

LIVING OUR FRANCISCAN CHARISM
St. Margaret of Cortona Regional Retreat
June 5 -7, 2026
Priest Field Pastoral Center, Kearneysville, WV



Our St. Margaret of Cortona Annual Retreat celebrates the Region's 2026 "Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation" theme in a Spiritual Retreat focused on making JPIC-driven choices in our daily lives.

Reflect upon the themes of "justice, peacemaking, and respect for all created things and people," as we bring "Life to Gospel and Gospel to Life" in our Fraternities, families, workplace, and local and global communities. Come prepared to share, listen, and engage.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Everyone, but especially:

- All those with a desire to reignite our Franciscan charism
- Fraternity JPIC Animators and Formation Directors
- Fraternity and Regional Leadership
- Newly Professed, Candidates, and Inquirers
- Fraternities who do not have their own annual retreat
- All those who feel called to discern what is "ours to do"

WHAT TO EXPECT

Rev. Stan Fortuna, CFR is our retreat master. A founding member of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, Fr. Stan is beloved by many Secular Franciscans and has led other retreats for Fraternities in the region. He is also an accomplished professional musician, composer, and poet. Founded in 1987, the CFRs work with the poorest of the poor in the Bronx and around the world.

Known for his stirring homilies, Fr. Stan's talks will include themes such as Love for the Poor, Life to Gospel and Gospel to Life, Discerning What is "Ours to Do," and the special significance of the 800th Anniversary of the Passing of Our Seraphic Father. Mass will be celebrated on Saturday and Sunday mornings. And of course, there will be Adoration and the Liturgy of the Hours. Time for Confession may be limited, as Fr. Stan is the only priest attending.

In addition, the JPIC team planning the retreat will host at least two panels, comprised of our own Brothers and Sisters, including discussion of:

Fraternity Apostolates Across the Region, including examples of charitable and advocacy work with those who are homeless, immigrants, and the environment.

JPIC's broader mission across Fraternities, our families, the workplace, and in our local and global communities.

How JPIC intersects with the region's formation, multicultural, and interfaith initiatives; and how we are guided by our OFS Rule.

Finally, there will be some time in the evening or over meals, to relax and interact with our Sisters and Brothers. For those so inclined, there is an exercise room and a walking trail in the woods. A member of our planning team recently said that the only thing Secular Franciscans like better than getting together to eat is getting together to sing. Given that Fr. Stan is a musician, it is likely that singing and music will also be a part of what to expect on the weekend.

Goals for the Retreat include:

CARE FOR CREATION - Registrants will receive more information closer to the retreat on how we plan to recycle, reuse, carpool, and take other measures to care for creation.



GIVING BACK - Registrants will be asked to bring a canned good or nonperishable food item to the retreat. Along with any unopened snacks, we will donate these items to a local food bank with the assistance of local Secular Franciscans.

INCLUDE EVERYONE - We want to make every attempt to simply include everyone. If you are disabled and need assistance, we may be able to match you with a volunteer. If you need a language Interpreter/Translator, please let us know your needs. We are working on bringing in an ASL Interpreter for those who are Deaf. And if you want to attend the retreat but are unable to drive, plan early and let us try to help you find a ride with someone else from your area.

The retreat will begin on Friday, June 5, with registration from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. We will end on Sunday, June 7 at 12 noon. Meals provided are dinner on Friday, breakfast/lunch/dinner on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

RETREAT FEES AND PAYMENT

Check out the registration site for more details regarding retreat fees, deadlines, and the registration process. Priest Field offers mostly shared double rooms. There are a limited number of single rooms and even a dorm/bunk house available. Double and single rooms are \$310 and \$350 per person, including all retreat fees and meals. With an early registration option, register before March 15 and receive a discounted \$285 or \$325 rate.

The dorm/bunk house is \$250 per person, and designated for women only. A commuter rate of \$150 includes all retreat fees and meals for the 3-day retreat, with no overnight room. For all registration options, register and send payment by check or Zelle. Credit card payment is also an option, but there is an additional processing fee added at checkout. Again, please see a more detailed description on the registration site.

REGISTER NOW:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094DAAA72EAAF94-62122762-2026>

Contact 2026MOCRetreat@secularfranciscan.org for more information.

