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The new Regional Executive Council members are installed by Arturo Villareal, OFS, NEC.

## Regional Elections to Executive Council

The 2014 Chapter of elections was conducted at Christ the King Retreat Center on Saturday May 31, 2013. Arturo Villareal, OFS, from the National Executive Council presided, with Sr. Mary Lou Eltgroth as friar witness. There were 31 voting members present for the roll call at the opening of the chapter which was sufficient to validate the election. The process was conducted according to the Ritual format of the Secular Franciscan Order. Following are the results of the election:

Regional Minister: Kim Pappas, OFS  
Regional Vice Minister: Tim Taormina, OFS  
Regional Secretary: E. Gordon Walker, OFS  
Regional Treasurer: Kathy Fraser, OFS  
Regional Formation Minister: Margi Florence, OFS  
MN/SD/ND/WI Councilor: Maria Hamilton, OFS  
Iowa Councilor: Hazel Martin, OFS  
Nebraska Councilor: Dick Beal, OFS

Mass was celebrated at 5pm with Fr. Frank Corradi presiding for the feast of Ascension. The new officers and Regional Spiritual Assistants were commissioned during liturgy. Regional Spiritual Assistants commissioned were Sr. Nancy Miller, OSF, and Kathy Taormina, OFS.

## More Regional Offices

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# Revision to Queen of Peace Regional Guidelines

## Article 8 regarding Bequests completely revised

1. The Region and Fraternities hold in remembrance and deep appreciation those deceased members and active members that have bequeathed to the Region or their fraternity special funds.
2. All such monies shall be dispersed according to the written wishes of those benefactors.
3. When no such stipulation is given, all monies such be dispersed in prudent manner to benefit the poor and disenfranchised, preferably, within the immediate local area of the fraternity.
4. These funds are to be recorded and held in separate account for auditing purposes by the Region.
5. It is the obligation of the Region or Fraternity to recognize these benefactors by holding a special service of remembrance to memorialize their life and support to the Secular Franciscan Order.
6. Fraternities shall report to the Regional Executive Council donations over \$500.
7. The Fraternity is organized exclusively for tax exempt purposes as that term is defined not permitted to be engaged in by an entity exempt from federal income tax (wording is directly from National Statutes)
8. Fraternities, in accordance with IRS Regulations for Non-profit Organizations, NAFRA Statement of Purposes, NAFRA Fraternity Internal Controls and Treasury Guidelines shall not spend these funds in the following manner:
  - A. Day-to-day expenses of the Region or Fraternity
  - B. Loans to fraternity members
  - C. Loans to fraternity members' relatives
  - D. Political candidates or their companions
  - E. Pay off fraternity members' debts
  - F. Any personal gain or benefit for anyone in the fraternity
9. Gift cards may be given if the collective value does not exceed \$500 in a fiscal year per member



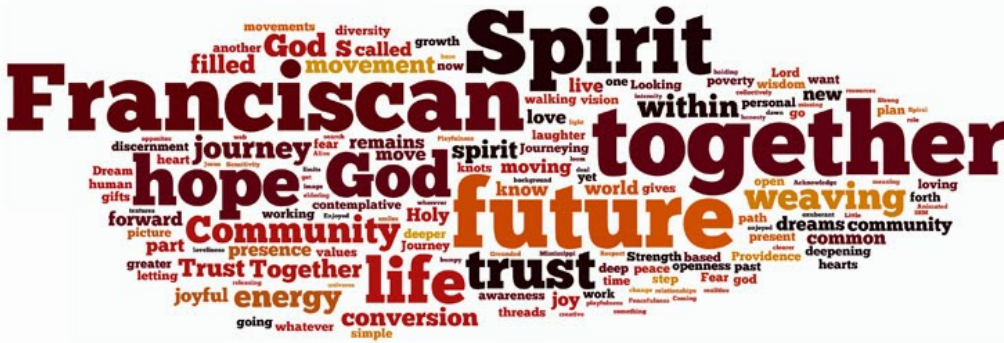
## Fair Share for Candidates Approved

Approved unanimously at the Regional meeting was an annual Fair Share assessment of \$17 per candidate effective 31 December 2014. It was noted that the United States is one of the few countries in the world that does not currently assess candidates' fair share. NAFRA voted at their last Executive Council meeting to begin assessment of \$17 per candidate on 1 January 2015. Your Queen of Peace Region voted to follow suit in order to cover this assessment as Region cannot absorb this expense under current budget projections.

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

You are called to service as a Franciscan! Share your gifts with everyone in the Region! Putting together a newsletter is as easy as pie. All you need is a computer, MS Word and/or MS Publisher and you are in business. (Better off with a MAC.) Just download the template of your choice and plug in pictures and data. Regional officers will help you with content. Remember the editor is responsible for putting it together, not writing the whole thing! And you only need to do it four times a year! Don't say no to this one—it is a privilege to serve. Contact the acting editor if you feel called.





## Minister's Message

As I write this, it is shortly after the Regional Fraternity Meeting and we have a new Regional Executive Council. There are returning members, as well as new members. This is the first time the Region has elected a Formation Director. Margi Florence from Des Moines is our first. We also saw the retirement of Sr. Mary Lou as a Regional Spiritual Assistant. Sr. Nancy Miller, OSF and Kathy Taormina, OFS were installed as Regional Spiritual Assistants. Our Regional Fraternity has a new fraternity, St. John Paul II, Waseca, which was canonically recognized in May. We were honored that Bishop Quinn was the celebrant. Holy Trinity Fraternity, Dubuque, celebrated their 100th anniversary late last year. The new Regional Council will be meeting this summer to lay out priorities for the upcoming term. If you have ideas or concerns, please contact any one on the Council.

God Bless You, Kim Pappas, ofs.

## Spiritual Assistance Corner

June – The Franciscan Charism is bustin' Out All Over

*“June is bustin’ out all over, all over the meadow and the hill, flowers bustin’ out on bushes...just because it’s June.”* This song from Rodgers’ and Hammerstein’s movie Carousel spews forth high energy. This same upbeat tone was felt at the recent Queen of Peace Regional Meeting where OFS Ministers and representatives gathered. Input on the Three “C’s” of Franciscan Spirituality, “Crib, Cross and Cup” was given by members of the Formation Team and Spiritual Assistants - Ann Weltin, OFS,

Kathy Taormina, OFS, and Sr. Nancy Miller, O.S.F. These three themes are simple ways to remember the core elements of our Franciscan Spirituality. The Crib highlights the Incarnation of Jesus – Jesus was born purely out of God’s Love and Goodness; the Cross -his life expressed love and goodness and included embracing suffering death on the Cross; and the Cup – the Blood and Body of Christ of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Eucharist) calls each of us to share our lives with others through service to others. There certainly are other “C’s”, e.g., contemplation, conversion, community, church, and creation. Thus, let us continue to creatively ponder ways to engage and collaborate with others for the Franciscan Charism is bustin’ Out All Over .

Peace and all good,  
Sr. Nancy Miller, o.s.f.

This year’s Gathering will feature Father Thomas Speier, OFM. Mark your calendars for 27 September 2014. Place is St Olaf Parish Center, 3220 Monroe Street, Eau Claire, WI. Mail in your application now to take advantage of early bird registration. Fr. Tom Speier



is a member of the OFM Province of Franciscans in Cincinnati, Ohio. He founded the Franciscan Spiritual Direction Program in 1981. He has conducted

sessions the world over. Fr. Tom also co-founded the *Franciscan Gathering* which brings the Franciscan family together in Tampa, Florida annually to explore facets of their spirituality. Currently he ministers to the students of the University of Cincinnati. He spent the first half of his priestly life as professor and Director of Formation in his Order’s college seminaries and he served on the Midwest Inter-provincial novitiate team. Fr. Tom spent two years conducting retreats at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Cincinnati. He has organized renewal workshops for the Franciscan friars. During the last thirty years he has shared numerous retreats and missions with sisters, priests, and laity. Fr. Tom holds two graduate degrees from St. Bonaventure University and the Franciscan Institute.

## Brother Juniper



“We feel that with a little effort you can be ‘holier-than-thou.’”



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Franciscan Lay Retreat, Hankinson, ND**

The Franciscan Sisters of Dilligen will host a Franciscan Lay Retreat on 21 June 2014 in Hankinson, ND. The retreat will be held at St Francis Convent, 102 6th Street SE, Hankinson, ND. Point of contact at the Retreat House is at 701-242-7195. Retreat will go from 9AM to 4 PM with Mass and dinner included. Please call ahead to give them a good count on numbers for dinner. Questions should be referred to Barbara Langer, OFS at 701-775-9994.

### **2014 Regional Fall Gathering—"THE FRANCIS YOU DON'T KNOW"**

The 2014 Regional Fall Gathering is sponsored by Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity. The meeting will be held 27 September 2014 at St Olaf Parish Center, 3220 Monroe Street, Eau Claire, WI. Registration form attached to this newsletter.

### **All Iowa Retreat—Sunday, October 5, 2014, American Martyrs Retreat Center, Cedar Falls, IA - 8:30 AM—4:00 PM—Hosted by Saint Mary Fraternity**

Sunday October 5, 2014 American Martyrs Retreat Center, Cedar Falls, IA 8:30 AM—4:00 PM Hosted by the Saint Mary Fraternity. All members of your fraternity are encouraged to participate in this workshop. Specialized break-out sessions will include the elected positions of ministers/vice ministers, secretaries, treasurers, formation directors, councilors and non-elected positions of spiritual assistants, JPIC, newsletter, Infirmarian, prayer line, archivist/historian, hospitality committee, etc. All ofs are invited to come and learn skills.

### **Nebraska Chapter of MATS, August 16, 2014, Lincoln, NE**

Chapter of MATS begins with registration at 8 AM in the Franciscan Meeting Room of Saint Elizabeth Hospital, 555 S. 70<sup>th</sup> ST, Lincoln, NE. Featured speaker will be Fr. Kubat. Point of contact is Virgil Helget, 3800 Van Dorn, Lincoln, NE 68506. Phone: 402-488-6044. Email: [chelget@gmail.com](mailto:chelget@gmail.com).

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## Sr. Mary Lou Eltgroth Retires



Bishop Quinn, Saint John Paul II Fraternity members and guests pose for recording of the celebration of the Canonical establishment of the Fraternity.

## Saint John Paul II Fraternity Canonically Established

The Emerging Fraternity of Saint John Paul II was established canonically on May 3rd, 2014 at the Church of the Sacred Heart in Waseca, MN. The Most Reverend Bishop John M. Quinn, Bishop of Winona was the celebrant for this great day of jubilation.

The Fraternity's Mission Statement is as follows: *We as Franciscan laity are committed to seeking and promoting a closer relationship with God for ourselves and others by living the Gospel of Jesus Christ and by following St. Francis' and St. Clare's example of simplicity, humility and service using the Rule of Life of the Secular Franciscan Order as our guide.*

The Fraternity gathers monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Sacred Heart Convent, Saint Francis Room, 400 Second Avenue NW, Waseca, MN 56093.

They also hold Spiritual Buffet gatherings on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM in the same location.

After many years' faithful service to the Queen of Peace Region, Sr. Mary Lou is retiring. She was recognized at a special ceremony during a social event that ended the evening on Saturday May 31 during the Regional meeting. Sr. Mary Lou was thanked for her years of service at the Regional level. She will be retiring as Spiritual Assistant. A cake, plaque, and \$100 gift card were given in thanks. We wish Sr. Mary Lou all the best and success in her future endeavors.

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