

# Up to Now

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

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and portions of West Virginia and Pennsylvania



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

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## Regional Executive Committee Election

**O**n March 24, 2012, the Ministers of St. Margaret of Cortona Region met to hold the region's triennial election. The election was held at the beautiful Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land.

Roll was called, indicating that 26 of the region's 30 fraternities were represented at the meeting. Then a brief tribute and thanks were given to our beloved outgoing Minister, Mary Thuman.

Then Michelle Kim, National Councilor, presided over the election. The newly-elected Executive Committee consists of

**Minister, Patrick Martin, ofs.** Patrick served as Regional Treasurer on the previous council and was, until his election, Minister of St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity.

**Vice Minister, Mary Simmons, ofs.** Mary served two terms as Md./Penn./Del. Area Councilor and has served her Franciscan brothers and sisters in many ways during the 26 years since she was professed. She is a member of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity.

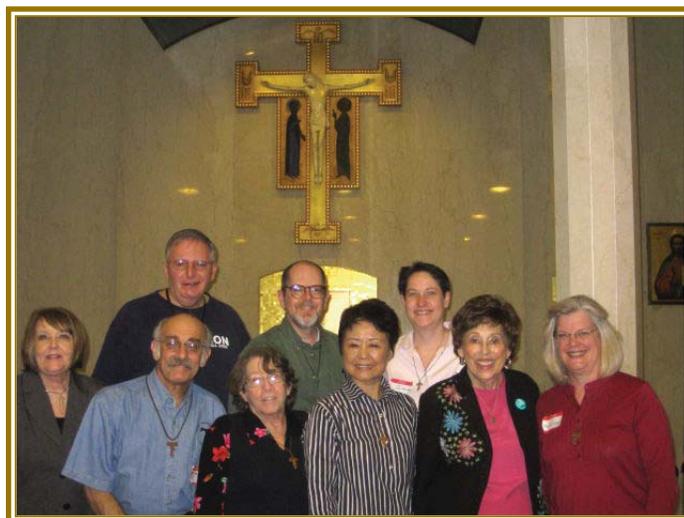
**Secretary, Teri Egan, ofs.** This is Teri's second term as Secretary.

**Treasurer, Mary Lou Coffman, ofs.** Mary Lou served as Va./W.Va. Area Councilor on the previous on the previous council. She is minister of St. Francis of Assisi Triangle Fraternity.

**Formation Director, Mike Huether, ofs.** This is Mike's second term as Formation Director. He is Vice Minister of Little Flower Fraternity.

**Metro D.C. Area Councilor, Laura Hansen-Rainey.** Laura is Formation Director of St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity.

**Md./Penn./Del. Area Councilor, Sheila Solomon.** Sheila is Minister of St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity.



**Newly Elected St. Margaret of Cortona Region Executive Committee.** Back row: Bill Bouffard, Va./W.V. Area Councilor; Patrick Martin, |Minister; Laura Hansen-Rainey, Metro D.C. Area Councilor. Front Row: Mary Simmons, Vice Minister; Mike Heuther, Formation Director; Mary Lou Coffman, Treasurer; Michelle Kim, National Councilor, presiding over the election; Teri Egan, Secretary; Sheila Solomon, Md./Penn./Del. Area Councilor.

**Va./W.V. Area Councilor, Bill Bouffard.** Bill is Minister of Tau Fraternity.

Our thanks goes to all those who were willing to offer themselves as servant leaders to our Region.

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## Regional Minister's Message



Peace and all Good!

I am humbled and overwhelmed to be your new regional minister! My deepest gratitude goes to my predecessor, Mary Thuman, for her wisdom and leadership over the past three years. The region has truly benefited from your service, Mary.

On April 21 at the Shrine of St. Anthony of Padua, our

region held a day of recollection for our inquirers, candidates, and newly professed members. For those of us who have already made a permanent profession to the Rule, this event provided an opportunity to renew our commitment, and to remember the excitement and challenges as we walked our own paths to profession.

The Day of Recollection reminded me that formation never ends. We do not simply complete our initial formation and then profess the Rule. We are called - daily as our father Francis tells us - to conversion. We are responsible for continual refreshment and growth through ongoing formation.

Ongoing formation takes many forms. Most regularly, our individual fraternities conduct ongoing formation for all the brothers and sisters. Typically, this is the task of the fraternity's formation director. However, in fact, all members are responsible for assisting in this process, through preparation, reading, and participation in discussions.

On the regional level, ongoing formation takes place through gatherings such as the annual retreat, the triennial Chapter of Mats, and other such opportunities for the sisters and brothers of St. Margaret of Cortona to gather as fraternity.

Even on the national level, there are opportunities for ongoing formation. The Quinquennial in July is a wonderful opportunity to join together as a national Franciscan movement, to pray together, and to grow in the spirit of Francis and Clare.

One way everyone can participate on a daily basis is through our blessed Rule. This great gift from the Holy Father Pope Paul VI was approved 34 years ago next month. Its predecessors date back nearly 800 years. When the current Rule was passed down to all the brothers and sisters, our Minister General, Manuela Mattioli, OFS, begged "all the brothers and sisters to cherish it, to know it well, but above all to live it daily so they will be able 'to die with it.'"

We have made a PERMANENT profession to the Rule. We are obligated to know it well and live it daily. I keep a copy of the Rule by my bedside. Every night, before turning out the light, I read one rule, the one which corresponds to the day of the month. I am writing this column on May 6, so this evening I will once again read Rule 6. I have read it many, many times over the years. Sometimes, I read it quickly, just to get it out of the way. Sometimes, it speaks to me in a new way, with a new meaning I've never realized before. But if I am truly to know it well and live it daily, if I am to die with it, then I must read it every day.

Your brother, Patrick

## Mark Your Calendar



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



Fr. William Short, OFM, Plenary Speaker

The national council is providing a limited number of registration scholarships to each region. Lodging and transportation are not provided, only the registration fee. Please send our Regional Minister an email requesting a scholarship. Include your name, the name of your fraternity, and a brief explanation of



Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF, Keynote Speaker

how this scholarship will assist them in attending the Q. ([See registration form on p. 12.](#))

**October 5-7, 2012 — Regional Retreat.**

Priestfield Retreat Center, Priestfield, W.Va. ([See registration form on p. 9.](#))



## Regional Formation Director's Message

Hi, once again, to all of my Franciscan colleagues and associates! We are now well into springtime and with the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ at the Easter event well behind us, we look forward to a prosperous summer!

I'll start off by thanking all of you for having me for another three years as your servant Formation Director for the region! It always goes without saying, the job is never really finished (for up to now, we have done nothing.). There are still goals for us to achieve in formation, such as the implementation of the FUN Manual, the youth/young adult formation program and continued fraternal visitations by the members of my regional team and me. So I will still be here to continue to serve all of you in whatever capacity I can to get at least these jobs done, as well as address others that may come up.

The regional team will be continuing with its work of fraternity visits as well as making ourselves available for speaking engagements at fraternity gatherings. Some fraternities have not had the opportunity for me or my team to visit them from my first term. They will get their opportunity in my second term. The team can still use more professed members as team members. Please call or email me about this if you feel called to participate. As I mentioned earlier in this article, we

still have a long way to go with some of our on-going goals as a regional formation team. With our youth/young adult formation planning, Jeannie, Harry, and I plan to meet separately in regard to this before our next regional team meeting of July 21 at Anne's house.

We've had two important gatherings since the last issue of *Up to Now*, the regional training in the use of the *For Up to Now Manual (FUN Manual)* our new national formation manual, and a regional day of reflection for inquirers and candidates. Those events are discussed in separate articles.

Have a safe and relaxing, recreational summer. Certainly keep in touch with me and my team for any future formation needs. We're particularly interested in how you are using and implementing the FUN Manual in your programs. Then we can share these ideas with other fraternities. Call upon us if you wish us to meet with you at a special time or event or for any questions you may have. Thanks for all of your Franciscan hospitality you have given me and my team during our first three years!

Mike Huether, OFS  
Regional Formation Director



## FUN Manual Training

The regional formation team presented a successful and enlightening weekend of in-depth training in all of the latest to be offered to us in both initial and on-going formation by the National Formation Commission. Jan Parker, secretary of the commission, offered her all to the team in planning the weekend and then being a part of our staff for it. Modeled after the National Formation Workshop held in May of last year, the sessions covered the following main formation topics:

Our Identity as Secular Franciscans  
Anne Mulqueen, International Councilor to the OFS

Introduction and Overview of *FUN Manual* and Materials (Why FUN?)  
Jan Parker, Secretary, National Formation Commission

What Is Formation?  
Ann Corro, Advisor to Regional Formation Team

Pathways to Formation  
Jeannie McLees

Profession  
Mary Lou Coffman

Vocation, Mission, Charism, and Spirituality  
Sue Burke

Mike Heuther took care of the roundtable discussions and reflection on the topic sessions. The devotional services and Mass for the weekend were mainly planned by Jan Parker for the services and Mary Lou and Peggy Gregory for the Mass.

(See FUN MANUAL on page 4)



Bishop Claggett Retreat Center

The weekend had attendees from all levels of the OFS on the

weekend staff: fraternal, regional, national and international, a rare and special occurrence.

Twenty-seven of the 30 fraternities of the region had the participation of at least one member of their formation team, if not their formation director. According to the directive of the National Formation Commission, once a region does its formation workshop modeled after that of the National Formation workshop and at least one representative of a fraternity attends, that fraternity is entitled to obtain and use the FUN Manual as a resource for initial and on-going formation programs. It is suggested that the person or persons of the fraternity who attended the regional workshop instruct the others on the fraternity's formation team as to how to use it. This can be an on-going process as the manual is used. Those fraternities who were for any reason not able to at-

tend the regional workshop can purchase a set of DVDs on the presentations of the national workshop at a cost of \$13 plus shipping and handling of \$5.00. The set can be ordered online with a credit card or PayPal.

See page 5 for more complete information on ordering. Once the fraternities view these DVDs and this has been verified by the regional executive council that they have done so, they can order the *FUN Manual* from the NFC. Information on how to order the *FUN Manual* will be provided by the regional council.

The workshop sessions were presented in a variety of ways, from PowerPoint to group discussion to lecture. But regardless of the mode of presentation, all were presented in an inspiring, dynamic and professional way, engaging all who attended the workshop. This was one of many weekends we'll never forget.



### **Third Annual Day of Reflection for Inquirers and Candidates**

The St. Margaret of Cortona Region held its third annual day of reflection for inquirers and candidates on April 21, 2012, at St. Anthony's Shrine in Ellicott City, Md. Mary Lou Coffman was the facilitator for the event. Fr. Charley Miller, OFM, spiritual assistant to St. Francis Fraternity of Triangle, Virginia, gave an opening talk on discernment and vocation to the 46 participants.

The rest of the program included breakout discussions, interactive sessions and a Trust Walk. The activities of the day had participants moving about. Attendees were encouraged to interact with each other in ways that promoted real faith enrichment, which may not necessarily be experienced when sitting the whole time or listening to a presenter give a talk for the duration. The breakout groups used various areas of the Shrine including outside in the gardens, as it was so nice and warm that day.

one another if we are to help each other to demonstrate the gospel life and to do it effectively as a community of believers. Once we are willing to let go and allow each other to lead us and to lead others, then why should we hesitate when it comes to allowing God to lead us. Letting go for Him is the safest risk we can really take.

As Mary Lou put it: "The day was built around the questions:"How did we get here? Where are we going?" The purpose of the morning session was twofold: To help us to get to know our fellow Franciscan and to help us focus on our journey to this point. The afternoon exercise built off the idea that in our profession we make ourselves totally available to God. The Trust Walk is an illustration on how it feels to be dependent on others and how we come to trust in our dependency and thus how it feels to be totally dependent on God. From that we look at how we might experience things differently when we acknowledge our dependence. The other part of the exercise is to look at how carefully we, in our human, imperfect way, are when we're entrusted with the safety and well being of another—and how much more God cares for us in His total and perfect ability.

The tentative date for the fourth annual Day of Reflection is April 6, 2013 (Easter is March 31, 2013).



St. Anthony's Shrine

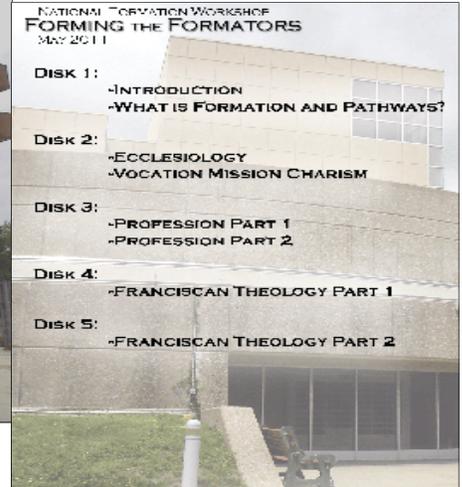
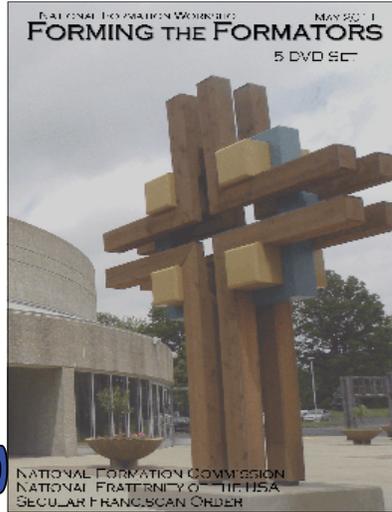


Fr. Charley Miller, ofm, speaks on discernment and vocation at the Third Annual Day of Reflection for Candidates and Inquirers.

Many of the participants said they enjoyed the day, especially the Trust Walk. This activity was done in the afternoon and was designed to illustrate the our need as Franciscans to trust

Photo by John Clem

**DVDs made from  
the presentations  
at the  
National Formation Workshop  
ARE NOW AVAILABLE.**



DVD Videos of the Forming-the-Formator's Workshop from the Chapel of Our Lady of the Snows (where the workshop took place), are now available for \$13.00 plus shipping/handling costs.

Individual orders for the set are welcomed, but regions are encouraged to consider ordering in bulk, by doing so, you save substantially on s/h cost. (ie: mailing one DVD set, the s/h cost is \$5.00, mailing 100 DVD sets, the s/h cost is \$70.00, reducing the s/h cost per set from \$5.00 to .70 cents).

Special bulk pricing has been secured for a quality, durable set that includes:

- Five (5) DVDs with content topics printed on each.
- 1" thick DVD plastic case, with slots for each DVD.
- Color wrap-around label on the case, screen photo of the Chapel with "Forming the Formators" printed on the cover and content of DVDs printed on the back.
- Each case is shrink-wrapped.

**TO PAY BY CHECK** (payable to A. Stronach)  
mail your payment to:

A. Stronach, PO Box 232, Marcy, NY 13403,  
and place your order via email, fax, or postal mail.  
Email: [stonach@kateriregion.org](mailto:stonach@kateriregion.org)  
Fax: 1-800-986-0423

**TO ORDER ONLINE:**

**using a credit card or PayPal:** Go to website:  
<http://www.kateriregion.org/FormationDVDs/FFDVD.html>  
(We hope to have a link on the NAFRA website soon).

**COSTS FOR A STANDARD VARIETY OF QUANTITIES:**

- One (1) set of 5 DVDs: \$13 plus \$5 s/h = \$18
- 5 DVD sets: \$65 plus \$11 s/h = \$76
- 10 DVD sets: \$130 plus \$15 s/h = \$145
- 25 DVD sets: \$325 plus \$25 s/h = \$350
- 50 DVD sets: \$650 plus \$40 s/h = \$690
- 100 DVD sets: \$1300 plus \$70 s/h = \$1370

**Note:** more quantity options for ordering are available on the website.

If you would like to order another quantity, contact Bob and Mary Stronach, OFS at **315-735-8904**.

**Websites of Interest**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uuv7Zw7EfRo&feature=email>

A day in the life of children at Sacre Coeur School in Rural Cabestor, Haiti. This is one of the three schools supported by the OLPH (Our Lady of Perpetual Help) Haiti Project of Salem, Va. Contact Tom Fame, ofs, at [fames@verizon.net](mailto:fames@verizon.net) for more information. Read the book, "The Lambi's Call" to learn more about Haiti, the Haitian people, and this project.



## National JPIC Rally

**O**n April 12-15, I was fortunate enough to attend the JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) rally at Our Lady of the Snows shrine, in Belleville, Ill. Representatives from most areas of the country attended. Being around other Franciscans is such a joy.

The purpose of the rally (the first since JPIC was established for the Seculars) was to define our goals, hear what others are doing, and learn to be good communicators in a one-on-one basis. Kent Ferris, the current head of JPIC was one of the facilitators. The two others were Lonnie Ellis, a candidate in the St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity, and Christine Elliott, both from the Franciscan Action Network (FAN).

Article 15 of the Secular Franciscan Rule was our motivation. Building relationships with each other was stressed many times. A major goal is to foster an atmosphere of fraternity that shapes our lives. Kent spoke about guidelines, the power of the Secular Rule and the effect of the gospel on society and our every day experiences. The Guidelines on Faithful Citizenship from the U.S. bishops are a basis for what we act upon.

Lonnie spoke about immigration as a prime issue for FAN.

Father Pio Jackson, ofm, Spiritual Assistant for the St. Clare Region, St. Louis, Mo., spoke and presided at Mass.

A JPIC representative from Milwaukee spoke about the people who support their work, with a focus on peace and



*Lonnie Ellis, candidate in St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity, speaks at National JPIC Rally.*

justice. Also, spirituality, community and simplicity are emphasized.

Kent said it is time for JPIC to reach down to the fraternities. There needs to be means to develop community and fraternity, as well as to connect to other groups.

Tom Bello, National Minister, underscored this; he would like to have a JPIC point person in each fraternity.

There will be a JPIC presence at the Quinquennial, for those who plan to attend.

Peace. Teri Egan, ofs,  
St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity  
Washington, D.C.

## Around the Region

### RECEIVED AS CANDIDATES

Lonnie Ellis, St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity,  
Washington, D.C.

Lenny Garcia, St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity,  
Washington, D.C.

Sarah Garcia, St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity,  
Washington, D.C.

Ken Richey, St. Thomas More Fraternity, Harrisburg, Penn.

Meghan Smith, St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity,  
Washington, D.C.

Mary Catherine Tierney, St. Thomas More Fraternity,  
Harrisburg, Penn.

### NEWLY PROFESSED

Tana Dale, ofs, St. Thomas More Fraternity, Harrisburg,  
Penn.

Jeanette Durbin, ofs, Our Lady Queen of the Angels  
Fraternity, Lancaster, Penn.



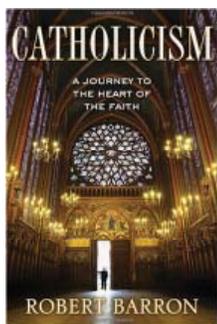
Photo by Marianne Fischer

*St. Thomas More Fraternity Candidates. From left, Mary Chaterine Tierney, Spiritual Assistant Fr. Leon Leitem, OFM Cap, Ken Richey.*

Fred Fischer, ofs, St. Thomas More Fraternity, Harrisburg,  
Penn.

(See "Region on page 10.)

## What Are We Reading (or Watching)?



### **CATHOLICISM: A Journey to the Heart of the Faith**

By Fr. Robert Barron

Word On Fire Catholic Ministries

10-disc DVD set / \$149.95 /

[www.wordonfire.com](http://www.wordonfire.com)

Hardcover edition from Amazon.com/

\$17.98

At a time when it appears that the Catholic Church is under siege in many quarters of the public square, and where many of our brothers and sisters have left the Catholic Church for a variety of personal reasons, it is refreshing to see a concise, visually appealing, and beautifully written and presented summary treatment of the Catholic faith. That is what Fr. Barron's Catholicism series is.

When the ten one-hour segments were aired unexpurgated on PBS and other cable stations last fall, many of us were surprised that the secular media would have given such objective treatment to a series that is avowedly and unapologetically pro-Catholic. In fact, it is a veritable survey of western civilization through the prism of Christianity. And it is a treatment of Christianity meant to address the prevalent skepticism of the 21st century.

For those who missed these broadcasts, or who would like to see them again, I heartily recommend the 10-DVD set, and/or the book version. Fr. Barron has also issued a study guide for the benefit of those groups using the series as part of a catechetical program. This would be ideal for young people, or for adults whose catechesis has come up a bit short. Watching the DVDs or reading the book would be a very worthwhile Lenten exercise for the entire family, and it would spark a lot of useful discussion about our faith.

Father Robert Barron — an author, speaker, and theologian — is the Francis Cardinal George Professor of Faith and Culture at Mundelein Seminary and the founder of Word On Fire ([www.WordOnFire.org](http://www.WordOnFire.org)). For the Catholicism series, Fr. Barron gained access to many of the most holy and famous shrines in the Catholic world: the Vatican, St. Paul's Outside the Walls, and St. John Lateran in Rome; the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem; the Basilica at Lourdes, France; the Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Mexico;

and many others. The series stresses both the universality and the cultural diversity of the Catholic Church, with scenes from locations as varied as Ireland; Kolkata, India; New York City; Uganda; and the Philippines.

Each of the ten episodes is themed to illuminate some key element of the Catholic faith. The series begins with an exploration of Jesus' life and ministry in the Holy Land, how he fulfilled the four tasks of the Messiah, according to the Old and New Testaments, and how the living legacy of Christ, God and Messiah, is proclaimed by the Church. Then follows an explanation of the thrust of the Gospel, highlighting the Beatitudes, the path of non-violence and lessons of forgiveness, care for the poor and our relationship with God as presented in the parables. Fr. Barron addresses the questions of the existence and nature of God, and the problem of evil.

Fr. Barron forthrightly presents the importance of Mary, as a "new Israel," and the first and model disciple. His visually rich visits to the major Marian shrines, as well as France's Chartres Cathedral, illustrate Mary's role in the Church. The series treats many of the "greats" of the Catholic Church, including Sts. Peter and Paul, recent saints (Katherine Drexel, Thérèse de Lisieux and Mother Teresa of Calcutta), as well as Thomas Merton, Teresa of Avila and John of the Cross.

Father Barron gives a full explanation of the Sacred Liturgy, including a description of all parts of the Mass, which Catholics consider "the source and summit" of their identity and mission. The final session discusses the Catholic view of "the end times" — death, judgment, heaven, hell and purgatory. Fr. Barron shows how this vision is supported by the mystery and truth of the Resurrection of Jesus.

In short, this series is a concise summation of the Catholic faith, and it serves as a modern reference work on important aspects of the Church's doctrine and practice. It is recommended to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. Fr. Barron is sometimes compared to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen for his beautifully-phrased description of and arguments for the Catholic faith.

— Review by Gilbert Donahue, SFO  
From *The Tau Signature*,  
newsletter of Tau Fraternity, Herndon, Va.



*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 9.*



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

When: October 5-7, 2012

Presenter TBA. We will send you that information as soon as arrangements have been finalized.

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

**REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. Submit form no later than September 4, 2012.
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:

Mary Lou Coffman, ofs  
2862 Beechtree Lane  
Woodbridge, VA 22191  
Phone: 703.221.1846  
e-mail: marylousfo@gmail.com

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: \$200.00
- B) Double occupancy room: \$174.00)
- C) Single occupancy cabin: \$234.00
- D) Double occupancy cabin: \$188.00
- E) Dormitory: \$152.00

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 have had to turn some people away in the past, as we had too many choosing single occupancy.

Name of preferred roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed with this form \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Please make checks out to St. Margaret of Cortona Region, not to Mary Lou Coffman or to Priestfield.**



Newly professed St. Thomas More Fraternity members, from left: Tana Dale, ofs, Fred Fischer, ofc, Marianne Fischer, ofs.

- Marianne Fischer, ofs, St. Thomas More Fraternity, Harrisburg, Penn.
- Denise Gammache, ofs, Our Lady Queen of the Angels Fraternity, Lancaster, Penn.
- Janet Kreiner, ofs, Our Lady Queen of the Angels Fraternity, Lancaster, Penn.
- Nicole Meringolo, ofs, St. Clare Fraternity, Rehoboth Beach, Del.
- Lourdes Morton, ofs, Our Lady Queen of the Angels Fraternity, Lancaster, Penn.
- Bonnie Ng, ofs, St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity, Baltimore, Md.
- Elizabeth Treier, ofs, Our Lady Queen of the Angels Fraternity, Lancaster, Penn.

**JUBILEE CELEBRATED**

- Jim Dimond, ofs, , 50th anniversary St Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, Va.
- Sally White, ofs, 25th anniversary, Tau Fraternity, Herndon, Va.

**LOSSES IN THE FAMILY**

**Clement Vanden Ayden, ofs**, of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity, went home on Thursday, January 12, 2012, to be with the Lord and his sweetheart, Janice. Clem was the Treasurer of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina from 1994 to 2010.



**Gwen Mason, ofs**, Mount St. Sepulchre Fraternity passed away at home on Monday, November 28, 2011. Gwen was professed in 2008, and has been ill and in our fraternity's prayers for over two years.



**Nellie M. Rice, ofs**, 86, of the St. Thomas More Fraternity, Harrisburg, Penn., passed peacefully December 2, 2011 in North Carolina. She was professed in March 1989.

**Pauline Tebo, ofs**, October 23, 1938 - January 14, 2012, of St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity went home suddenly to be with the Lord. Pauline was a member and Secretary for St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina from January 2007 until July 2007.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED**

**St. Clare Fraternity Council, Rehoboth Beach, Del.**

- Minister: Nancy Briggs, ofs
- Vice Minister: Bonita (Bonnie) Cote, ofs
- Secretary: Natalie Blakley, ofs
- Treasurer: Frances L. (Fran) Butler, ofs
- Formation Director: (Re-appointed)

**Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.**

- Minister: Miguel Tirado, ofs
- Vice-Minister: Santos Paniagua, ofs
- Secretary: Maria Luz Tirado, ofs
- Treasurer: Maria de Jesus Ullon, ofs (re-elected)
- Formation Director: Monica Zevallos, ofs

**St. Francis of Assisi Deaf Fraternity, Silver Spring, Md.**

- Minister: Peter Noyes, ofs--Re-elected
- Vice Minister: Sally Mooney, ofs Re-elected
- Secretary: Dorothy Steffanic, ofs
- Treasurer: Janet Noyes, ofs Re-elected
- Formation Director: Janice Benton, ofs Re-elected

**Mary Our Queen Fraternity, Rosemont, Md.**

- Minister: Carol Purwin, ofs
- Vice Minister: Lud Jones, ofs
- Treasurer: Joe Mantegna, ofs
- Secretary: Shirley Sapp, ofs
- (Formation Director to be appointed by new council at next month's meeting.)

**AND TO OUR NEWLY APPOINTED**

**St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity, Washington, D.C.**

- Minister: Anne-Marie Miller, ofs



**St. Clare Fraternity Council:** Natalie Blakley, ofs, Bonnie Cote, ofs, Nancy Briggs, ofs, Fran Butler, ofs

## 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 of Assisi](#)
- 28 [St. Mariana of Jesus De Paredes](#), virgin, III Ord.
- 30 [Bl. Baptista Varano](#), virgin, II Ord.
- 30 [St. Ferdinand, King](#), III Ord.
- 31 [St. Camilla Battista of Varano](#), virgin, II Ord.



St. Margaret of Cortona



The Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

### JUNE

- 2 [St. Felix of Nicosia](#), religious, I Ord.
- 8 [Bl. Nicholas of Gèsturi](#), religious, I Ord.
- 12 [Bl. Florida Cevoli](#), virgin, II Ord.  
[Bl. Jolenta](#), religious, 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.
- 25 [Bl. Jutta of Thuringia](#), widow, 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.

- 7 [Bl. Davanzato](#), bishop, 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. Angelina 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 Nazarei](#), 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

# XVIII QUINQUENNIAL

## JULY 3-8, 2012

### REGISTRATION FORM

Congress begins on Tuesday, July 3rd with dinner at 5:00 pm – Opening Liturgy is at 7:30 pm.

#### **Important Instructions:**

1. Please TYPE or PRINT all information clearly.
2. Only one participant or married couple per registration form.
3. Payment must accompany this form and is **NON-REFUNDABLE**.
4. Make your check for registration and meals payable to **NAFRA**.
5. Mail this form with payment to:  
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**1111 Freyburg Street**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15203-1211**  
**cylmaljan@earthlink.net**
6. **Hotel reservations must be made separately by each person (see bottom of this form).**

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Early Registration: # of people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$ 275. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (After June 1, 2012 the fee is \$325. pp)

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Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Need for handicapped facilities \_\_\_\_\_

Language preferred for small group Sessions \_\_\_\_\_

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NAFRA has arranged for a discounted room rate of \$ 87 (plus Illinois hotel tax) per night. Each room has twin double beds with 1 to 4 occupants possible. You should make your own room arrangements directly with the hotel prior to June 9 in order to get this reduced rate. *In the event that the Holiday Inn North Shore, the location for all conferences and activities, has been filled, additional rooms will be made available at the nearby Holiday Inn, O'Hare. The hotel will provide timely shuttle service between the two hotels.*

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