



Our Lady of the Rosary
Secular Franciscan Fraternity
Williamsburg, Virginia



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Message from the Minister. . .

Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

I hope and pray that you are having a productive Lent and are looking forward to the joy of the Risen Lord on Easter.

I was fortunate to be able to attend St. Margaret of Cortona's 12th Annual Day of Reflection for Inquirers and Candidates in early March. The presenter was Fr. Russel Murray, OFM.. He's the Regional Spiritual Assistant for St. Margaret of Cortona OFS Region. These formation opportunities are available to all of us, and I'd love to see more of us take advantage of what is being offered.

The topic was Embracing the Gospel Life: Conversion, Commitment, Belonging. Think about how you felt when you said at your profession: "I promise to live all the days of my life the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its rule of life." How often do you think about this promise? Maybe we should be including these words in our morning prayers as a way to keep our focus on our vocation. Our Franciscan vocation is a precious gift we have been given, for as Matthew 22:14 tells us "Many are called, but few are chosen." We have been chosen, and by embracing the Gospel, we are embracing a daily conversion to Jesus Christ. We are witnessing to the Kingdom of God by a commitment to having the mind and heart of Christ. Finally, we are renewing the Church by deepening our belonging to Christ the Head of our Church.

As Secular Franciscans, are we reading the Gospel daily so we can focus our attention on becoming more like Jesus every day? Think about Francis and how he emulated Jesus in his life. Jesus healed lepers, and it was with the lepers that Francis found a sweetness in life. Jesus talked to all creation, and Francis talked to the animals and created the most beautiful poem "The Canticle of Creation." Jesus loved his enemies, and Francis went to the Middle East to visit the Sultan. We might not be able to find a way to follow Jesus as closely as Francis did, but we can pray to find our own way to live the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May the joy and peace of the Risen Lord be with all of you this coming Easter season!

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2023 Regional Retreats

April 28 - Primacy of Christ and the Meaning of "Atonement" in the Theology of our Redemption

Presented by Fr. Charley Miller, OFM, Holy Name.

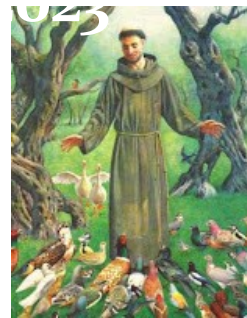
This is deep Franciscan spirituality at its core. Inspiring and amazing and humbling.

It will be held at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land, DC.

June 23, 24, 25 - Regional Formation Retreat

Come to be inspired, rejuvenated and more deeply rooted in our Franciscan vocation.

It will be held at the Washington Retreat House, Washington D.C.



Formation

Formation at our last meeting on March 19:

A mini Lenten retreat was given to members present. Using a hard-boiled egg we tried to make it fit into a small cup of holy water with words of the Beatitudes and other gospels added to the outside. Our eggs (representing the self) had to be broken to fit into the "gospel" cups. Then, hollow eggs were distributed and the holy water from the gospel cups was poured into the empty eggs. All of this symbolizing that in order to receive Christ, He is best-received when we are broken or empty. We then discussed "openness" in our fraternal relationships with one another and with God.

We introduced a journal of Gratitude where we write the things we are grateful for and offer it in our intercessory prayers.

We will be taking turns bringing in warm food to our meetings for the social aspect of our gatherings. Maria has volunteered to bring in a very special Puerto Rican dish for April.

April Formation: We will be focusing on the Little Flowers of Saint Francis coinciding with spring and the Easter season.

Upcoming Important Dates and Birthdays

Birthdays

April 17—Leo Wells and Genni McGlynn

Next Fraternity Meeting—April 16 1:00 PM





Theresa M. Krawiec, OFS

April 9, 1928 – February 25, 2023

Theresa M. Krawiec, a lifelong resident of Poughkeepsie, NY and formerly of Brooklyn, NY, entered into rest Saturday, February 25, 2023 in Williamsburg, VA. She was 94. She was born April 9, 1928 to the late Josef and Bronislava Koperska Markiewicz. She began her working career as a biochemist at Sloan-Kettering Cancer Institute, following graduation from Fordham University (Magna Cum Laude) in 1952 with a BS in Biology and a minor in Chemistry. At St. Cyril and Methodius RC Church, Brooklyn, NY on October 3, 1953, she married Edward J. Krawiec, also of Brooklyn, NY, and in 1960, made Poughkeepsie her home to raise a family, where she became active in the community and St. Mary's Parish, where she loved to sing in the choir. In the 1970s, she rejoined the workforce as a medical technologist at the laboratory at Highland Hospital in Beacon, NY. After several years of civilian service, she moved into government service with the Veterans Administration (VA) at Castle Point VA Hospital and then on to head the chemistry laboratory at Montrose VA Medical Center. Throughout her medical career, she was member and staunch supporter of the American Society of Medical Technologists (ASMT)/American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science (ASCLS). In the 1980s she chose to do something different, and her love of science, research, and chemistry drew her to change careers. Not looking back, she left the medical community and joined the research, development and engineering team at IBM East Fishkill, where she experimented with microchip design, developing the cutting-edge processes and procedures for their development. She remained active with IBM, lecturing and receiving patents for her work until her retirement in April of 1993. In the years that followed, her adventurous spirit took her abroad, traveling to the Pacific, Asia, Europe and the Middle East with her husband Ed. At home, she remained an active member of her church and community, joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, the Fraternal Order of Franciscan Secular, and Marist's College of Lifetime Study, where she participated as well as organized educational and cultural programs and trips. On January 31, 2004, her beloved husband, Edward, preceded her in death. In 2017, she left her Poughkeepsie home of 57 years to be near her family and grandchildren in Williamsburg, Virginia where she remained until her passing. Survivors include her son, Paul E. Krawiec; daughter-in-law, Petra Krawiec; granddaughter, Jacqueline T. Krawiec; and grandson, Christopher J. Krawiec, all of Providence Forge, VA. She was predeceased by her daughter, Mary Taylor. Family will receive their friends on Monday, March 6, 2023 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Straub, Catalano & Halvey Funeral Home, 55 E. Main Street, Wappingers Falls, NY 12590. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at St. Mary's Church, 11 Clinton Street in Wappingers Falls. Interment will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery, Wappingers Falls. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Theresa's name to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. For directions or to send a personal condolence, please visit www.StraubCatalanoHalvey.com.

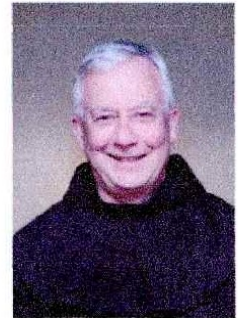
*Rest in Peace Theresa
We will miss you*





The Primacy of Christ, and The Meaning of Atonement in the Theology of our Redemption

Fr. Charley Miller, OFM - Holy Name will teach us about these important foundational truths in our Franciscan spirituality. Many of us have enjoyed being with Fr. Charley at previous seminars and retreats. His kind and mild manner seeps into your soul and lights a fire and inspires one to want to know more and live better in the Franciscan way.



Join us for this seminar:

Date: Saturday, April 29, 2023

Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Place: St. Bonaventure Conference Room, Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, D.C.

Cost: \$30 lunch included

Register for this seminar at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094daaa72eaaf94-primacy#/>

Deadline is April 23 or until the seminar is filled.

There is room for 50 participants.

You may pay online or bring a check payable to: Rita Colleran OFS

Do not delay — as these seminars fill up quickly.

*Interpretation equipment is available for who enjoy
Spanish or Korean as a first language.*

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