

# Up to Now

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*Be Family in Christ*

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

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## Mary Our Mother, Model in Time of Need

**T**he family is being assailed on many fronts within our society. Our world is marked by war; political unrest; ecclesial unrest and even unrest in ourselves. Our Blessed Mother has a powerful connection to the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You may be asking what her connection to the Trinity has to do with the state of world. First let's look at Our Lady's relationship to the Holy Trinity, and then we will explore its significance to the state of our world today.

Our Lady's relationship to the Holy Trinity is not altogether different from our own, because she is invited into a relationship by God the Father through the Holy Spirit. Is this the case with us? Go back for a minute to the baptismal promises we hear at the Easter vigil. Does it sound like the Father's voice inviting us into relationship? "Do you believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, who was born of the Virgin Mary?" "Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, life everlasting?" We all say, "We do." This is our invitation to this relationship. In our "Yes," we become part of the mystical body of Christ; therefore, we become one with Holy Trinity, become heirs of the Kingdom of Heaven.



(See "Mary" on page 9)



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## Regional Minister's Message



### A REASON FOR HOPE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Francis and Clare,

Spring is bursting out all over, and soon the dog days of summer will be upon us. Spring is the season of the year when Mother Nature wakes us up from our winter slumber and helps us to embrace the beauty that surrounds us and to take in the smell of the flowers in God's new creation.

It is also a time of renewal in hope, faith and joy. Why hope? In his book, *God or Nothing*, Robert Cardinal Sarah states "hope is nothing other than Christian optimism. It allows man to remain firm in the faith, fully assured by God's promises. In hope, God is the guarantor of my future and of my serene stability."

God has given us the gift of hope not only for ourselves but to inspire others. I am always amazed by the number of people who come together each year to defend the unborn at the March for Life in Washington, D.C. This gives me hope for the future of our Church.

As Franciscans, we are to be messengers of hope and joy, as our Rule and General Constitutions tell us:

**Rule 19** Following the Gospel, secular Franciscans, therefore, affirm their hope and their joy in living. They make a contribution to counter widespread distress and pessimism, preparing for a better future.

**Article 27.2** Secular Franciscans should commit themselves to create in their environment and, above all, in their fraternities, a climate of faith and hope...

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We know that God is the God of hope, as St. Paul tells us in Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Hope is tied to faith. Where there is faith, there is hope. "By the death of your Son, you have given us hope, born of faith, by his rising again fulfill

this hope in the perfect love of heaven". (Holy Week - Liturgy of the Hours)

Our lives hang on the reality of hope, hope in our family, to be firm in faith, and hope in eternal life. Hope turns us away from despair because where there is hope there is faith in what we constantly seek. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1).

Hope sustains us when we feel all is lost, especially when we face trials and tribulations in our lives. Again, St. Paul tells in Romans 5:5, "Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us." By having hope, we are drawn nearer to God.

From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*:

**1818** The virtue of hope responds to the aspiration to happiness which God has placed in the heart of every man; it takes up the hopes that inspire men's activities and purifies them so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven; it keeps man from discouragement; it sustains him during times of abandonment; it opens up his heart in expectation of eternal beatitude. Buoyed up by hope, he is preserved from selfishness and led to the happiness that flows from charity.

So during these turbulent times in which we live, let us not give way to despair but be patient. We may not see it now, but God is certainly in control, as we have faith and hope to guide us on our way, to totally rely on God's plans for us. Therefore, hope is trusting in the Lord. Blessed are they who hope in the Lord." - Psalm 1:1

Your Franciscan brother in Christ,

*Bob Longe, OFS*

St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Minister

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*Remember brothers and sisters,  
we are all called  
to evangelize both verbally  
and by our actions.*

## *"Be Family in Christ"*

### ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA REGION'S THEME FOR 2022

In adopting this theme, the regional council underscores the role of the local fraternity as a family: a community of people embodying Franciscan values. The fraternity should be a "safe place" for members to support each other, learn from each other, share joys and difficulties, pray and work for a better community and world.

My personal theme is the antiphon for the Invitatory Psalm introducing Morning Prayer:

*Encourage yourselves daily while it is still "today"* (Hebrews 3:13). The word "encourage" is a translation of the Greek *parakaleite*, which means so much more than encourage. It strongly implies the involvement of the Holy Spirit. Let us keep this in mind when we meet as a fraternity. The Holy Spirit should always be present in our meetings, and in our contacts between meetings. We may not always agree with our fellow fraternity members, but we can always encourage them. And in doing so, we strive for greater understanding.

The concept of family means that all members are welcome and invited to "have a seat at the table." No one should be turned away or closed down. The expression of views and ideas—even divergent ones—should be encouraged and respected. No member has a monopoly on what is "true" or "right." That having been said, the fraternity

should adhere closely to the Sacred Scripture and the Rule of the Order. The meeting should be held in such a way that we assume Father Francis is present to inspire us. We would certainly want him to think well of us. Keep this in mind.

Family also means that everyone has a role to play. Servant Leadership for our Order requires everyone to take an active part and be willing to accept leadership when opportunities arise. This is another reason fraternity members benefit from encouraging each other: individuals can become more willing to seek and hold leadership positions, suggest ideas, and shoulder burdens on behalf of the fraternity.

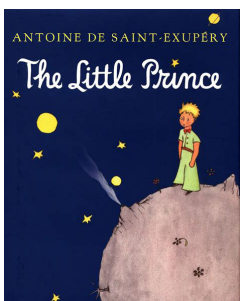
Finally, family means "love." Love can be hard, but St. Paul tells us it is the keystone of our faith (1 Corinthians 13). St. John implores us: *Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God . . . God is love. . . if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us* (1 John 7-12).

*Love and Peace*  
Gil Donahue  
JPIC Coordinator



### YouFra

#### *The Little Prince*



A long time ago, I read a book called *The Little Prince*, written by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry. In this book, we had a little prince looking to be loved, to make friends, and to be able to communicate to others. The little prince, after visiting many places and meeting many grown-ups, comes to Earth. He meets a fox and becomes friends with him. The fox

shared with the little prince these words: "It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

Brothers and Sisters in order to keep our fraternities fresh and alive we need to support YouFra and work with our young brothers and sisters with an open Heart. Knowing that they are essential to us is the way to make them be part of our Franciscan journey.

Once our young brothers and sisters go from being invisible to us to being visible, we will create fraternity and

friendship, learn from each other, and help each other to be holy.

Please consider working with YouFra in your parishes and in your fraternities.

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## **Franciscan Mission Service**

### ***Working for Justice***

#### *The Partnership Between UNHCR and Franciscan Mission Service*

At the intersection of social justice, career leadership development, and Franciscan spirituality, you'll find the DC Service Corps, a program created by Franciscan Mission Service (FMS) in 2015. DC Service Corps was developed to help meet the needs of both local nonprofits seeking passionate servant leaders and young adults desiring a Franciscan-hearted and justice-centered service experience.

For more than 30 years, FMS has been building partnerships with lay Catholic women and men who are inspired to live and serve in solidarity with economically poor communities across the globe as advocates for peace, justice, reconciliation, and care of creation. Seven years ago, they began applying their knowledge and experience from training Overseas Lay Missioners to the 11-month DC Service Corps program.



DC Service Corps volunteers are placed in nonprofits throughout DC and live together in an intentional community at FMS' house of hospitality, Casa San Salvador, in Northeast DC during their year of service.

Starting in 2020, Franciscan Mission Service began a partnership with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). This placement site gives young adults in the DC Service Corps program the opportunity to grow in the understanding of local and international influences on migration through serving alongside experienced human rights advocates.

Current DC Service Corps volunteer Grace Kuber, a recent graduate of Alma College, serves as a Protection Counselor at the UNHCR, assisting the Individual Case team as they provide support for refugees, forcibly displaced communities, and stateless people.

"At the UNHCR, we work hard to promote accessibility for all people," says Grace. "For individuals who are detained, it is difficult to have access to information, legal representation, a safe environment, and other basic human needs. We really try to assist all people, no matter their background or what they have, for a chance at a better life. There are

a lot of unknowns when you are a refugee or asylum seeker, so we try to provide as much information and assistance as we can."



Grace works with individuals struggling with the effects of family separation, resettlement, and the threat of returning to their country of origin. As a Protection Counselor, she assists asylum seekers, refugees, and their family members by listening to their stories and connecting them with legal resources through UNHCR's hotline.



"Every day I interact with people who put my own life into perspective," reflects Grace. "Family members advocating for their people in war-torn, tumultuous countries, people who are living in the worst parts of the world, mothers who have to choose between which child to feed: it is very difficult listening to these stories and why they need help. Although it is difficult, it has made me much more grateful for the life I am able to live now. Patience is also something my ministry has helped me with. Most of the individuals I speak with are not fluent in English. They are in a horrible situation, but they can't relay it to me because there is a language barrier. I owe it to them and their story to be patient and listen to what they are telling me."

Between difficult stories and receiving situations that are out of UNHCR jurisdiction, Grace has been learning to manage expectations and serve faithfully in the capacity that she can, a healthy reminder for all who work in the field of social justice.

"I am not able to help every person who calls or writes to us; it just isn't possible. But whatever we have, we give. The UNHCR is full of knowledge and the ability to research, and so we'll help people with whatever they need to know. The UNHCR has provided me with a lot of helpful training for how to speak, write, and handle case interactions. I've also received training regarding specific pathways for the asylum and refugee process, so I can pass that knowledge onto individuals in need."

This unique and dynamic partnership between FMS and UNHCR creates a steppingstone for young adults interested in social justice work, gives them the opportunity to use their gifts to make a difference, and cultivates a Franciscan-hearted spirit.

"I've always had a passion for nonprofit work but through this, I found a new passion for bureaucratic procedures," Grace says. "Coming into this year of service, I knew nothing about Franciscanism or what that meant. FMS was a perfect surprise."

For more information about FMS and DC Service Corps, visit [www.franciscanmissionservice.org](https://www.franciscanmissionservice.org).

## Around the Region

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW INQUIRER

Joe Fuller, St. Clare Fraternity, Rehoboth, Del.



Kate Meire, OFS, Formation Team; Nela Wintgen, OFS; Formation Director; Fr. Rigo Azanwi, OFM Cap.; Joe Fuller; Tom Carter, OFS, Minister

### RECEIVED AS CANDIDATES

Ashley Wilson, OFS, St. John the Evangelist Fraternity, Alexandria, Va.

Ryan Wilson, OFS, St. John the Evangelist Fraternity, Alexandria, Va..



St. John the Evangelist Fraternity, Alexandria, Va.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY PROFESSED

Dr. Frank Labib Nuar, OFS, Holy Family Fraternity, Manassas, Va.  
Steven Gerard Wallenhorst, OFS, Holy Family Fraternity, Manassas, Va.



Holy Family Fraternity Newly Professed: Dr. Frank Nuar, OFS; Peggy Gregory, OFS, Minister; Steven Wallenhorst, OFS; Father Lee Roos

Joanne Bryant, OFS, Pope St. John XXIII Fraternity, Davidsonville, Md.

Eugene (Duke) Jones, OFS, Pope St. John XXIII Fraternity, Davidsonville, Md.

Joseph O'Dea, OFS, Pope St. John XXIII Fraternity, Davidsonville, Md.

Theresa Tucker, OFS, Pope St. John XXIII Fraternity, Davidsonville, Md.

Kristen Wood, OFS, Pope St. John XXIII Fraternity, Davidsonville, Md.



Pope St. John XXIII Fraternity. Front row (L-R)- newly professed: Joe O'Dea, OFS; Duke Jones, OFS; Thesa Tucker, OFS; Joanne Bryant, OFS; Kristen Wood, OFS. Back row (L-R) Jeanne Catrow, OFS, Director of Formation; Rev. Mike Jendrek, Pastor of Holy Family Church, Davidsonville, MD; Rev Patrick Monahan, OFM Cap; Ron Van Nest, OFS, Minister, Pope St John XXIII Fraternity. (Not pictured, Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap., Spiritual Assistant) Photo by Chris Gordon, OFS

Sharon Goldberg, OFS, Tau Fraternity Herndon, Va.

Stanley Hoover, II, OFS, Tau Fraternity Herndon, Va.

Lisa Jaeger, OFS, Tau Fraternity Herndon, Va.

Barbara Slivers, OFS, Tau Fraternity Herndon, Va.



Tau Fraternity, Herndon, Va., newly professed: Formation Director Walter Gawlak, OFS; Stanley Hoover, II, OFS; Barbara Slivers, OFS; Lisa Jaeger, OFS; Sharon Goldberg, OFS; and Fr. Tom Bourque, TOR (celebrant).

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED

St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
Minister: Lenny Garcia, OFS  
Vice-Minister: Sandy Oleksy-Ojikutu, OFS  
Secretary: Laura Rainey, OFS  
Treasurer: Bill Hunt, OFS  
Director of Formation: Bob Miller, OFS  
Councilor: John Cusick, OFS  
Councilor: Patricia George, OFS



*St. Anthony of Nagasaki Fraternity newly elected: Lenny Garcia, OFS, Minister; Sandy Oleksy-Ojikutu, OFS, Vice Minister; Laura Rainey, OFS, Secretary; Bill Hunt, OFS, Treasurer; Bob Miller, OFS, Formation Director; John Cusick, OFS, Councilor; Patricia George, OFS, Councilor*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED

St. Clare Korean Fraternity, Olney, Md.  
Minister: Seung Ho Ryu (Michael), OFS  
Vice-Minister: Chang Ho Lee (Thomas), OFS  
Secretary: Kyung Sook Lee (Margaret), OFS  
Treasurer: Sin Sung Kim (Maria), OFS  
Director of Formation: Hae Yeon Ryu. (Hyacintha), OFS  
Councilor: Soon Ok Kim (Irene). OFS



*St. Clare Korean Fraternity newly elected: Seung Ho Ryu (Michael), OFS, Minister; Chang Ho Lee (Thomas), OFS, Vice Minister; Kyung Sook Lee (Margaret), OFS, Secretary; Sin Sung Kim (Maria), OFS, Treasurer; Hae Yeon Ryu (Hyacintha), OFS; Soon Ok Kims (Irene), OFS, Councilor*

St. Francis DC Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
Minister: Christy Helm, OFS  
Vice-Minister: Chris Tantisunthorn, OFS  
Secretary: Selma Deleon, OFS  
Treasurer: Joseph Massi, OFS  
Director of Formation: Mary Liepold  
Councilor: Josephine Awich. OFS



*St. Francis DC Fraternity newly elected: Christy Helm, OFS, Minister; Chris Tantisunthorn, OFS, Vice Minister; Joseph Massi, OFS, Treasurer; Mary Liepold, OFS, Formation Director; Josephine Awich, OFS, Councilor. Not pictured, Selma Deleon, OFS, Secretary*

St. Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, Va.  
Minister: Andrea Bender, OFS  
Vice-Minister: Sita Chakrawarti, OFS  
Secretary: Randy Bender, OFS  
Treasurer: Ann Wester, OFS  
Director of Formation: Jannette Martin  
Councilor: Ann Corro. OFS  
Councilor: Michael Landrigan. OFS



*St. Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, newly elected: Janice Benson Regional Councillor; Andrea Bender, OFS, Minister; Sita Chakrawarti, OFS, Vice Minister; Randy Bender, OFS, Secretary; Ann Wester, OFS, Treasurer; Jannette Martin, OFS, Formation Director; Michael Landrigan, OFS, Councilor; Ann Corro, OFS, Councilor; Father Russel Murray*

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## Mark Your Calendar

**Annual Gathering for Formation Directors**, June 24-26, 2022, Washington Retreat House, Washington, D.C. (More information starting on [page 10.](#))

**Nominations Due for NAFRA Council**, Deadline June 30, 2022. (Nomination form on [page 14.](#))

**20th Quinquennial Congress**, August 3-7, 2022, Phoenix, Ariz. (For more information, go to [page 15.](#))

## Franciscan Saints, Blesseds and Feasts

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

### MAY

- 16 [St. Margaret of Cortona](#), penitent, Third Order Secular (1247-February 22, 1297). Plenary Indulgence possible (renewal of engagements of the Third Order Secular)  
[St. Theophilus of Corte](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (1676-June 17, 1740)
- 17 [St. Paschal of Baylon](#), Friar, Order of Friars Minor (May 16, 1540-May 17, 1592)
- 18 [St. Felix de Cantalice](#), Lay Brother, Capuchin (May 16, 1540-May 17, 1592)
- 19 [St. Crispin of Viterbo](#), Lay Brother, Capuchin (November 13, 1668-May 19, 1750)  
[St. Marie-Bernard Butler](#), Foundress, Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Help of Sinners (May 28, 1848-May 19, 1924)  
[St. Theophilus of Corte](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (October 30, 1676-June 17, 1740)  
[Bl. Umiliana de' Cerchi](#), Third Order Secular  
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[St. Yves of Brittany](#), Priest, Third Order Secular, Patron of Lawyers (October 17, 1253-May 19, 1303)
- 20 [St. Bernardine of Siena](#), Priest, Missionary, Order of Friars Minor (September 8, 1380-May 20, 1444)
- 21 [Bl. Franz Jägerstätter](#), Third Order Secular, Martyr (May 20, 1907-August 9, 1943)
- 22 [St. Joaquina Vedruna de Mas](#), Secular Franciscan, Founder, Carmelite Sisters of Charity (April 16, 1783-August 28, 1854)  
[Bl. John Forest](#), Priest, Friars Minor of the Regular Observance (1471-May 22, 1538)
- 24 [Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi](#), 1253  
[Bl. John of Prado](#), Priest, Martyr, Barefooted Franciscans of the Strict Observance (c. 1563-May 24, 1636)
- 26 [St. Mariane of Jesus Parades](#), Third Order Secular, Hermit (October 31, 1618-May 26, 1645)
- 27 [Bl. Gerard of Lunel](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular (1275-1298)  
[Bl. José Tous y Soler](#), Priest and Founder, OFM Cap. (March 31, 1811-February 27, 1871)
- 30 [King Saint Fernando III](#), King of Spain, Third Order Secular (1199/1201-May 30, 1252)

[St. Joan of Arc](#), Secular Franciscan, "Maid of Orleans" and martyr of France (c. 1412-May 30, 1431)

- 31 [St. Camilla Battista of Varano](#), Princess, Poor Clare Abbess (April 9, 1458-May 31, 1524)

### JUNE

- 2 [Bl. John Pelingotto](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular (1240-June 1, 1304)  
[St. Felix of Nicosia](#), Friar, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (November 5, 1715-May 31, 1787)
- 3 [Bl. Andrew of Spello](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (November 30, 1194-June 3, 1254)
- 5 [Bl. Pacific of Cerano](#), Priest, First Order Franciscans (1424-June 4, 1482)
- 7 [Bl. Humiliana Cerchi](#), Third Order Secular (1219-May 19, 1246)
- 8 [Bl. Nicholas of Gèsturi](#), Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (August 4, 1882-June 8, 1958)
- 12 [Bl. Lucrezia Elena Cevoli](#), Abbess, Capuchin Poor Clares November 11, 1685-June 12, 1767)  
[Bl. Yolanda of Poland](#), Poor Clare Nun (1235-June 11, 1298)  
[108 Polish Martyrs](#): Bl. Antoninus Bajewski, priest, and companions, martyrs (Pius Bartosik, Innocent Guz, Achille Puchala, Herman Stepien, priests; Timothy Troianowski, Boniface Zukowski, religious), 1 Ord.
- 13 [St. Anthony of Padua](#), Priest, Doctor of the Church, Order of Friars Minor (August 15, 1195-June 13, 1231) Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers
- 14 [Bl. Lawrence of Villamagna](#), Priest, Third Order Regular (May 15, 1476-June 6, 1535)
- 16 [Bl. Anizet Koplin and Companions](#), Priest and Martyrs of Nazi Persecution Bl. Henry Krystofik, Bl. Florian Stepniak, Bl. Fidelis Chojnaci, Blessed Symforian Duck, OFM Capuchin (1941-1942)  
[Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer](#), Foundress, Third Order Regular (October 31, 1825-June 16, 1888)
- 17 [St. Albert Chmielowski](#), Third Order Secular, Founder, Brothers of the Third Order of Saint Francis, Servants to the Poor, Painter (August 20, 1845-December 25, 1916)  
[Bl. Peter Gambacorti](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular (1355-1435)
- 18 [Bl. Guy of Cortona](#), Priest, Order of Friars Minor (d. May 12, 1250)

- 19 **Bl. Margaretha Flesch**, Foundress Franciscan Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Angels (February 24, 1826-March 25, 1906)
  - 20 **Bl. Micheline de Pesaro**, Third Order Secular (1300-1356)  
**Bls. Patrick O'Healy, Conrad O'Rourke, Conor O'Devany, and John Hearney**, Friars Minor, Irish Martyrs
  - 22 **St. Thomas More**, Martyr, Third Order Secular, Martyr of England (February 7, 1478-July 6, 1535)
  - 23 **St. Joseph Cafasso**, Priest, Third Order Secular (January 15, 1811-June 23, 1860)
  - 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
  - 25 **Bl. Bienvenute de Gubbio**, Lay Brother, Order of Friars Minor (d. June 27, 1232)  
**Bl. Jutta of Thuringia**, Third Order Secular, d. 1264
  - 26 **Bl. Andrew Hyacinth Longhin**, Bishop, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (November 22, 1863-June 26, 1936)  
**Bl. Frederick Jassoone**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (November 19, 1838-August 4, 1916)  
**Bl. Jacob El-Haddad of Ghazir**, Priest and Founder, OFM Cap (February 1, 1875-June 26, 1954)
  - 27 **Bl. Davanzato of Poggibonzi**, Priest, Third Order Regular (c. 1200-July 7, 1295)  
**St. Marguerite Bays**, Third Order Secular (September 8, 1815-June 27, 1879)
  - 28 **St. Vincenta Gerosa**, Third Order Secular before founding another order (October 29, 1784-June 29, 1847)
  - 30 **Bl. Raymond Lull**, Martyr, Third Order Secular (c. 1232-c. 1315)
- ## JULY
- 1 Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
**Bl. Ignace Falzon**, Confessor, Third Order Secular (July 1, 1813-July 1, 1865)  
**St. Junipero Serra**, Priest, Alcantarine Friars Minor, missionary (November 24, 1713-August 28, 1784)  
**Blesseds Marcello Maruzzo**, Friar OFM (23 July 1929 – 1 July 1981) and **Luis Navarro**, OFS (21 June 1950 – 1 July 1981), martyrs of Guatemala
  - 3 **Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta**, Foundress, Third Order Regular (January 13, 1827-July 3, 1886)
  - 4 **St. Elizabeth of Portugal**, Queen, Third Order Secular (1271-July 4, 1336)  
**St. John Zhang Huan**, Martyr, Franciscan seminarian (August 1838-July 9, 1900)  
**Bl. Modestino of Jesus and Mary Priest**, OFM of the Alcantarines (September 9, 1802-July 4, 1954)
  - 7 **Bl. Oddino Barrotti**, Priest, Third Order Secular (1324-1400)
  - 8 **Sts. Gregory Grassi**, Hermine Grivot and Companions, First Order and Third Order religious and Secular Franciscans, martyrs of China (d. 1900)
  - 9 **11 Martyrs of Damascas**, Eight Franciscan Friars and Three Maronite Laymen (July 9, 1860)  
**Bl. Maria of Jesus Crucified Petković**, Foundress, Third Order Regular (December 10, 1892-July 9, 1966)  
**St. Nicholas Pick**, priest, and companions, Martyrs of Holland, First and Third Order, d. 1572  
**St. Veronica Giuliani**, Poor Clares Capuchin (December 27, 1660-July 9, 1727)
  - 12 **Sts. John Jones and John Wall**, First Order, Martyrs of England (c. 1530-1598; 1620-1679)  
**Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin**, Third Order Secular, First spouses canonized together (parents of St. Therese of Lisieux)
  - 13 **Bl. Angeline of Marisciano**, Foundress, Third Order Regular (1357-July 14, 1435)
  - 14 **St. Francis Solano**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor, Missionary (March 10, 1549-July 14, 1610)
  - 15 **St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio**, Cardinal, Minister General Order Friars Minor, Doctor of the Church (1221-July 15, 1274)  
**Bl. Bernard of Baden**, Third Order Secular (c. 1428-July 15, 1458)
  - 16 **Canonization of St. Francis**, Canonized 16 July 1228 by Pope Gregory IX  
**St. Marie-Madeleine Postel**, Foundress, Third Order Regular (November 28, 1756-July 16, 1846)
  - 18 **St. Camillus de Lellis**, Capuchin Novitiate before founding Ministers to the Sick (May 25, 1550-July 14, 1614)  
**St. Simon of Lipnica**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1435-July 18, 1482)
  - 19 **Bl. Herman Stepien**, First Order Conventual, Polish Martyr (October 21, 1910-July 19, 1943)  
**Bl. Peter of Cresci**, Priest, Third Order Secular (d. July 19, 1323)
  - 21 **St. Lawrence of Brindisi**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin, Doctor of the Church (July 22, 1559-July 22, 1619)
  - 23 **St. Cunegunda of Poland**, Abbess, Poor Clare Sisters (March 5, 1224-July 24, 1292)
  - 24 **Bl. Antoine Lucci**, Bishop, OFM Conventual (August 2, 1682-July 25, 1752)  
**Bl. Louise of Savoy**, Poor Clare Nun (December 28, 1461-July 25, 1503)

- 26 **St. Barthelemea Capitanio**, Third Order Secular before founding another order (January 13, 1808-July 26, 1833)
- 27 **Bl. Archangelo of Calatafimi**, Religious, Friars Minor of the Observance (d. 1460)  
**Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinengo**, Capuchin Poor Clare nun (October 5, 1687-July 27, 1737)  
**Bl. Nevolo of Faenza**, Third Order Secular (13th Cent.-July 27, 1280)
- 28 **St. Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception**, Franciscan Clarist Congregation (August 19, 1910-July 28, 1946)  
**Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska**, Capuchin Poor Clares, martyr (d. 1941)
- 30 **Bl. Bertrand de la Tour**, Cardinal, Order of Friars Minor (c. 1262-1332)  
**Bl. Solanus Casey**, Priest, OFM Capuchin (November 25, 1870-July 31, 1957)

## AUGUST

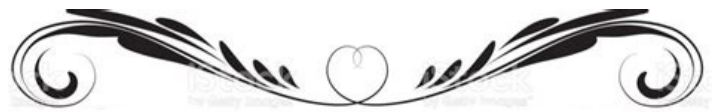
- 2 **Feast of St. Mary of the Angels of the Portiuncula**  
 Plenary indulgence available
- 4 **Bl. Frederic Janssoone**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor (November 19, 1838-August 4, 1916)  
**St. John Vianney**, Priest, Third Order Secular (May 8, 1786-August 4, 1859)
- 6 **Bl. Marie-Francoise de Jesus**, Founder, Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto (February 14, 1844-August 6, 1904)
- 7 **Bls. Agathangelus and Cassian**, Priests, OFM Capuchin, martyrs (d. 1638)
- 8 **Holy Father Dominic**, Founder of the Order of Preachers and Cordbearer (August 8, 1170-August 6, 1221)
- 9 **Bl. John of La Verna**, Religious, Order of Friars Minor (1250-August 9, 1322)
- 11 **St. Clare of Assisi**, Founder, Order of Poor Ladies (Poor Clares) (July 16, 1194-August 11, 1253)
- 13 **Bl. Marco of Aviano**, Priest, Order of Friars Minor Capuchin (November 17, 1631-August 13, 1699)
- 14 **St. Maximilian Kolbe**, Priest, OFM Conventual, martyr (January 8, 1894-August 14, 1941)
- 16 **Bl. Francis Chici of Pesaro**, Third Order Secular, hermit (d. 1350)
- 17 **St. Roch of Montpellier**, Confessor, Third Order Secular (c. 1295-August 16, 1327)

("Mary" from page 1)

Our Lady had to live with political unrest with the Roman Government, ecclesial unrest because of who Jewish people believed Jesus was., We can say that Our Lady must had some unrest in herself, still dealing with the death of Jesus. How do we deal with our unrest, the unrest of world?

We must follow our Blessed Mother's example, bringing our needs to Jesus. Our Lady modeled this for us at the Wedding Feast at Cana in the form of a petition to Jesus: "They have no more wine." She modeled it as she prayed with the apostles for the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. She has modeled for us how to keep a relationship with the Holy Trinity through petition and prayer., remembering we are an Easter People, no matter how hard the cross may-be. We have confidence that Jesus is with us and will help us overcome our crosses. Fear not "I am with you always, to the end of the age." That is why it is so important for us to be in relationship with the Holy Trinity and Our Lady. This is how we overcome the state of the world today, always following Our Lady's example of prayer and petition.

*Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap.  
 Regional Spiritual Assistant*



## LOSSES IN THE FAMILY

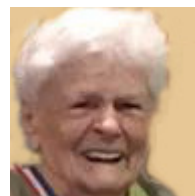
Mary Christianson, OFS, March 17, 2022. She was a former minister of Portiuncula Fraternity and was professed on November 11, 1981.

Amos Jang Hoon Lee, OFS, February 3, 1946-April 15, 2022. He was a member of St. Bonaventur Korean Fraternity and was professed on May 16, 2004.

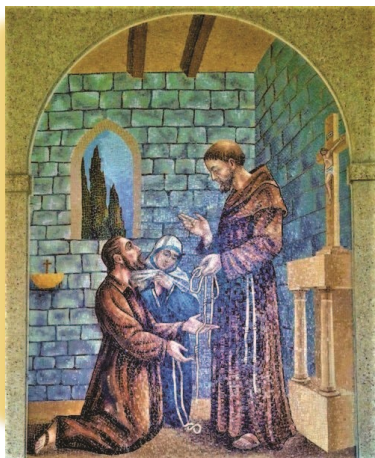


Mary Minor, OFS, March 27, 1933-January 14, 2022. She was a member of St. Conrad (Hanover) Fraternity and was professed on June 24, 1979.

Celine Mallonee, OFS, January 11, 2022. She was a member of St. Clare Fraternity Delaware and was professed on October 8, 2015.



Jean Stoddart, OFS, March 5, 1933-March 18, 1922. She was was one of the original members of the reactivated St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity in Triangle, Va., and served as its first Formation Director.



## *To This You Have Been Called...*

**OFS Formation Retreat**  
*Become refreshed and invigorated!*  
*Restore your excitement!*

**Mark your  
Calendar!**  
**June 24,  
25, 26**

Servant leadership in formation is your calling. In your heart, you hope to honor it by faithfully serving your fraternity in leading them to deeper and stronger faith, commitment, and relationship with Jesus and each other in fraternal life.

This three day retreat is especially designed for you! Our aim is to strengthen and encourage you about your calling. You will enjoy fellowship with other formators from our region as well as Religious Brothers and Sisters. You will:

- ◆ Deepen your knowledge about our Secular Franciscan Order!
- ◆ Gain clarity and enhance your understanding about Formation, the backbone of our vocation and fraternal life!
- ◆ Discover ways to provide Formation that will inspire and animate your fraternal family!
- ◆ Make new friends with like-hearted OFS members!

**Live your vocation in life and your calling!**  
**Follow Christ by following St. Francis**  
**Gospel to Life, Life to the Gospel!**

*For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.*

1 Peter 2:21

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

The Cost:

Early Bird \$295

by April 30 May 15!

Regular \$320

by May 27 June 6th.

See registration page in this packet for details.



The **Washington Retreat House** is run by the **Franciscan Sisters of Atonement**. It is next door to the **National Shrine of St. John Paul II** and up the street from the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception**. During free time you can enjoy either of these wonderful sites or rest at the beautiful and peaceful retreat house. Discover more at <https://washingtonretreathouse.org/>  
 4000 Harewood Rd NE, Washington, DC 20017



**COVID: The Washington Retreat House requires that all attendees have proof of vaccination and booster or a note from your doctor..**

# Retreat Overview

**FRIDAY**  
**June 24**



3:00pm Participants may begin arriving at this time  
5:00—6:15pm Dinner (service of food ends at 6:00pm)  
7:00pm—8:30pm **Our Formation Fraternity Is Family — Getting to know each other better than ever before**  
8:30pm — Open social time

**SATURDAY**  
**June 25**



7:00 – 8:30am Breakfast  
9:00am Prayer and Welcome  
9:30 – 10:30am **Fr. Charlie Miller, OFM, Holy Name College**  
**What Is Formation? Why Is It Important?**  
10:45 – 11:45am **Fr. Stephen King, OFM Conv., Shrine of St. Anthony**  
**What Does It Mean to Be an Order: A Fraternal Form of Life within the Body of Christ**  
12:00—1:15pm Lunch and Relaxation  
1:30 – 2:30pm **Br. Tom Carroll, OFM, Holy Name College**  
**Franciscan Charism & Franciscan Spirituality**  
2:30—3:00pm Break  
3:00 – 4:00pm **Anne Mulqueen, OFS, Regional Spiritual Assistant**  
**Balanced Ongoing Formation Program: Beyond the Monthly Lesson**  
5:00-6:15pm Dinner (food service ends at 6:00pm)  
6:30 – 8:00pm **Rita Colleran, OFS, Regional Formation Director**  
**Creating the Franciscan Culture of Belonging: Fraternity Is Family**



**SUNDAY**  
**June 26**

7:30—8:30am Breakfast  
9:30am Mass



10:30am **Br. Michael Meza, OFM Cap. Capuchin College**  
**Bringing It All Together.**  
11:30—1:00pm Lunch  
**Depart Retreat!**

# ***For This You Have Been Called-Formation Retreat***

## **Registration**

Number of persons represented on this registration form: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Fraternity: \_\_\_\_\_

Email(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

My registration is for:

- ☐ Early Bird—\$295 deadline ~~April 30~~ May 15
- ☐ Regular — \$320 deadline ~~May 27~~ June 6

First come, first serve: first 40 registrants will be placed in the Jack-n-Jill single rooms with shared bathroom.

- ☐ Mark here if you are need of any special accommodation or dietary restriction.

Please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

***COVID: Washington Retreat House requires that everyone has been vaccinated and booster  
OR have a note from your doctor***

***Send \$125 non-refundable deposit or the full amount for each person with this registration form.***

Check payable to: **St. Margaret of Cortona Region**

Note that it is for: **Formation Annual Retreat**

Mail to: **Peter Noyes, OFS Treasurer**

**PO Box 860, Burtonsville, MD 20866**

There are 52 bedrooms with a single twin bed (40 with a Jack-n-Jill bathroom and 12 rooms with a small sink but share a general bathroom). View more about the Washington Retreat House at:

<https://washingtonretreathouse.org/facility/>



**Early Bird registration — Deadline ~~April 30~~ May 15! \$295.00**

**Regular Price from May 16: \$320.00 — Registration deadline: ~~May 27~~ June 6, 2022**

Meals and private board are included. A non-refundable deposit of \$125.00 is required for each person to hold your place and is applied to the total cost. The full amount can also be paid with registration. **Your final remaining amount will be due upon entering the retreat center at the registration table. Amount due at retreat after deposit is received: Early Birds — \$170.00 and Regular — \$195.00.**

# Our Presenters



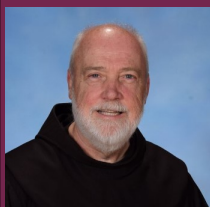
**Fr. Charley Miller, OFM—What is Formation? Why is it Important?** Formation is said to be the backbone of our Franciscan way of life. It is a communal journey and includes learning together about the Gospel and Franciscan way of life, and our ongoing conversion.

*Fr. Charley is a member of Holy Name Province, a spiritual director trained at Shalem, and a licensed clinical social worker. He has served as Regional Spiritual Assistant for the St. Margaret of Cortona Region. Currently he is a member of the spirituality team at Saint Luke Institute in Silver Spring, MD.*



**Fr. Stephen King, OFM Conventual—What Does It Mean to Be an Order: A Fraternal Form of Life within the Body of Christ**

*Fr. Stephen is a member of the Our Lady of the Angels province of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual. He holds a Master of Divinity degree, Washington Theological Union; Master of Arts degree in Franciscan Studies, Franciscan Institute at Saint Bonaventure University; and Doctor of Philosophy degree in Christian Spirituality, Graduate Theological Union- Berkeley, California. He has been involved in the parochial and education ministries of the province, including service to the Secular Franciscan Order at the local and regional fraternity levels. He has served in initial formation ministry and as a lecturer at the Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury, England.*



**Br. Tom Carroll, OFM—Franciscan Charism and Franciscan Spirituality.** Charism and spirituality are often used interchangeably, yet they are two different but vital concepts that, in spirit, work together. Discover how knowing these important concepts will impact your Franciscan walk as well as your calling.

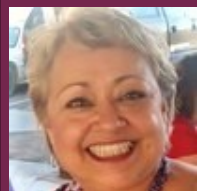
*Br. Tom is a member of Sacred Heart Province (OFM). Most recently, he has served in high school ministry in Parma, OH, where he served as teacher of Spanish, Assistant Principal, Director of International Programs, class moderator, and Vice Principal as well as anything else deemed necessary for the school. He is a member of the Franciscan Postulancy Team of the US Franciscans in Silver Spring.*



**Anne Mulqueen, OFS— A Balanced Ongoing Formation Program and Formation Leadership Beyond the Monthly Lesson.**

Formation is our learning and knowing what it is to be Franciscan in every area of our lives. It includes Franciscan history and spirituality, the Gospel, prayer, and putting faith into action. Leading formation is so much more than preparing a lesson for each monthly meeting; it involves knowing our Lord, how St. Francis taught us to follow Jesus, as well as knowing each other and what we need to bring the Gospel to life in our families, fraternities, and communities.

*Anne has served the Secular Franciscan Order for over three decades working in Formation at the Regional, National and International levels. You will see her name on our Essential Documents book as well as other publications.*



**Rita Colleran, OFS — Creating the Franciscan Culture of Belonging in Fraternity.** A sense of belonging to our Fraternity Family is essential — our relationships with each other are key to animating each member and coming together as a whole in living our Franciscan way of life. A sense of belonging involves more than simply being acquainted with other people. It is centered on gaining acceptance, attention, and support from members of the group as well as providing the same attention to other members.

*Rita has served the OFS as Minister and Vice Minister of her fraternity, as well as Regional Councilor for Virginia and now as Regional Formation Director.*



**Br. Michael Meza, OFM Capuchin— Bringing It All Together.**

*Br. Mike is an OFM Capuchin friar where he has served the poor and needy, provided leadership within the Order, as well as shepherded Secular Franciscans. Among his religious duties, he serves as a Regional Spiritual Assistant for the St. Margaret of Cortona Region.*

**THE NATIONAL FRATERNITY  
OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER  
IN THE UNITED STATES**

April 16, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters,

May the Lord give you peace! The National Fraternity Council has asked us to serve as the co-chairs of the Nominations Committee. The 2022 National Elective Chapter is announced with the following details:

1) Election date and location:

Saturday morning, October 15, 2022  
National Elective Chapter  
Detroit, Michigan

2) Positions to be filled are:

**National Minister**  
**National Vice Minister**  
**National Secretary**

**National Treasurer**  
**National Councilor 1**  
**National Councilor 2**

**National Councilor 3**  
**International Councilor**

3) Nominations are now being accepted.

**Nominations close on June 30, 2022 at 11:59PM.**

4) Please nominate well-qualified, permanently professed Secular Franciscans to serve in these positions. You may nominate a person for more than one position. You may also nominate yourself.

(If you would like to nominate someone, please contact that person first to see if they will accept the nomination.)

5) Please send your nomination (NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE, EMAIL ADDRESS) either via electronic e-mail, or via snail-mail to **both**:

Kate Kleinert, OFS  
408 Custer Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036  
E-mail: [kkleinert@msn.com](mailto:kkleinert@msn.com)

**A**  
**N**  
**D**

Emma Lozowsky, OFS  
6817 White Oak Court, Edwardsville, IL 62026  
E-mail: [ofs.minister.prairie@gmail.com](mailto:ofs.minister.prairie@gmail.com)

YOU MUST SEND YOUR NOMINATION TO **BOTH** CO-CHAIRS TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY NOMINATION BEING LOST IN THE MAIL/E-MAIL.

Please distribute this letter to the members of your region. All professed members may make nominations. Use the e-mail addresses noted above.

*Thank you for your cooperation and participation.*

Blessings,

*Kate*

Kate Kleinert, OFS  
Co-Chair, Nominations Committee

*Emma*

Emma Lozowsky, OFS  
Co-Chair, Nominations Committee

# Secular Franciscan Order - USA



Come celebrate with your Franciscan family  
the JUBILEE of our Order's  
800th anniversary of Memoriale Propositi,  
and the 100th anniversary  
of our National Quinquennial Congress!



The Q Committee invites you to pray the Quinquennial prayer!

## 20th Quinquennial Prayer

Lord God, Heavenly Father,  
we come before you in awe of your love for us.  
We acknowledge Your divine seed in everyone.  
Through your merciful compassion  
help us to see our need for conversion.  
In our service to each other  
let us experience this time of  
JUBILEE!  
We walk the path before us upon  
foundations built by our brothers and sisters.  
We are thankful for our present  
and excited for our future,  
always believing that You, O Lord,  
guide our journey.  
AMEN

**For more information and to register go to: [secularfranciscansusa.org](https://secularfranciscansusa.org)**