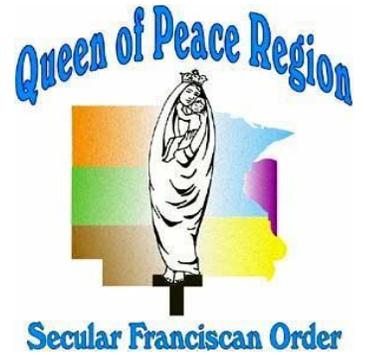


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Minister's Quarterly Message

When we think of the summer time, we might think of family reunions, class reunions etc. It is good to get together with the people who mean so much to us. The Fraternity Ministers gathered in Buffalo at the end of May for the Region's annual meeting.

During this meeting, we take time out for prayer, formation, social time and of course, necessary business. These are the four cornerstones that our National Fraternity has been preaching since the International Fraternity did their Visitation. It is what NAFRA looks for when they do Regional Visitations. It is what the Region looks for when we come to visit your fraternity.

It is vitally important that fraternities are represented so that we are all on the same page. Yes, it is in the General Constitutions as well that we gather annually. I will be attending the National Fraternity Annual Meeting in New Jersey in October.

The newly elected General Minister of our Order will be conducting an election of National Officers. If you would like to run for an office or know someone that would be good at the National Level, let someone on the Regional Council know and we will put them into the Nominations process.

Have a good summer and remember to spend time with the ones you love.

Peace and all Good
Kim Pappas, OFS
Regional Minister

Spiritual Assistants Class

The Spirit has been moving and was clearly experienced as thirteen Franciscans gathered on Friday, May 29th, for the first Queen of Peace Region Spiritual Assistants class. Eleven participants with the two Regional Spiritual Assistants, Kathy Taormina, OFS and Sr. Nancy Miller, OSF, gathered at Christ the King Retreat Center in Buffalo, MN, to meet each other face-to-face and to begin the course work for the ministry of Spiritual Assistants for local fraternities. This involves a two year preparation process. It was a wonderful opportunity for people who have a common desire to live a Franciscan way of life more deeply and to serve, to meet and to get to know each other, and to get to know the Regional Spiritual Assistants. It was blest time for all. Please pray for them as they continue in this process.

Peace and all good,
Sr. Nancy Miller, OSF



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Servant Leadership Opportunity

Answer the call to service as a Franciscan! Become the next Tracings Editor! Share your gifts with everyone in the Region! Putting together a newsletter is quite simple. All you need is a computer, MS Word and you are in business. (A MAC may work better.) Just download the template of your choice and plug in pictures and data. Regional fraternity members provide the content. 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 to learn more. gordonofs@gmail.com

JPIC



For thus says the Lord, the creator of the heavens, who is God, the designer and maker of the earth who established it, not creating it to be a waste, but designing it to be lived in: I am the Lord, and there is no other. Isaiah 45:18

Secular Franciscans, be on the alert for Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, due out this summer. It has already generated discussion from hopeful environmentalists and the United Nations Secretary General, in light of major U.N. meetings on climate change with world leaders, set for November and December in Paris. A few wary economists, capitalists, and some Catholics worried that the encyclical may support population control have expressed concern, in effect warning Pope Francis not to meddle where he doesn't belong.

However, Pope Francis mentioned care for creation in his inaugural homily and has joined his two predecessors in discussing environmental issues. He has especially mentioned the impact climate change will have on the poor. These concerns are firmly rooted in our secular Franciscan rule and Catholic social teachings. The encyclical should provide a rich source for our ongoing formation, and the environment continues to be a major focus of the Franciscan Action Network and Franciscans International. Stay tuned!



Spiritual Assistants Class: L-R BACK: Kathy Taormina, OFS, Bob Barnes, OFS, Larry Ryan, OFS Sr. Nancy Miller, OSF, Br. John Mary Kaspari, FBP, Will Moore, OFS Mary Kopelke, OFS.
FRONT: Amanda Oney, OFS, Connie Lacher, OFS, Sr. Kathy Salewski, OSF, Sr. Louise Bauer, OSF, Esther Reagan, OFS, Melody Taninies, OFS.

Donations to Queen of Peace Common Fund

In this issue of tracings we begin to offer members, friends and supporters of the Secular Franciscan Order the opportunity to honor or memorialize their special intentions through donations to the Regional common fund. Honorariums and Memorials will be published in the next issue of Tracings. Funds will be use to defray

expenses of the Regional Fraternity. The Regional Fraternity is a 501C3 organization under the auspices of the Secular Franciscan Order National Fraternity of the United States. As such, qualified contributors are entitled to deduct the entire amount contributed. See your tax specialist to determine qualification. Donation form can be found below.

Secular Franciscan Order Queen of Peace Region Donation Form

I/We would like to make a tax deductible donation to the OFS Queen of Peace Regional Common Fund:

In honor of: _____
- or -

As a Memorial to: _____
My/Our check numbered _____ in the amount of _____ is included in this mailing.

My/Our Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

Please mail this form and your check to:
Treasurer, OFS Queen of Peace Region
22983 W. Martin Lake Drive, Stacy, MN 55079



Transformation and the Formator

The Secular Franciscan Formator helps the members and aspirants of a fraternity toward full realization of his/her human and Christian development; facilitates his/her experience of church within a community of faith and love; and supports and guides one to discover Christ. Formators, your awesome challenge is the opportunity to be the one in assisting persons seeking a new way of life.

Secular Franciscans make a solemn pact; better than a contract, a covenant with God. Jesus is our

focus; Francis' example is our guide to making a radical change in lifestyle. Although there are stages of formation to be traversed, it is a single process of growth; it is an ongoing conversion so that enlivened by the Spirit one may conform to the image of the Son of God.

Transformation is an awesome grace, the opportunity to help someone change his/her life. If and when a person listens well and hears a call from within, that means a process of changing ones thoughts and habits is taking place. One's total being eventually will change and you as Formator have helped develop a new creation.

Formation, therefore, is a process that never ends. It is not TTWADI (that's the way we've always done it) be open to change and new ways in which the Spirit will lead you and challenge you to serve. Retention is

your goal!

Dear Lord thank you for choosing me to do this service in your name.

Margi Florence, OFS
Queen of Peace Formation Director

Mission Statement of the Queen of Peace Regional Formation Team

The mission of the Queen of Peace Regional Formation Team is to assist and engage the local Formation Director (s) in facilitating the processes for both initial and on-going formation. On-going formation of the local fraternity enhances the fraternity's life and vibrancy so that it gives witness to Gospel living and to the Rule and Life of the Secular Franciscan Order.



Fraternity of John Paul II First Elections!

L to R: Lisa Falenschek, OFS, Sr. Lois Erpelding, OSF, Bonnie Johnson, OFS, Jean Gallegos, OFS, Arlys Fell, OFS, and new minister Mary Koppelke, OFS. Not pictured: Sarah Gahlon, OFS.

RESIDENT FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Resident Franciscan Community of the Saint Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI is accepting applications for admission. Interested parties may examine requirements for admission and view the application at <http://sarcenter.com/resident-franciscan-community/>.

One may also call or email Fr Frank Corradi at 715-443-236 ext. 117 or frfrank@sarcenter.com.





UPCOMING EVENTS

A Retreat for Secular Franciscans

“When the kindness and love of God appeared...” a retreat at the St Francis Retreat Center, Hankinson, North Dakota, Sat June 25, 2015 9AM to 4PM. Register by email: ndfranciscan@yahoo.com

OFS Summer Seminar

A Servant Leadership Seminar will be the focus of the Summer Seminar for all OFS in Altoona, PA, July 9-12, 2015.

Nebraska Chapter of Mats: Servant Leadership Workshop

Hosted by St. Clare Fraternity. Saturday, August 8, 8:30AM to 3:30PM, at New Cassel, 900 N 90th Street, Omaha, NE, 68114. Pre-registration required. Cost to be determined. RSVP by July 29; to Ann Reynek, OFS, at areynek@cox.net or 402.493.6730

Queen of Peace Regional Fall Gathering

The 2015 Regional Fall Gathering, to be hosted by Saint Louis Fraternity, is scheduled for September 19th, 2015 in Rochester, MN from 9:00AM to 4:00PM.

2015 All Iowa Retreat

San Damiano Fraternity, Marshalltown, IA will host the 2015 All Iowa Retreat on Sunday, September 27th, 2015 at the Tama County Nature Center, Otter Creek Lake Park, Tama, IA. Theme is “Called and Gifted” featuring speaker Deb Richards. 8:30AM to 3:00PM. Cost \$20.00.

The Quinquennial

NAFRA will hold the “Q” in St Louis, June 30 – July 3, 2016 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel. Rediscover the Franciscan Charisms and enjoy new growth and fruitfulness in your vocation. Share your joys and your insights as we look forward to future endeavors as a National Family.

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