



Queen of the Angels Secular Franciscan Fraternity



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Summer 2011

First Milestone for New Fraternity

On April 30th, 2011, Queen of the Angels Secular Franciscan Fraternity met for our first Pastoral and Fraternal Visitation. Father Curtis Carlson, O.F.M. Cap. (delegated by our Regional Spiritual Assistant Father Felix Petrovsky, O.F.M. Cap.), and Alice Crews, our Regional Minister, conducted this formal visitation at the Church of the Santa Fe in Buckner, MO. Msgr. Kaiser and Sr. Josephine Boyles along with the five members of the new fraternity were present to answer questions, produce documentation when necessary, and share in the camaraderie of the day. The new fraternity worked for a few months to prepare a newsletter, recruitment brochure, and reports for their visitation. It was good news to hear that we had been recommended and approved to emerge as a new secular fraternity. Now, the work begins!



Most High,
Glorious God,
Enlighten the darkness of our hearts,
Give us true faith,
Certain hope,
And perfect charity,
Lord, give us insight and wisdom,
That we may discern
Your holy and true will.

Spirit of Independence Community Band



The Spirit of Independence Concert Band is in its 14th season, serving the Metro Kansas City area with great performances of traditional concert band music, and our own Msgr Kaiser is a proud member. He is pictured at Swan Lake Memorial Park where he performed on

Memorial Day. Catch these future concerts.

July 4, 2011--Mormon Visitor Center, Independence, MO 8:15 Concert time, with fireworks following.
July 9, 2010--Bingham-Waggoner Estate, Antique and Craft Show



**Juan de Padilla
Regional Retreat
June 3– 5
Wichita, Kansas**

Regional Retreat in Wichita: Formation of SFO Members as Gospel Persons in and by the Gospels

Secular Franciscans from Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Arkansas came together in June for the annual Juan de Padilla Regional Retreat in Wichita, KS. It is a time when fraternities participate in prayer, study and teachings to refresh their Franciscan vocations and bring a renewed spirit to their individual fraternities.

This year's retreat director was Fr. Julian Haas, O.F.M. Cap.



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Dona Gibbons attended the retreat and brought back important information about living out the gospel life in our homes.

She is encouraging each one of the fraternity members to start now making plans to attend next year's Regional Retreat.



**Formation
Workshop
June 11**

Olathe, Kansas



Kenton Miller sfo
Regional Formation
Director

Formation Workshop

On June 11th, 2011, the whole fraternity attended the SFO Formation Workshop held at Prince of Peace Church in Olathe, Kansas. This new formation manual is the culmination of two years of work by the International and National fraternities to "rev" up our formation process and to standardize it throughout the world. At the workshop each fraternity was given a new formation manual entitled **For Up to Now: Foundational Topics for Initial Formation**, the FUN. Kenton Miller, our Regional Formation Director, presented information about this process and Cheryl O'Neil led us through a sample lesson.

We were reminded that the formation of inquirers and candidates is the responsibility of the whole council actively working together with the director of formation.



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Interesting in learning more about Secular Franciscans? Call Sr. Josephine Boyles, OSF (816)252-1673

NAFRA Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation Award!

The NAFRA Peace Award is now named The Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Award. Each fraternity has been asked to nominate a person as a recipient to receive the 2011 NAFRA Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation Award at the NAFRA Gathering in California in October 2011. Here are the Guidelines for this nomination:

"A nominee should have made significant efforts in the generally defined areas of Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation. Current activities would carry more weight than past activity; that is, a nominee exhibiting current JPIC activity will have more weight over a nominee who displayed activity a few years ago. In order to prevent any scandal, the nomi-

nee should be of known good moral character.

As this is a National award, nominees who reside in the United States or U.S. Territories would have more weight than nominees from other parts of the world. Nominees need not be Franciscan or Catholic. Nominees should not be political, nor carry an agenda."



Our Nominee: Mother Angelica

We nominate Mother Mary Angelica of the Annunciation, Poor Clare of Perpetual Adoration, founder of EWTN Television Network, and the Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament in Hansville, Alabama, as the next recipient of the Peace, Justice and the Integrity of Creation Award.

She has been recognized in the past by Time Magazine which described Mother Angelica as "arguably the most influential Roman Catholic woman in

America. Raymond Arroyo's book, Mother Angelica's Private and Pithy Lessons from the Scriptures was listed November 2, 2008 on the New York Times' Best Sellers list of advice and how-to books.

Mother Angelica is a Franciscan, and an American. Her life is an example of courageous innovation to Evangelize the world in the richness of the Catholic faith. Her

nomination will reinforce the theme of this year's CIOFS theme of Evangelization. Through the EWTN Network, Mother Angelica has evangelized every country on earth. She has brought the best minds and hearts together to present the truth of the Catholic Church to educate the faithful and those who know nothing of the Church.

God bless her!



"If you're not a thorn in somebody's side, you aren't doing Christianity right."

~ Mother Angelica



Love proves its power by melting icy hearts, giving assurance, changing personalities, instilling joy and promoting a feeling of well-being that nothing else accomplishes.

Mother Angelica



**Gospel to life.
Life to Gospel.**

Juan de Padilla

Born in Andalusia in 1500, Juan de Padilla, was a soldier before he came a Franciscan friar. He held several positions of authority in Mexico. Padilla was one of four Franciscans to accompany Francisco Vasquez de Coronado on his expedition to colonize New Mexico in 1540. The expedition was encouraged by reports of riches from Cabeza de Vaca and his companions, the survivors of the ill fated Navarez expedition.

Padilla was guardian of a convent at Jalisco at the time the expedition began. He gave up his high position in the church in order to become a missionary to the native people to the north. It was his hope to educate and convert the people to the religion he taught.

Father Padilla was known to be kind and gentle yet full of energy. He punished those who caused unpleasantness in Coronado's camp. At first he worked with the Moqui Pueblos. He spent winter quarters with Coronado on the Rio Grande river, where the army rested before continuing the historic journey to the fabled Quivira.

At Pecos Coronado became interested in certain stories of

a captive Indian prisoner held as a slave who claimed that he was born on the far eastern border of the great plains. The Spaniards called him the Turk, because of his closely shaven head with a small tuft of hair growing on the top. His hair was worn similar to that of the Osage, Kansa, and three other plains tribes. The Turk told the Spaniards that far away in the east there was a rich country called Quivira. He told them about gold, silver, and other precious metals. The Turk wanted an opportunity to return to his tribe.

The Spaniards had found the Mexicans using gold for ornaments and also knew of the reports of wealth from Peru. When the Turk pointed to gold, which he seemed to recognize as valuable, they thought that he was truthful.

Padilla was with the expedition, which started on May 3, 1541. Coronado met with little opposition as he journeyed eastward. At some point the expedition split and 30 horsemen, along with Padilla, went northward in search of Quivira, reaching the Kansas plains in the later days of June. They crossed what is now the richest portion of Oklahoma and the great wheat belt of Kansas.

For 25 days in the summer Coronado remained among the grass-hut villages of the Quiviran Indians. Several men published accounts of their movements and all that they observed.

Padilla accompanied Coronado back to the Spanish settlement. In fall 1542 he prepared for the journey on foot of more than 1,000 miles, and taking with him the needed effects for saying mass, with three companions. Their course was more direct than Coronado's first route, beginning in Bernalillo, on the river above present-day Albuquerque, and passing through Pecos and to the northeast, probably entering Kansas near the southwest corner and proceeding on to the land of the Quiviras. They safely reached their destination and were well received by the Indian tribe. Coronado had erected a cross at one of the villages. Padilla began his missionary work. When he decided to leave to work with other tribes, he was killed. He became not only the first missionary in the Mississippi Valley, but the first Christian martyr in what is now the United States of America.

Although the exact place of his death is unknown there is a monument to Padilla in City Park in Herington.

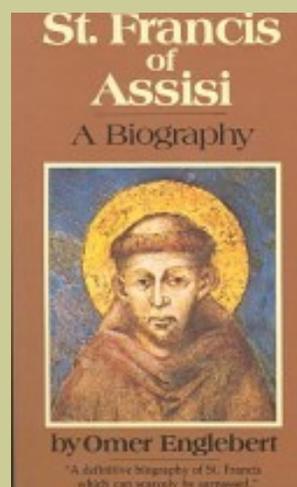


**Servant of God,
Juan de Padilla,
Pray for Us!**

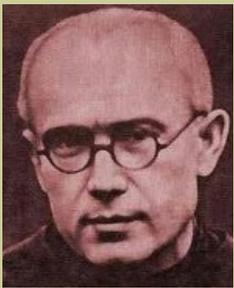
Fraternity Reading

This summer each member of the fraternity members has purchased a copy of St. Francis of Assisi: A Biography by Omer Englebert. This biography is noted as one of the best on our Seraphic Father. Fr. Engelbert pulls from many primary sources to give us a clear picture of not only the saint but of the customs and times and in which he lived. We hope to learn and discuss what we have learned throughout the year.

St. Francis, Pray for us!



June 18, 2011



St. Maximilian
Kolbe,
Pray for us.



Sr. Connie Sends
"Thank You" to
Fraternity

Franciscan Spirit Camp

Sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls came together at the Franciscan Prayer Center on June 18th to participate in this year's Spirit Camp. The girls had an incredible opportunity to grow closer to Christ, learn about prayer, develop friendships, and have lots of fun. The fraternity helped send a girl to this through a donation.



Camp Activities

We began with Mass at 8 a.m. followed by a wonderful pancake and sausage breakfast which was prepared by the Knights of Columbus Council 3430 from St. Ann's and St. Cyril Parishes. Sister Mary Clare gave a kick off talk on the life of St. Maximilian Kolbe who was the saint we focused on this year. In past years we have done St. Francis, St. Anthony, and Blessed Junipero Serra. She emphasized his love and devotion to Our Lady and the work he did to promote the sanctification of all people in the world as well as his martyrdom at Auschwitz. As the day progressed we began to focus on these different aspects of his life from his childhood to his death. St Max was a cantankerous boy and his mother in her frustration asked him one day, "What will happen to you?" Those words stuck with him and he prayed and Our Lady appeared to him offering him two crowns: one white for purity and the other red for martyrdom. She asked which he wanted and he chose both. When asked which they would choose many girls chose purity, others chose martyrdom and some chose both. We discussed those two ways of sanctification and did a water and sponge activity. The girls were clothed with rope cinctures signifying St Max's entrance to the Franciscan Order and their bond to Christ that must remain for ever. A water balloon activity helped to show how we must work together as sisters and brothers in Christ.

We continued making treasure bags for the treasures they would receive throughout the day emphasizing that our real treasures are not in this world. Many treasures were provided with explanation: a Miraculous Medal, holy cards of St. Max, a St Max medal, and other items each as a reminder of the activities we shared. As the day progressed we had lunch provided by the Southeast Serra Club. In the afternoon we went to Auschwitz where each girl was given a black and white striped prison uniform which they received in silence and reverence discussing what bondage and freedom really mean. They were able to distinguish between the obedience of hatred and that of love. As the day drew very warm we shared an ice cream treat. We eventually made rosaries and created shrines to Our Mother Mary where we ended the day with a decade of the rosary prayed at each shrine. The high school group leaders created their own newsletter like St. Max did called the Knight of the Immaculata which was distributed to each girl with a group photo that was taken earlier in the day. It was 4:30 before we knew it and time to go home. After a bit of clean up, all 37 girls were headed home with hopefully some new insights into St. Max and into her own life, treasures no moth can eat nor thief can steal.



Thanks you so much for all your help to make Franciscan Spirit Camp a reality again this year. Help came from so many wonderful folks including you. It came from the Southeast Serra Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Downtown Serra Club, the Secular Franciscans, and individuals who wanted this camp to succeed. Help came as food, scholarships, volunteers and most of all prayer. God knows how many seeds were planted and vocations nourished. Thank you for your generosity in helping to make Franciscan Spirit Camp a success. We could not have done it without your help. May God bless you all,
Sr. Connie