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## M i n i s t e r ' s   M e s s a g e

### Poland

In May my husband and I took a pilgrimage to Poland with the St. John University Student Parish in Stillwater. There were 25 OSU students and 8 adults. This was our second pilgrimage we had taken, and as I have told anyone who would listen, it is by far the best way to see the world. I love traveling with Catholics who are all looking for a religious experience as well as the experience of a new country.

As on our other pilgrimage that we took in October to Rome and Assisi, besides the wonderful sites and experiences of being in a foreign country, there was plenty of prayer and reflection time. We had daily Mass in amazing churches and chapels as well as Morning and Evening prayer and journal/reflection time on the bus as we traveled to and from our destinations for the day. Our days were a combination of jubila-

tion and profound sadness, of awe and disbelief. That is the heart and life of the Polish people.

To begin we spent the first 3 days in Zakopane, the mountain town where St. Pope John Paul II used to take his students to go hiking, boating and skiing, to get away from the chaos of the city to relax, enjoy friends and to think about the work of God in their lives. We did much the same. We delighted in experiencing the Polish Highlander culture, a rural mountaineer society that has retained much of the Polish folk culture. We visited the local churches, hiked the mountains, ate rural Polish food, and even danced the Polka at a folk restaurant!

Traveling on to Krakow, we were immersed in the history of this holy and strong people who time and time again put their trust in God and went forward boldly in their faith. Our guide, Grego-

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Standing in the Church of the Immaculata at Neipolalanow, Monastery, founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe OFM.

ry, explained how once the Germans left the city and the Russians took over, they were determined to make Poland into a world in their own image. In the area known as the New City, they destroyed the ancient and beautiful buildings of the Polish history and constructed large, plain, concrete buildings with no or little decoration. They tore out all the trees so that the people had nothing of beauty to look at, nothing to take their minds and souls away from their work. That was what the Communist regime taught: you work and produce what is needed for the government and then you die. There is nothing else during or after. It was heartening to see that today the Polish people have recaptured the beauty of God's world once again - painting the buildings, planting trees again – yes, it is revitalizing.

But then there was Auschwitz and Birkenau. I cannot express the sadness and depression of those horrible places. The row upon row of cramped bunkhouses, the hideous conditions that they endured. The stories of how the Nazis told the Jews that they were taking them to a new and better place, and the when they arrived at these camps, they exterminated them in gas chambers, never even noting their names or how many they killed. Yes, we have all heard the devastating stories, and all are probably true. Standing before the barred door on the cell where St. Maximilian Kolbe offered his last breath that another man could live shook my soul. I will never forget it.

But amid this pain and sorrow was also overwhelming joy. We visited Lagiewniki, the center of devotion to Divine Mercy. In the chapel of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy, the relics of St Faustina Kowalska are housed in a white coffin below the miraculous image of the Divine Mercy painted by Adolf Hyla. One of her relics is has been placed in a marble prie-dieu before the altar so that pilgrims wishing to venerate her and ask for her powerful intercession may kiss the casing and place holy items on it. On the same grounds is the beautiful new Shrine to Divine Mercy where St. Pope John Paul II offered Mass on one of his visits to Poland, as did Popes Benedict XVI and Francis. And up the hill from the Divine Mercy Shrine is the new St. Pope John Paul II Sanctuary, a gorgeous modern church with 25 side altars. All of this was so inspiring and uplifting.

We moved on to Warsaw but first enjoyed a day in Wadowice, the birthplace of St. Pope John Paul II, and of all things, we arrived on the anniversary of his birthday. What a celebration! There was a stage at one end of the town square where orchestras and singers rejoiced and celebrated this holy man. We delighted in more Polish cuisine and enjoyed one of the best museums ever which encompasses the apartment where Karol Wojtyla lived with his father until he went to the university. Upon leaving Wadowice, we also visited the Franciscan monastery not far from Wadowice where he would go to pray and reflect.

I knew about the image of the Black Madonna mostly because of my fraternity, St. Stanislaus and St. Adalbert. Its home is St. Ann Church in Broken Arrow, OK, which was the home of a group of Polish Franciscan Capuchins for many years.



Judith with husband, Richard in Wadowice, the birthplace of St. John Paul II, in front of his statue in the town square.

In the church is a copy of the image. What I didn't know the incredible history of its survival and of the hundreds and hundreds of miracles that took place because of praying to Our Lady through this image. We arrived in Czestochowa on Pentecost Sunday. Upon entering the Church of the Black Madonna where the icon is housed, I was shocked. The walls of the chapel that reach to 20 or 25 feet high are heavily covered nearly to the ceiling in crutches and braces of people who were healed, as well as rosaries, jewelry, pictures and various mementos left there in gratitude to Our Lady for prayers answered. It was breathtaking. As were the thousands of people there for Mass. There are two main churches and 7 smaller chapels in the Basilica. Masses were said every hour in each space from 7 AM to 7 PM, and every Mass was full. Such a tribute to the faith of the Polish people.

Besides a wonderful free day spent in Old Warsaw shopping, eating and enjoying the beautiful old buildings, we were blessed to also visit Niepokalanów, the Franciscan monastery founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe. We had Mass in the small wooden chapel next to what was his cell when he lived there. The monastery that once housed nearly 700 friars, now has about 100 friars in residence. The peace of the monastery and grounds and the beauty of the Church of the Immaculata reinforced the charism of our calling.



Main altar in the St. John Paul II Shrine

However, with all these beautiful and inspiring places the most overpowering image of Poland that I took home with me was the amazing desire of the Polish people to pass on their heritage. When Pope John Paul II visited Poland for the first time after becoming pope, he told his native people not to look to the west for guidance. He begged them to preserve their Polish culture and pass on the Catholic Faith. And this they have faithfully done. Poland is 86 percent Catholic, and it is obvious - thousands of people in the churches, crucifixes and holy art everywhere, even in restaurants. But the most impressive were the bus load after bus load of students, elementary to high school, in every shrine and museum we went to. The Polish people take passing on their heritage seriously. I thought that it was just "end of the school year field trips," but was assured by our guide that this is an everyday occurrence. This is how they survive. This is how the Catholic Church stays alive there.



Divine Mercy Shrine

Interestingly, after my time in Poland, the thought that stays with me actually comes from Padre Pio when he says to have faith in the present by trusting God and don't worry about the future. This is best done by what Matthew Kelly calls creating a holy moment by just doing the next right thing without hesitation or plan. Just do what you know in your heart is what you should do. St. Maximilian Kolbe did the next right thing even though it cost him his life to save the life of another. St. Pope John Paul II, in his love of his people and his beloved Poland, chose to become a priest which led to his election as Pope. St. Faustina, under the direction of Jesus, followed every step she was given to bring Divine Mercy to the world. Yes, the greatness of Poland lies in its people who love God above all else and trust in His promise.

*Pax et Bonum,*

*Judith*

*Regional Minister*





From the Regional Spiritual Assistant

## PLAYING FOR THE ANTELOPE--SIMPLICITY

### REFERENCES:

#### **Omer Englebert, St. Francis of Assisi**

*"Your Lordship [Francis speaking, addressing Innocent III], my brothers are called Fratres minores, that they may not attempt to become majores. Their vocation teaches them ever to remain in a humble condition. Keep them in it, even against their will, if you would have them be useful to the Church." ... Such was the way the Saint conceived of the cooperation of his friars in the task of restoring the Christian spirit.*

[chapter 10]

#### **Leo, Companion of Francis, Legend of Perugia**

*This brother [John] was so simple that he felt bound to do everything that blessed Francis did. ... Blessed Francis was very amused at this simplicity. Nevertheless, he began to reprimand him. But the other answered: "Father, I promised to do all that you would do; therefore I want to do all that you do." And blessed Francis was in admiration and joy at seeing such purity and simplicity. This brother made such progress in all the virtues and in sanctity that Francis and the other brothers were amazed at such perfection. He died...and he [Francis] called him not "Brother John" but "St. John."*

[number 19]

#### **G. K. Chesterton, St. Francis of Assisi**

*The whole idea of St. Francis was that the Little Brothers should be like little fishes who could go freely in and out of the net. They could do so precisely because they were small fishes and in that sense even slippery fishes. There was nothing that the world could hold them by, for the world catches us mostly by the fringes of our garments, the futile externals of our lives.*

#### **The Apostle Matthew, Gospel**

*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God.*

[5:8]

#### **M. Scott Peck, The Road Less Traveled**

*Mature mental health demands, then, an extraordinary capacity to flexibly strike and continually restrike a delicate balance between conflicting needs, goals, desires, duties, responsibilities, directions, et cetera. The essence of this discipline of balancing is "giving up." ... The loss of balance is ultimately more painful than the giving up required to maintain balance.*

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**[Section I: Discipline]**

This story is told of Albert Schweitzer, humanitarian, African missionary doctor, expert on Johann Sebastian Bach, and accomplished musician, who had received a magnificent musical instrument, an organ crafted to withstand the humidity and turmoil of the jungles of Africa. After performing surgery most of the day, and doing his other work, every evening he would practice playing the music of Bach with an audience of two antelope that he had been raising. When a visitor happened on the scene, and asked what he was doing, Schweitzer answered: "I come here every day and play for the antelope."

Great people have no idea that they are great. Working with such a principle develops the virtue of simplicity. Francis seemed not only to carry it out well, but he seemed to generate it within his Order.

As I see it, there are a number of ways of describing simplicity. Some of them are presented in the references above. Perhaps the most interesting is Chesterton's description of remaining "little" in everything so that those who aspire to be simple can pass freely in and out of the net of the world. The world cannot catch a simple person because he has no "garments" that the world can grab on to. Learning the discipline of balancing—Peck's idea—enables a person to "give up" the garments that the world considers important, and to spend time with what really matters.

True followers of Francis of Assisi will learn simplicity. We will learn the art of realizing that we are as great and important as anyone else—no more, no less. We will learn that we must study how to "balance" on the spiritual level—whether we are in control of our anger and disappointments, for example, even as we embrace the presence of God, whether we have sufficiently accepted the natural controls of religious life, and the like. We will study whether the world has been able to grab the fringes of our garments, and lead us to something that is not in keeping with truly Franciscan thought.

In short, the simple will learn to pray and work well, in every circumstance, even in those where only the antelope are listening.



- 1. In your opinion, what are the ways that the followers of St. Francis can remain "in a humble condition"?**
- 2. Using Scott Peck's idea of "balancing," what do you think Secular Franciscans must "give up" in order to maintain truly spiritual health?**
- 3. What are the characteristics of great spiritual people?**
- 4. Give your definition of simplicity.**
- 5. In terms of Chesterton's statement, what are the "garments that the world consider important"?**
- 6. Do I truly wish to consider myself "little" in all the things that I do?**
- 7. Have I learned to "balance" my own desires with the directives of our Constitutions?**



*"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication" – Leonardo Da Vinci*





# A BANNER AND A MOTTO....

During the 2014 Annual Retreat in Wichita, the region was presented with a newly designed Coat of Arms (left). If you have ever attended a national event, you have seen beautiful regional banners from across the country on display. In the last TAU magazine, the Quinquennial Committee for 2021 has requested all regions to send a digital copy of their banners. Juan de Padilla, the newest region in the country, does not yet have a regional banner. A regional banner would be displayed at all Chapters, Summer Gathering, other regional or national events. It is a tool to promote unity and the Order.

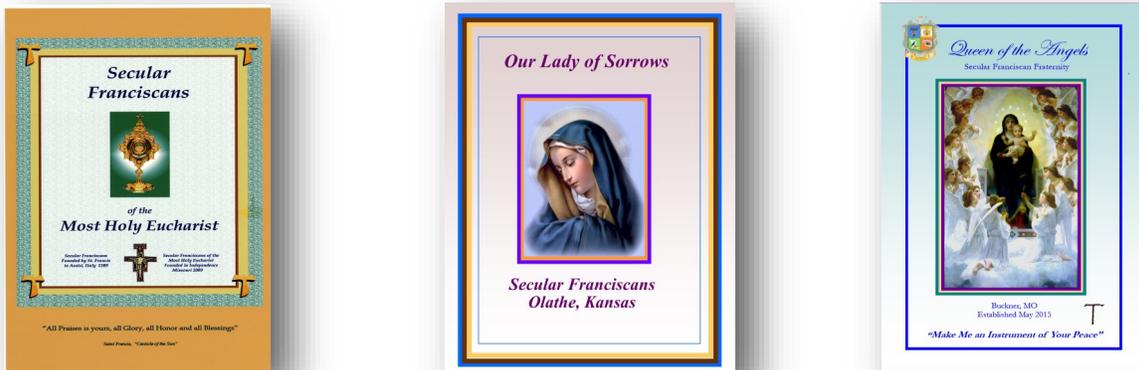
Many of you know brothers and sisters who have artistic talents that might enjoy creating a banner design. If you prefer to share ideas about the banner for someone else to develop, send your ideas to “Juan” at [juandepadilla.sfo@gmail.com](mailto:juandepadilla.sfo@gmail.com) We are asking for designs and ideas only. You do not have to produce a banner. Your ministers will discuss these ideas to the next Regional Chapter in Independence September 21-23, 2018.

MOTTO— Those who attended the Summer Gathering in Independence last month, saw the motto for the gathering, “Seek the Beatitude Attitude” on name tags, agendas, signs, pens, etc. Every region needs a good motto too, so we are also asking ideas for a regional motto. Submit your ideas for a regional motto to “Juan” at [juandepadilla.sfo@gmail.com](mailto:juandepadilla.sfo@gmail.com).

Below are examples of both regional banners and banners from the Quinquennial in Chicago...



## Sample of current Fraternity Banners from Juan de Padilla Region Fraternities



Fraternity banners shown above are from Secular Franciscan of the Holy Eucharist Fraternity – Independence, MO; Our Lady of Sorrows Fraternity – Olathe, KS and Queen of the Angels Fraternity – Buckner, MO.



## THE FORMATION CORNER



Janice Keeley  
Formation Director  
In the Sea of Galilee

Our recent Juan de Padilla Summer Gathering was a true joy. We were well cared for at the Franciscan Prayer Center; our presenter Father Bill Kraus, OFM, Cap. was an inspiration and keeping company with our brothers and sisters in worship, sharing and learning was familial as usual. The title of the weekend was “Seek the Beatitude Attitude.”

Brother Bill began our days together by pointing out to us that we live in a myopic (nearsighted) time. People are prone to sharing selfies, wanting instant gratification and demanding one’s own rights as a priority. It is common, in today’s culture, to think that truth is relative and there is no need to look outside of oneself for truth. The Franciscan’s vocation is to help our culture have better vision by helping people **look out, back and up.**

Having a “Gratitude Attitude” is the first step toward having a “Beatitude Attitude.”

Praise God from the moment of waking “Lord, Open my lips and my mouth shall proclaim your praise,” to the moment of dying “Welcome Sister Death” (Francis) and “Thank you God for creating me” (Clare). You are blessed NOW. “Blessed ARE the peacemakers, the poor, the sorrowing etc. (NOW), the kingdom of heaven IS yours (Not will be). Rejoice and be glad.

Fr. Bill moved smoothly through myopia into Franciscan contemplation. In contemplation, we take the focus off of us and place it on Christ. CONTEMPLATION IS THE ACT OF LISTENING TO, GAZING UPON AND BEING WITH GOD WHO REVEALS HIMSELF IN US AND AROUND US THROUGH HIS WORD AND SPIRIT. CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER IMPLIES CHOOSING A TIME, A PLACE AND A QUIET APART FROM EXTERIOR HUMAN ACTIVITIES IN ORDER TO BE MORE FULLY ATTENTIVE TO THE INTERIOR ACTIVITY OF CHRIST AND HIS SPIRIT. (Cap. formation council) Contemplate the poor, humble, rejected Christ on the cross, in the Eucharist, in the Gospel and in the poor and sick.

In St. Clare’s third letter to Agnes of Prague she says, “Embrace the poor Christ. LOOK upon Him Who became contemptible for you...Most holy queen, **gaze, consider, contemplate** desiring to **imitate** your Spouse.” Look for a long time at a reality (the Eucharist, Christ in the monstrance, a painting, a flower, a child, your child). **Consider** (think about, wonder about) what is God’s purpose? What does he want of me? In Mark’s Gospel for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Jesus sent out the Apostles two by two to preach repentance. I sat in our church gazing at the crucifix and realized that Jesus’ face had become my face. It was clearly me who should have been on that cross, but I knew it was Jesus there in my place. Mass went on and I had to go on, but the Holy Spirit had been present to gift me with an experience to share with you.

Privileged places of contemplation are in a chapel, a prayer corner or in nature. In nature, with the help of the Holy Spirit, we can acquire a mystical understanding of creation and how it helps us know God. We discern that all species have value in themselves. All creation obeys God and thus praises Him in the way God created it to do. Reread St Francis’ Canticum of Creatures. Many creatures have become extinct, and are no longer present to praise God in the ways they were created to do. (Laudato si #33) We must praise God in the manner God gave us, using the gifts we were given. Like every other species, we too are unique and invaluable to our creator. God looked at his creation and saw that it was good.

St. Clare, in her fourth letter, says, “Gaze upon that mirror each day...and study your face in it.... Indeed in that mirror, blessed poverty, holy humility and inexpressible charity shine forth as, with the grace of God, you will be able to contemplate throughout the whole mirror.” (A mirror, in those times, was fairly unusual, but mirror imagery is in spiritual literature at the time of Clare.) In the mirror, it is your face that you see, but in the circumference of the mirror, see the Child born in Bethlehem, the Savior in his passion, the face of Jesus over your shoulder. The face of the one whom we are born to **imitate** is in the mirror with you. See his love, his poverty, the humility of God becoming man. He is our template. If we **contemplate** who we see in the mirror, we are designed to become a template for others. Contemplation brings us into a reality much bigger than ourselves. As we continue to gaze, the poverty, humility and littleness that is Jesus, becomes ours and when others see us, they will also see Jesus. So, gaze with great confidence on the Mirror that is Jesus, the axis and the center of our holiness.

Peace,

**Janice**

Regional Formation Director



# Fraternity News



## Little Portion Elections – Tahlequah, OK



April 14 2018 – Election results; John Witosky OFS, minister; Dee Hrankaj OFS, vice minister; Steve Hamby OFS, Secretary; Mary Mead OFS, Janice Keeley OFS, Deacon Mark Keeley OFS. Front row: Ann Marie Neuok OFS, pastoral visitor, Judith Cronk, fraternal visitor and Gerald Allen OFS.



## St. Stanislaus & St. Adalbert – Visitation on May 15 2018



In the front row (l-r): Judy and Rick Ewing (candidates); Sr. Marie Cordis, Letah Lewis (candidate) , Judy Hart, Ann Marie Neuok, Dee Hrankaj, Judith Cronk, and Shirley Thummel (Inquirer). Back row: Dominick Palmisano, Bill Montieth, Tom Firme, Willa and Ferman Sabala, Mary Mead SA, and Janice Keeley, fraternal visitor.

# Our Lady of Sorrows, Olathe, KS

## Hold's Come and See Event



How often do you hear fraternities say, that they need more members but they are not sure how to begin.

This year, Our Lady of Sorrows Fraternity was facing this question when their Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Barnabus Eichor OFM Cap, encouraged them to hold a Come & See event at Prince of Peace Church, where they meet each month.

The fraternity gathered information and materials about St. Francis, and the Secular Franciscan Order. They printed promotional brochures and advertised the event in the parish bulletin for several weeks ahead of the event.

Finally, when the meeting began, they were pleased to see that 22 showed up to learn about St. Francis and his 3rd Order. Four of these individuals showed up to their next gathering!

They are now following up with individuals to see if they would like to learn more about being a Secular Franciscan Order and are hopeful that some may take the leap to go further.

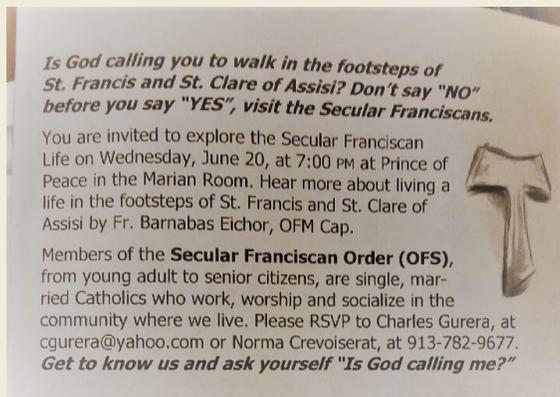
Several other fraternities are holding Come & See events at their local parishes after a profession.



Display of promotional items such as; San Damiano Cross, The Rule, The Ritual, Franciscan Journey, Franciscan Crown, statues, books. Franciscan items, brochures and information about Our Lady of Sorrows Fraternity and the Secular Franciscan Order.

There has been discussions about hosting an information table with one or more fraternities in an area after Mass or during a conference. These events can be fruitful. We have to be open to "stepping out of our box" and try something new. How many of you first learned about OFS and were asked by someone to come to a Secular Franciscan Gathering? Be that person who asks another to "Come & See".

You can find more information about how to host a Come & See event by going to the Juan de Padilla website and searching under Resources or click - <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/guidelines-forms-other-resources>.



The above is a copy of the bulletin announcement

# Fraternity News



## St. Anthony's Fraternity, Wichita, KS

by Chris Riggs, Minister

Three new Franciscans were professed to the St. Anthony Chapter Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis Saturday, July 28, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Wichita. Professed were Margarita Schulte, Alan Siegman, and Jeanmarie Murry. From left are Chet Kirby O.F.S., Father Garret Burns, Deacon Matt Siegman (Alan's son), Sylvia Kerschen O.F.S., Margarita, Alan, and Jeanmarie, Father Babu Panninti (Jeanmarie's pastor), and Chris Riggs O.F.S. A reception was held afterward in the Cathedral's gathering space. About 40 family and friends attended. (Photo by Steve Bradshaw, O.F.S.)

## St. Anthony holds a "COME & SEE" Event

Each year, Larry Menestrina OFS represents the



OFS at the Annual Midwest Catholic Family Conference in Wichita, August 3-5, 2018. This year, Steve Bradshaw made beautiful brochures and holy cards for a table display so that their fraternity can join in to evangelize and spread the message of St. Francis. What a great idea on how to meet new recruits for the Order.

	<p><b>Who are the Secular Franciscans?</b></p> <p>Who are the Secular Franciscans? They are lay people who live in the world, but are united to God by their love of St. Francis. They are members of the Order of Secular Franciscans, which was founded in 1920. They are called to live the Gospel in their daily lives, following the example of St. Francis. They are called to be peacemakers, to care for the poor and the sick, and to be witnesses of the Gospel in their families and in their communities.</p>	<p><b>What do Secular Franciscans do?</b></p> <p>The Secular Franciscan Order is a lay organization of men and women who live in the world, but are united to God by their love of St. Francis. They are called to live the Gospel in their daily lives, following the example of St. Francis. They are called to be peacemakers, to care for the poor and the sick, and to be witnesses of the Gospel in their families and in their communities.</p>	<p><b>Is the SFO for You?</b></p> <p>Membership in the Order is generally obtained through a time of discernment and prayer. It is a commitment to live the Gospel in one's daily life, following the example of St. Francis. It is a commitment to be peacemakers, to care for the poor and the sick, and to be witnesses of the Gospel in one's family and in one's community.</p>
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Margarita Schulte OFS



Alan Siegman OFS



Jean Marie Murry OFS



The Immaculate Heart of Mary Cathedral, Wichita, KS



Minister Chris Riggs, relaxes with newly professed members before the profession ceremony.



Sylvia and James Kerschen prepare food for party afterwards.



Chester Kirby, Sylvia Kerchen, Margarita Schulte, Alan Siegman, Jean Marie Murry and Chris Riggs.

## Fraternity News



Pictured l-r – Frank Carpinelli, Agnes & Robert Pouy, Roseann Mahieu, and Kay Mangimelli. (Not shown – Sean Bauer, Sherry Ann Lange)

### St. Maximilian Kolbe, Atchison, KS

Located in the middle of a large Benedictine community of Atchison, KS which is the home of Benedictine College. St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity has a unique challenge being surrounded by the Order of St. Benedict in all Catholic schools and parishes.



But this fraternity, strengthened by their strong formation program, prayer life and traditions, model the work of St. Francis by serving local parishes and schools with charity, donations and hospitality. Currently, members are working towards setting up handicap parking at a local parish.

July 14, 2018, the fraternity was visited by pastoral visitor – Father Mike Scully OFM Cap. and fraternal visitor – Dona Gibbons. OFS. Former Regional Minister, Frank

Carpinelli OFS, is the current minister. He leads the fraternity with his same grace and knowledge that he demonstrated as when he led our region.



### PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE—AUGUST 1 & 2

One of the most fascinating things about the life of Saint Francis is the Portiuncula indulgence that he obtained from the Pope Honorius III. The Portiuncula (or “little portion”) is essentially the mother church of the Franciscans.

Tradition states that Portiuncula was built under Pope Liberius (352-66) by hermits from the Valley of Josaphat who hid relics (burial clothes) from the grave of the Blessed Virgin at this spot.

This dilapidated little chapel was given to St. Francis by the Abbot Monte Subasio in 1208. Francis restored it as was his custom.

Saint Francis asked that this chapel be indulgenced, and the Pope granted his request. This was a amazing privilege since only Rome, Jerusalem, and Santiago in Spain were the sites of plenary indulgences. This act of the Holy Father raised this small “little portion” to one of the most important pilgrimage shrines in the

Saint Francis died lying naked on the floor of the Portiuncula in 1226.

For more information on the Portiuncula Indulgence go to [www.sfojuandepadilla.org](http://www.sfojuandepadilla.org)





# St. Joseph Fraternity News ~ Hays, KS

by Brenda Lager, OFS

St Joseph's parish in Hays asked the SFO fraternity to lead the rosary during the Corpus Christi procession so we did.

The members able to walk and pray were myself, Troy Haas, Geri Rupp, and Joanne Wasinger.

Some stayed inside to pray and others attended Immaculate Heart of Mary Church for the First Mass of Fr Andrew Hammeke who was newly ordained yesterday in the Salina Diocese.



Brenda and Troy talk with the Daughter of Isabella



## One of St. Joseph's Apostolates



Troy Haas OFS leads the group in the assembly line.

During the July gathering, the fraternity members assembled Ziploc bags of shampoo, soap, lotion, razors and deodorant for a youth group from Hays to take on a mission trip to an Indian Reservation at the end of this month.

Catherine Wahlmeier OFS read about St Bonaventure to the members as they assembled the bags since it was his feast day.



Minister Brenda Lager, reported that they discovered that it was St Bonaventure who brought the tradition of saying the Angelus prayer at the ringing of the church bells at noon.

The beautiful St Francis scapulars were made by Jorge Vazquez OFS. The scapulars have St Francis receiving the Stigmata as one picture and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel as another picture. He sells them for \$5, which is the cost of the materials.





## The Wild Goose is Coming Soon

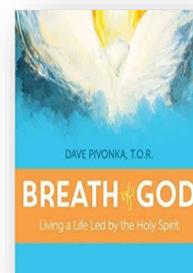
**The National Formation Committee is doing something very new and exciting this year!**

After reading the book, **Breath of God, Living a Life Led by the Holy Spirit** by Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, the members of the National Formation Council were led to deep personal reflections. This developed into discussions about how to infuse the powerful spiritual message of this book into the national formation program. They decided that they had to enlist Father Dave Pivonka in providing special training for all Regional Formation Directors and a select twelve members of the Order.



Father Dave Pivonka, TOR

The National Formation Visioning Workshop will be held in at the Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, KS. Participants from Juan de Padilla are Regional Formation Director, Janice Keeley OFS and Regional Secretary, Dona Gibbons OFS.



Many of the KC Metro fraternities are helping to make this workshop a success by working with Regional Treasurer, Claudia Kauzlarich on registration and transportation.

Father David Pivonka is a member of the Sacred Heart Province of Franciscan Friars of the Third Order Regular. He is a nationally known speaker. His **Wild Goose** series on the Holy Spirit is still being aired on EWTN. His website is <http://www.thewildgooseisloose.com>.

Many are excited about Fr. Dave’s new project - **A Sign of Contradiction** which is about St. Francis of Assisi, a true “sign of contradiction”. There is an interesting trailer of this project on his website. (listed above)

Father Dave and his team are always in high demand nationally and is difficult to retain for events. Members of Juan de Padilla Region are especially blessed because the Regional Council has already retained Father Dave Pivonka to be the retreat director for the 2020 Summer Gathering in Wichita, KS.

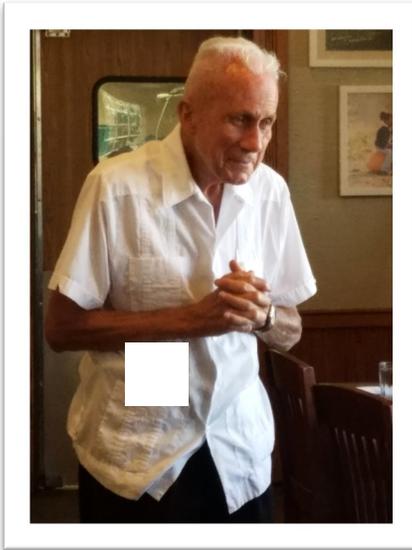


## SISTER DEATH

NAME	FRATERNITY	CITY, STATE	DATE
Esther Corzatt OFS	St Joseph	Hays, KS	April 1, 2018
Carol Eker OFS	St. Elizabeth	Leawood, KS	May 31, 2018

Please notify Judith or [www.juandepadillasfo.com](http://www.juandepadillasfo.com) of the death in your fraternity.

## Missouri Fraternities Celebrate Spiritual Assistant, Monsignor Kaiser's 90th Birthday



Monsignor gave words of advice along with his priestly blessing to all.

July 2, 2018 Queen of the Angels fraternity held a breakfast to celebrate the 90th birthday of their Spiritual Assistant, Monsignor Ralph Kaiser OFS, Pastor of the Church of the Santa Fe. Members of St. Elizabeth of Hungary and Holy Eucharist also attended.

Monsignor is originally from New Jersey. He attended St. Bonaventure University where became a Secular Franciscan.

He was lead to serve as a Navy Chaplain and traveled the world.

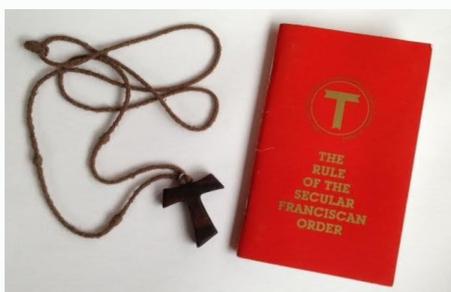
Monsignor plays the trumpet for the Independence Community Band and teaches instruments to local children. Both he and his students have won several awards for their individual performances.

Monsignor continues to travel the world and is known for his photographer . He has won national awards for his nature photography.

Among those attending was Alice Crews, former Regional Minister.

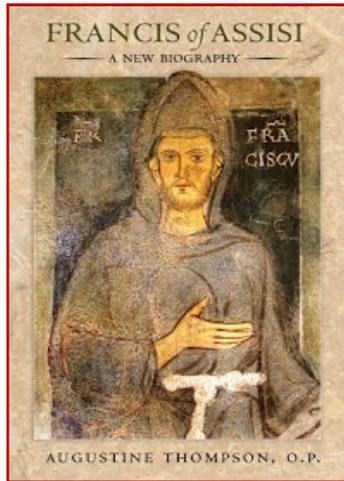


Monsignor with his trumpet



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## Celebrating **40 Years** of the OFS RULE



## Francis of Assisi: A New Biography by Augustine Thompson O.P.

### *Did You Get Your Copy Yet?*

Regional Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Mike, has asked that everyone read a copy of Thompson’s book based upon the historical facts of the life of Francis of Assisi.



The Franciscan Renewal Workshops is in the second year of three in which Father is discussing this book as it relates to Francis and our vocation as secular Franciscans.

If you don’t have copy, you can get it used or new on Amazon and other sites for a reasonable amount. It is a good investment.

Franciscan Renewal Dates are: Sept. 8—Stillwater, OK; Sept. 29—Hays, KS; Oct. 20—Blue Springs, MO

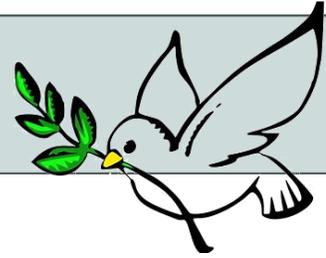
More information & registration information can be found at: [www.sfojuandepadilla.org](http://www.sfojuandepadilla.org)



## CALENDAR EVENTS 2018 - 2019

DATE	EVENT	Location
August 1,2	Porziuncola Indulgence	All Churches
August 10	Regional Formation Committee	Haskell Catholic Center, Lawrence, KS
August 11	REC Meeting @ 10 am	Haskell Catholic Center, Lawrence, KS
August 26	St. Elizabeth of Hungary Election @ 2 pm	Cure of Ars, Leawood, KS
Aug 30—Sept 2	National Formation Workshop	Pastoral Savior Center, Kansas City, KS
September 8	Franciscan Renewal Workshop	Stillwater, OK
September 21-23	NAFRA Visitation	Franciscan Prayer Center, Independence, MO
September 29	Franciscan Renewal Workshop	Victoria, KS
October 3	Transitus of St. Francis	World-wide
October 4	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi	World-wide
October 6	Brown Robe Fundraiser — Fr. Mike	Denver, CO
October 9—Nov 4	NAFRA Chapter	St. Louis, MO
October 20	Franciscan Renewal Workshop	St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Blue Springs, MO
November 9	Formation Committee Meeting	Haskell Catholic Center, Lawrence, KS
November 10	REC Meeting	Haskell Catholic Center, Lawrence, KS
December 25	Christmas	
January 12 2019	Visitation — Our Lady of Sorrows @ 8 am	Prince of Peace — Olathe, KS

## JPIC Corner



As the lovers of the lives and teachings of Jesus and of Saint Francis of Assisi that we are, we must take our place as peacemakers and as peacebuilders very seriously. Pace E Bene, a Franciscan ministry that teaches and evangelizes peace, promotes Campaign Nonviolence every year in September. It happens during the week that the United Nations International Day of Peace takes place every year on September 21. At my parish, we try to have a prayer service for peace every year at about that time. It is a good time for all of us to come together and pray for and reflect upon peace in ourselves, in our homes, in our country and in our world.

Last year one group made a collage about peace and peaceful acts that was placed in their local library during the month of September. Events concerning the components of civil discourse would fall in the peacemaking/peacebuilding milieu as well. We would do such a great service to humanity if we learned and put to practice skills of civil discourse and nonviolent communication. Learning them and using them can be harder than one might think, but it could have such a positive impact on our world!

This year the Campaign Nonviolence Week of Nonviolent Actions will take place on September 15-23, 2018. Pace E Bene has considerable information dedicated to Campaign Nonviolence on their website. You can visit their website to register a prayer service or event or to read more about this nonviolence initiative or peace in general at <http://www.paceebene.org>

At our regional gathering this year, Father Bill Kraus, OFM Cap. challenged us to pray and live fully the promises of the Beatitudes of Jesus. For me, living them fully means that I believe so much that what Jesus says will happen as a result of living them will really happen that I would work really hard at holding nothing back; I wouldn't worry about what people thought or said; I would just make and build as much peace as possible. If we fully live peace, we will inherit the world, the earth, for Jesus! How powerful is that!



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*Regional JPIC Coordinator*