ord.
- 23 [St. 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 Martinegro](#), virgin, II Ord.
- 28 [Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska](#), virgin, martyr of Poland, II Ord.
[Bl. Mattia Nazarej](#), virgin, II Ord.



St. Bridget of Sweden

AUGUST

- 2 [Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula](#)
- 3 [Bl. Frederic Janssoone](#), priest, I Ord.
- 4 [St. John Baptist Mary 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.



Our Lady of Angels of the Portiuncula



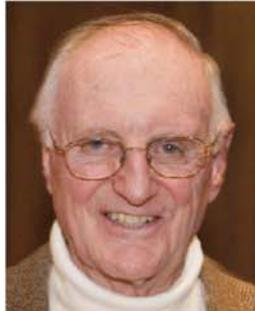
St. Clare

3rd Annual Summer SFO Seminar

Endorsed by the National Executive Council of the SFO

"Peace and Justice for Secular Franciscans"

Presenters:



Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM and



Pat Brandwein-Ball, SFO

Thursday evening, **June 24, 2010** - Sunday lunch, **June 27, 2010**



**St. Francis University
Loretto, PA**

Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM

Fr. Joseph presently serves as the treasurer and secretary for the Franciscan Action Network (FAN) Board of Directors. He recently retired from Franciscan Mission Service (FMS) in Washington, DC, of which he was a co-founder. The FMS is an overseas lay mission program of the Franciscan family (brothers, priests, sisters, and lay Franciscans) in North America. It screens, trains, places, and supports lay women and men for work in under-developed areas of the world. A member of the Franciscan Friars of Holy Name Province, he currently ministers to the Hispanic community at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Arlington, VA.

For the past twenty-two years Fr. Joseph has lived at the Assisi Community, an intentional live-in-community in inner city Washington, DC that he helped establish. Consisting of two vowed members and a number of lay women and men, the Assisi Community strives for a simple lifestyle while engaging in a variety of activities and ministries for justice and peace.

Promoting Peace and Justice, Fr. Joseph has served in the Office for International Justice and Peace for the USCCB, as Justice and Peace Director for the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, as an executive committee member of the Pax Christi USA, as a board member of the U.S. Catholic Mission Association (USCMA) and was on the staff of Sojourners Magazine as Outreach Director and editorial writer.

His service as a missionary in Bolivia and Peru for 15 years during the rise of liberation theology is captured in his book "Birth of a Church" that tells how one parish lived the vision of this theology. He also is co-author of "Say to This Mountain": Mark's Story of Discipleship, and "St. Francis and the Foolishness of God," a book used in the Institute for Contemporary Franciscan Life program at St. Francis University.



Patricia Brandwein-Ball, SFO

Pat is our newly appointed chair of JPIC, (Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation). She was appointed in October 2009, having served as chair of both the ad hoc committee to revise the apostolic commissions and the JPIC transition.

Pat has served the Secular Franciscan Order in elected leadership since 1992. She has served as local minister of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God Fraternity, Kennebunkport, ME; St. Casimir Provincial Minister; St Elizabeth of Hungary, Vice-Minister, then Regional Minister; and most recently, National Councilor. Pat is a member of the Spirit and Life Team. She travels extensively throughout New England and the country in service to the SFO.

Pat is a member of Our Lady of the Angels parish in Berwick, ME. She served many years ago as Confirmation CCD teacher and more recently served as a Eucharistic Minister and as part of the church cleaning crew.

Pat is a retreat director and facilitator, Spiritual Director of individuals and groups. She is a member of Spiritual Directors International. She holds a BA in Psychology from the University of New Hampshire. She is an LPN working as a pediatric nurse.

Pat lives in Maine with her husband and 2 adult sons. She is a passionate gardener and collector of amaryllis varieties.

The Topic: Peace and Justice

The seminar will begin on Thursday evening with dinner at 5, followed by Evening Prayer, introductions, and an overview of the seminar's topic, *Peace and Justice*.

The sessions on Friday will focus on Catholic Social Teaching – its history and its view of the Human Person and Creation. On Saturday we will explore the Franciscan view of the Human Person along with a further look at Catholic Social Teaching and Spirituality. The last session on Saturday will focus on *Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC)* – its mission and vision statements. Our Rule and Constitution will be key elements in the sessions. The Third Annual SFO Summer Seminar in Loretto wraps up on Sunday with a final session and lunch.

SFO LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Tentative Schedule

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Afternoon – Registration beginning 1 P.M.
(Eucharist available at Campus Chapel at 12
Noon for early arrivals) (*Christian Hall*)
5:00 – Dinner (*Torvian Dining Hall*)
6:15 – Evening Prayer (*DiSepioInstitute*)

Welcome and Introduction to the seminar

7:00 – **Session #1 – Overview of Seminar**
Theological Reflection: "Presence" –
Pat & Fr. Joseph
8:30 – Social – Christian Hall

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

8:00 AM – Breakfast (*Torvian Dining Hall*)
9:15 – Prayer (*DiSepio Institute*)
9:45 – **Session #2 – History of Catholic Social**
Teaching (CST) - Fr. Joseph
12:00 NOON – Lunch
2:00 PM – **Session #3 – CST view of the**
Human Person and Creation – Pat
Conversion/Response
4:00 – Eucharist (Chapel)
5:00 – Dinner
6:30 – Prayer Experience
7:00 – **Session #4 – Spirituality and Catholic**
Social Teaching - Fr. Joseph
8:30 – Social – Christian Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

8:00 AM – Breakfast
9:15 – Prayer
9:45 – **Session #5 – Franciscan view of the**
Human Person - Pat
Gratitude & Joy/conversion
12:00 NOON – Lunch
2:00 PM – **Session #6 – Further Considerations**
on CST and Spirituality - Fr. Joseph
4:00 – Eucharistic Liturgy for Sunday
5:00 – Dinner
6:30 - Prayer Experience
7:00 – **Session #7 – JPIC Mission & Vision**
Statements - Pat
Response/gratitude and joy/conversion
8:30 – Social – Christian Hall

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

8:00 AM – Breakfast
9:30 – Prayer
10:00 – **Session #8 – Conclusions**
12:00 NOON – Lunch and Departure

Directions to St. Francis University

By Car:

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 and Rt. 22 west. 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 and Baltimore, Md, 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.

Driving Distances:	
Pittsburgh	80 Miles
Baltimore	185 Miles
Cleveland	200 Miles
Scranton	210 Miles
Philadelphia	230 Miles
Buffalo	260 Miles
Columbus	270 Miles
New York City	300 Miles

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1. Please **TYPE** or **PRINT** all information clearly.
2. Payment must accompany this form and is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.
3. Registration Fee includes registration, air-conditioned dorm room, van shuttle to/from dorm, and all meals. **LIMITED NUMBER OF SINGLE ROOMS AVAILABLE!**
4. Make your check payable to: **ST FRANCIS UNIVERSITY**.
5. Mail form and payment to: Cecilia Maljan, SFO, 1111 Freyburg Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 100 PARTICIPANTS!

Absolutely no registrations accepted after June 12, 2010!

Early Registration:

Single Room \$ 240 = \$ _____ *(includes registration, air-conditioned dorm room, van shuttle to/from dorm, and all meals)*

After **April 30, 2010** the registration is \$ 265 per person.

Double Room \$200 pp = \$ _____

After **April 30, 2010** the registration is \$220 per person. Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

I will be rooming with _____

I will need a roommate – match me up if you can

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Title First Name(s) Last Name

Fraternity Name Region

Address City State Zip

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Questions? Contact Diane Rombouts, St. Francis University’s Institute for Contemporary Franciscan Life, (814) 472-3219 (daytime) or e-mail icfl@francis.edu