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That All May Be One

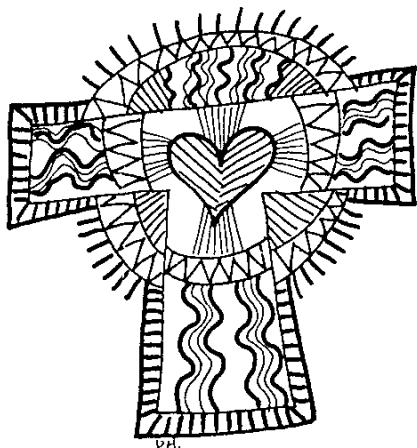
Newsletter of the  
Brothers and Sister of St. Francis Region  
Secular Franciscan Order  
Fall 2005

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## Robert Murtha family Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis 2005 Franciscan Family of the Year

Lana Aumer, SFO, BSSF Region Family Commission chair, presented the award to the family at the Annual Regional Gathering in August.

"I'm humbled by it all," Robert said later. "There are a lot of good Franciscan families out there. In our fraternity, we try to bring our families together so that you see the families. Out of that, we have a stronger fraternal body, helping us on our Franciscan journey."



A member of Immaculate Conception Fraternity, Jonesboro, Ga., Robert Murtha, SFO, serves on the fraternity council and chairs the Fraternity Youth/Young Adult Commission.

Robert always goes "the extra mile" when he sees a need. He suggested the fraternity's Calvary Refuge Center apostolate, and the family fully supports this and other fraternity apostolates.

Prior to becoming a Secular Franciscan, Robert and his wife were already involved in community and church activities. He was a Boy Scout and Eagle Scout leader for years, while his wife taught CCD for a number of years, and they can always be seen helping with parish events.

Murtha family members are always willing to make themselves available when Immaculate Conception has special projects. This year the fraternity held a garage sale to raise apostolate funds. Robert drove to everyone's home (located in four cities) to pick up items from fraternity members who were unable to deliver the donations themselves.

The Murtha family truly lives a life of simplicity, humility, and service. Daughters, Alycia and Mary, have attended fraternity meetings in the past, join in many events, and help with the fraternity apostolate when possible. They're very active in their youth group and regularly attend the XLT group — high school students who gather for adoration and worship before the Blessed Sacrament.

Son Robert III is in the Marine Corps and recently returned from a tour of duty in Iraq.

Exhibiting the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity, and respect for life, their oldest daughter is  
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## Minister's message

Peace and blessings.

It is hard to believe that one year has passed since I accepted the honor to serve as minister for our wonderful region. I have learned a great deal but mostly that I have a more to learn. Meeting and working with so many spirit-filled members of our Franciscan family has been the best part.

Our Annual Regional Gathering, Aug. 19–21, was truly led by the Holy Spirit and facilitated by his talented and willing servants — our members. Channel of Peace, Chattanooga, Tenn., coordinated the registration; Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Hilton Head Island, S.C., set up the eucharistic chapel and prepared the service; St. Francis of the Hills Fraternity, Hendersonville, N.C., prepared the memorial for our deceased members.

The speakers were Fr. Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., regional spiritual assistant; Cricket Aull, SFO, regional vice minister; Paula Zanker, SFO, regional formation director; Diane Curran, SFO, minister, Crucified Christ Fraternity, North Charleston, S.C.; Jennye Taylor Johnson, SFO, regional commissions chair; and Lana Aumer, SFO, Family Commission chair.

Deacon Dennis Arcand, SFO; Cathy Arcand, SFO; and Jennye Taylor Johnson prepared a beautiful prayer reflection on the “Canticle of the Creatures.” Cricket’s husband, Jerry Aull, and their daughter, Adrian, shared their musical talent. The music was reflective and inspiring. It included an uplifting “Thanks to Jesus” as we sang, “How Sweet It Is To Be Loved by You.”

Special thanks to all of them and the 154 members and guests who took the time to travel to Charlotte to discover and share how our Secular Franciscan way of life is based on the four pillars: Spirituality, Formation, Fraternity, and Apostolate.

Mark your calendars for next year’s gathering: Aug. 11-13. We will honor St. Clare on her feast day and welcome Carol

Gentile, SFO, our national minister, for a fraternal visitation.

Four fraternities held elections in the past quarter. Please welcome the newly elected ministers: Dr. Ed Babin, SFO, St. Michael the Archangel, Spartanburg, S.C., June 25; Alice Ramos, SFO, Our Lady of Good Counsel, Greenville, S.C., Aug. 6; Mary Tociidowski, SFO, St. Stanislaus, Wilmington, N.C., Aug. 27; Skyler Harvey, St. Maximilian Kolbe, Charlotte, Sept. 18.

I attended NAFRA Chapter 2005 at University of St. Mary of the Lake Conference Center Mundelein, Ill., Sept. 20–25, hosted by **Mother Cabrini** Region. Eighty Catholic Secular Franciscan leaders from around the country joined for the annual national gathering of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States. Each year this gathering includes time for prayers, formation, and business. It’s a wonderful opportunity to discuss concerns and share ideas. We were also able to visit Marytown and have a tour of the national shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe.

Let us pray for all those who suffer and struggle to rebuild their lives in St. Joan of Arc Region of Louisiana, Mississippi, and eastern Texas.

Pax et bonum  
Judy

## Editor's journal

Like a small, unpolished gem in a green enamel setting, Valleremita rests halfway up a mountain.

We 27 pilgrims, mostly Secular Franciscans, came to the Valley of the Hermit, with its 9th-10th century church and adjoining dormitory dating to the 1400s, nearly 800 years after St. Francis visited here in 1209.

“Being at Valleremita has helped me connect better with Francis,” I wrote in my journal as I sat on a three-stone bench under the chapel’s portico, its ceiling showing traces of frescoes of Mary, God the Father,

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and a hint of a forest scene.

"To say that Francis lived 800 years ago was an abstract number to me before, but being in a place that Francis actually loved and visited makes that time concrete. Touching the stones and walls and doors he touched, worshiping in a church where he worshiped, walking the paths he walked, has made him so much more real to me."

That's the way it was in all the places we visited Sept. 12–21. Bret and Katia Thoman of St. Francis Pilgrimages and candidates for SFO profession in Immaculate Conception Fraternity, Jonesboro, Ga., coordinated the pilgrimage, with Fr. Linus DeSantis as spiritual director.

I don't think the pilgrimage would have affected me in the same way were I not a Secular Franciscan. I've visited historic places before, and I've been reading about Franciscan sites all my SFO life. Now they're real in a way they never were before.

Imagine being at the Convent of Forano. Of course, we all had to touch the door that Francis pushed open when he entered the original church, soon to be restored after the 1997 earthquake that also damaged Assisi.

A few hundred feet away is the chapel on the site of the miracle described in Chapter 42 of *The Fioretti* (*The Little Flowers of St. Francis*).

Fr. Linus read aloud the story, in which Br. Conrad prays "to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she might obtain for him from her Son this grace: that he might be allowed to feel a little of that sweetness which St. Simeon felt on the day of her purification when he held in his arms the Blessed Savior Jesus."

Suddenly Mary appeared and placed the holy child in Conrad's arms.

As Fr. Ferdinando Campana, provincial of the OFM Province of the Marches, told us, "The leccio divina of the Franciscans is to feel. This is not simply meditation, an exercise of the mind. Conrad prayed to feel the feeling of Simeon. Conrad hugged and kissed the child and was consumed with love, was completely involved in the love of

Christ.

Franciscans like to feel what Christ and Mary felt, to enter into the Gospel and feel what the people in the Gospel felt."

Br. Peter sees the vision and is happy for Conrad.

"This story shows that we must have the virtue of rejoicing in the gifts of our sisters and brothers," Fr. Linus said. "This puts a whole different spin on how we see our brothers and sisters. You have your gifts; I have mine. We share our gifts, which uplifts the community. There is no jealousy; there is no envy."

We immersed ourselves in Franciscan spirituality in these and other places in the Marches and in and near Assisi, including spending a memorable evening with the Poor Clares in the convent at San Severino, seeing the San Damiano Crucifix in the Basilica of St. Clare in Assisi, and visiting Mount LaVerna, where Francis received the Stigmata.

Fr. Linus noted that we met Francis and Clare in the friars and nuns we met every day. That was certainly true. They all exhibited the poverty, humility, simplicity, and Franciscan joy that we associate with Francis, Clare, and their companions.

What a memorable journey.

Pax et bonum  
Joanita



**J** is for Jesus our first Love  
**O** is for others that we minister to.  
**Y** is for yourself last in the spirit of  
self forgetfulness.  
What perfect joy could there be?

Cathy Arcand, SFO

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very involved in the respect for life movement. In addition, she was honored as "Youth of the Year" at her church this year.

The Murtha family brings the spirit of St. Francis to others by generously sharing what they have and by being Christlike to others. They are wonderful examples of service and humility.

They live the gospel life, with Robert helping people to heal relationships and live in greater peace of mind and heart. Though Robert is the only Murtha who's a professed Secular Franciscan, the family's lifestyle and community involvement are models to other families in the fraternity and parish. Immaculate Conception Fraternity made several retreats at the retreat center in Bessemer, Ala. The St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity in Bessemer runs the retreat center as its apostolate. Robert was so touched that the St. Joseph Cupertino

Fraternity always served his fraternity that he organized a weekend for his fraternity to go and serve the St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity so it could have its own retreat. He brought cleaning supplies and Immaculate Conception Fraternity cleaned the retreat center, giving the Bessemer fraternity a chance to just enjoy a retreat instead of doing all the cooking, cleaning, and serving.

When Robert was in Secular Franciscan formation, he loved the stories about St. Francis that the formation director read to the group from the *St. Francis of Assisi Omnibus of Sources*. The stories so moved him that after his profession, he bought 11 copies of the *Omnibus* so that each member of his profession group could have one. Robert does all of this with such very quiet humility that long ago his fraternity began to call him "Brother Silence."✱

**Fraternity council elections**
**St. Michael the Archangel,  
Spartanburg, S.C., June 25**

Minister: Ed Babin, SFO  
Vice Minister: Susan Schweizer, SFO  
Secretary: Joanne Babin, SFO  
Treasurer: Jean Jenson, SFO  
Formation Director: Sara Nell Boggs, SFO  
Councilor: John Jenson, SFO  
Councilor: Anne Marable, SFO

**Our Lady of Good Counsel,  
Greenville, S.C., Aug. 6**

Minister: Alice Ramos, SFO  
Vice Minister: Constance Mackay, SFO  
Secretary: Valerie Baronkin, SFO  
Treasurer: John La Rock, SFO  
Formation Director: Nancy Ferro, SFO  
Councilor: Pauline Henry, SFO  
Councilor: Richard Tarbet, SFO

**St. Stanislaus,  
Wilmington, N.C., Aug. 27**

Minister: Mary Tociłowski, SFO  
Vice Minister: Francis Aloysius Twiford, SFO  
Secretary: Josephine Clarke Krebs, SFO  
Treasurer: Frank Otto, SFO  
Formation Director: Lorraine Gagne, SFO

**St. Maximilian Kolbe,  
Charlotte, N.C., Sept. 18**

Minister: Skyler Harvey, SFO,  
Vice- Minister: Ellis (Lee) Caracofe, SFO  
Secretary: Marie Cordero, SFO  
Treasurer: Mark Ceraldi, SFO  
Formation Director: Thomas O'Loughlin, SFO  
Councilor: John Mood, SFO  
Councilor: Kathleen Zuckerman, SFO

## Work as source of evangelization

By Catherine M. Arcand, SFO  
BSSF Region Work Commission chair

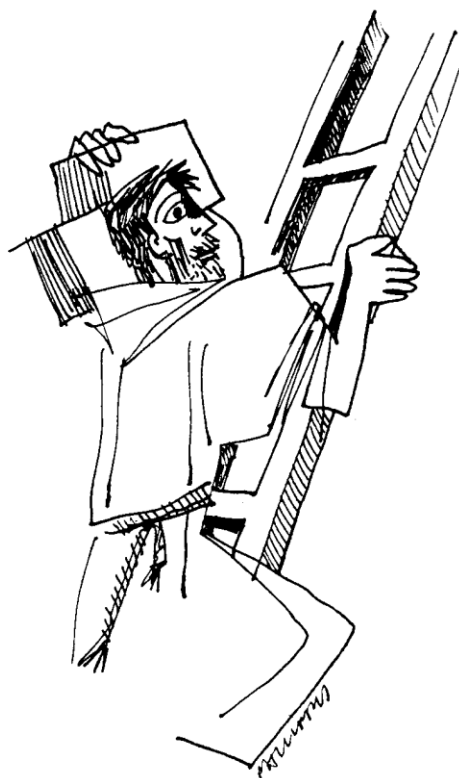
Do we see our daily job as a calling from God to evangelize our brothers and sisters? If we, as Franciscans, truly profess that we love the Lord with ALL our heart, ALL our soul, and ALL our strength, then how are we sharing this LOVE of our faith with our brothers and sisters? How are we professing our Gospel life?

I'm a nurse in a hospital in Middle Georgia with people who are not Catholic. Often, during my workday, I meet with my co-workers at break or in the lunchroom and discuss the day's events.

Since Catholics are still in the minority where I live, I find that, most of the time, perceptions of the Catholic Church are based on misinformation of our faith, practices, and devotions.

When my co-workers discuss the events in their churches, it's usually about entertainment or fellowship. I've never heard them reflect on their preacher's words. This is my lead-in to share the essence of my pastor's homily that touched my heart that week. As a result of this sharing, they have been astonished that Catholics believe that Jesus Christ is our God's son and our savior. That we believe this is such a revelation to them!

Sacramentals have helped foster discussion. Often at work and in other places, I have been complimented on my Franciscan ring.



"Is your ring a family crest?" someone asked.

I thought for a minute and said, "Yes, you could say that." (By the grace of God, I am now part of our Franciscan family.)

When I've explained what the symbols on my ring mean, it's brought about air of silence. Their pensive glances about the symbols of our Catholic faith ended with more questions about what Catholics believe.

My books have been another source of evangelization. The *Imitation of Christ* and some of my other spiritual reading have inspired my co-workers to ask lots of questions regarding the faith. Once I saw my boss peek at my *Imitation of Christ* when I was in the med room, but as soon as I reappeared in the nurses' station, she closed the book. One of my ex-bosses bought the *Catechism of Catholic Church*. She said that I always talk about how much the real presence of Christ in the

Eucharist means to me; she wanted to know more. Pope John Paul II's books are now part of her library. To me, this is so inspiring.

The death and funeral of Pope John Paul gave me another evangelization opportunity. Co-workers wanted to ask about the faith but did not know how to initiate the conversation. The pope's funeral offered an opening for me. He was well-loved, respected, and admired by many of my non-Catholic peers. After his death, some of them even offered their condolences. What a tribute to Pope John Paul's life and his death.

A small minority still has negative comments. Initially, their comments got under my skin. From time to time, I had to smile and hold my tongue. My prayer life

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was the only way that I could accept these comments.

Prayer is the mortar of my spiritual life, and it has helped me handle some of the difficult situations that I've encountered in my work. As a result, this has given me an opportunity to practice my Franciscan "perfect joy" for my brothers and sisters. Our attitude toward our peers after such encounters is such a witness to our faith.

Our Catholic faith is a gift freely given to us by God and not merited on our own. Does our attitude reflect our Franciscan way of life? Do we pray for our brothers and sisters who get under our skin?

Comparing religions as some my peers have done in the past is not the answer either; nor is confrontation. I work hard at not negating other religions. As a nurse, my role is to be tolerant and sensitive to the needs of my patients. This includes not only their bodily and emotional needs but their spiritual needs as well.

When God is ready to call a patient home, I ask, if he or she is conscious or even the family members, about calling their clergy person for prayer and some for Communion. While the family is keeping vigil at the bedside, I visit with them and their loved one frequently. This has given me a chance to listen, empathize with them, and witness to my faith.

I usually offer a book of prayers to have the Holy Spirit guide and console them.

Each one of us has our own unique God-given personalities. We all have special gifts that we can contribute to our co-workers. These examples are what I do at work. It has helped me share my spiritual life and faith with my brothers and sisters in Christ.

Let the Holy Spirit guide you in your respective vocations. It is so awesome how God loves us so much and touches our lives in so many ways.

Lord, make me instrument of your peace. May our work today benefit our brothers and sisters, that with them and for them we may build an earthly city, pleasing to you.✽

## Work Commission reflection

*"Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption, and service of the human community."*

*SFO Rule, Article 16*

Each workday, do I:

SEE Jesus in the faces of my co-workers': my boss, my peers, the people with whom I come in contact, as part of the job that I minister in?

GIVE of myself fully in my job. Or am I a minimalist, doing the absolute least amount of work for a full day's wages?

CONTINUE my love relationship with Jesus by prayer, such as: "Jesus, I love you"; "Jesus, help me in this the task that I am about to perform"; or, "Jesus, I join myself to your suffering"?

PRAY for my boss and co-workers, even those I have a difficult time with or the ones who get under my skin?

MIRROR Francis, Clare, and Jesus by my Franciscan example at work; in my peace-loving attitude by not reacting to unjust situations but by praying about them first?

SPEAK out when unjust work practices are enforced, or do I consent by my silence?

Catherine M. Arcand, SFO

## Fraternity highlights

### Candidates accepted

St. Francis of the Living Waters Fraternity, Franklin, N.C., accepted six new candidates on Sept. 3. Fr. Jim Cahill, spiritual assistant, led a retreat day that included Mass and the ritual admitting John Knippel, Teresa Mira-Knippel, Jacque Brown, Kelly Long, Ron Brahmer, and Ginny Brahmer to candidacy.

### "Il Poverello" takes center stage

St. Francis of the Hills Fraternity members participated in the first-ever presentations of "Il Poverello," written and directed by Fr. John Salvas, OFM Cap.,

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parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Church in Hendersonville, N.C.

Held in the church Sept. 30 and Oct. 2 and 3, the two-hour play told the story of St. Francis, “the one who put flesh on the Gospel.”

The cast of 75 Immaculate Conception parishioners included fraternity members Bill Stewart, SFO, as Br. Illuminato; Randy Hair, SFO, as Br. Masseo; and Margie Joseph, SFO, as an Assisi resident.

Fraternity members and parishioners also baked dozens of cookies, the almond sweet St. Francis loved, which were served during intermissions.

On Oct. 3, the play concluded with the traditional ceremony of the friars renewing their vows and Seculars from St. Francis of the Hills, Hendersonville, and St. Clare Fraternity, Asheville, renewing their promises.



### **Fr. Linus to speak at Fire in the Mountains**

Fr. Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., BSSF Region spiritual assistant, will be one of the speakers Nov. 12 at Fire in the Mountains (FITM), a one-day annual retreat at Lake Junaluska, N.C., about 30 miles west of Asheville.

Fr. Linus' topic, presented in English, is “Nurturing the Seed God Sowed.” Fr. Robert Dueweke, OSA, will give a Spanish-language presentation on “Espiritualidad de la Pastoral de Conjunto” (“Spirituality of Collaborative Ministry”).

A project of the Asheville and Smoky Mountain vicariates of the Diocese of Charlotte, N.C., FITM is sponsored by the diocese's Office of Faith Formation. This retreat in the western North Carolina mountains seeks to connect people to each other and to God through faith-sharing focused on issues critical to the immediate community and the modern world.

Attendees can pick up their FITM folders beginning at 8 a.m. in Harrell Hall. Opening multicultural prayer service is scheduled for 9 a.m., with presentations to begin at 9:30 (Fr. Linus in Harrell Hall, Fr. Robert in Lambuth Inn). The conference will conclude about 3:15 p.m.

Hotel reservations can be made at Lake Junaluska by calling 800-222-4930, by e-mailing [info@lakejunaluska.com](mailto:info@lakejunaluska.com), or by visiting [www.lakejunaluska.com](http://www.lakejunaluska.com).

Another place to contact is Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center, about six miles from Lake Junaluska. Contact Br. Bill Harkin, OSA, at 828-926-3833 or [LWCRC@MAIN.NC.US](mailto:LWCRC@MAIN.NC.US), or register with Living Waters online at its Web site, [www.catholicretreat.org](http://www.catholicretreat.org).

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, on the hill above Living Waters, offers Mass at 4 p.m. Saturdays and 9:30 a.m. Sundays.

### **Directions to Lake Junaluska:**

**Coming East (from Asheville):** From I-40, take exit 27 onto US 19-23. Drive 3–4 miles. Do not take exit 104 — it is easy to get lost. Take exit 103 and drive about 1 mile until you see Lake Junaluska Assembly front entrance gates on the right. Bear right and follow the main road.

### **Coming from West (from Knoxville):**

From I-40, take exit 20 towards “Lake Junaluska, Maggie Valley.” Bear right on the ramp. Drive 7 miles until you come to the stoplight. Turn left at the light and drive 3 more miles until you pass the second stop light. The Lake Junaluska Assembly front gates will be on your left shortly after. Turn left and follow the main road.

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**Coming from West (from Franklin):** Take Rt. 23/74 east to exit 102B — Rt. 276 Exit parkway, follow Rt. 276 north for 1.4 miles staying to the right. Turn right at Rt. 19, getting over to the left for .4 miles. Turn left into Lake Junaluska Assembly North Lakeshore Rd. Follow signs to Harrell Center.

**Fire in the Mountains Registration**

Early registration deadline, Oct. 21 at \$20 per person. After October 21, fee is \$25 per person. Registration fee includes lunch.

Please check which presentation you will attend:

English \_\_\_\_\_ Spanish \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

# of People \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about Fire in the Mountains?

Make your check payable to:

**Faith Formation Office**

Mail completed registration form with payment to:

**Mary Ann Wharton**  
**720 Pole Creasman Rd.**  
**Asheville, N.C. 28806**

For more information or questions contact:  
 Mary Ann Wharton at (828) 667-4227  
 or E-mail: maryannwharton@msn.com

**Calendar**

Ministers may contact the editor with fraternity events for the calendar.

**2005**

Nov. 4–5 .....Regional Executive Council-  
 Commissions Gathering (REC-CG):  
 Athens

Nov. 5–6 .....Visitation: Bessemer

Nov. 7–8 .....Visitation: Nashville

Dec. 9–10 .....Visitation: Augusta

Dec. 11–12 .....Visitation: Aiken

**2006**

Feb. 17–18 .....REC-CG

March 4–9 .....Visitations: Burlington,  
 Greensboro, Winston-Salem

March 10–11 ....Retreat: Franciscan Prayer  
 Center, Greensboro

May 11–20 .....Cricket: Pilgrimage—Assisi  
 (Registration deadline: 3 months prior to  
 departure. Info:  
[www.stfrancispilgrimages.com](http://www.stfrancispilgrimages.com))

June 2–4 .....Fr. Linus: Retreat,  
 Monteagle, Tenn.

June 9–10 .....REC-CG: Charlotte

June 10–11 .....Visitation: Charlotte

June 12–15 .....Visitations: Raleigh,  
 Elizabeth City, Morehead City

July 9–13 .....Fr. Linus' Province 100th anniv.  
 Chapter of Mats

July 21–27 .....Visitations: Hendersonville,  
 Asheville, Franklin

**Aug. 11–13 ARG & Visitation  
 from National**

Sept. 10–19 Fr. Fred Wendell: Young-adult  
 pilgrimage—Assisi (Registration deadline:  
 3 months prior to departure. Info:  
[www.stfrancispilgrimages.com](http://www.stfrancispilgrimages.com))

Oct. 1–10 .....Fr. Linus: Pilgrimage—  
 Assisi/Marches (Registration deadline:  
 3 months prior to departure. Info:  
[www.stfrancispilgrimages.com](http://www.stfrancispilgrimages.com))

Oct. 24–29 .....Judy: Wisconsin—NAFRA  
 Nov. 10–11 .....REC-CG: Plan to meet in  
 Atlanta area

Nov. 11–17 .....Visitations: Athens, Duluth,  
 Jonesboro, Macon

**2007**

July 3–8 .....Quinquennial: Steubenville,



**BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS REGION (61)****2006 BUDGET**

Approved August 21, 2005

**INCOME**

<b>REGIONAL FRATERNITY FAIR SHARE**</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>
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**EXPENSES**

NATIONAL FRATERNITY FAIR SHARE*	\$3,500
INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY (CIOFS) DONATION*	350
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – COMMISSIONS GATHERINGS	5,100
ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING	5,000
ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETING	400
CHARITY	400
COMMISSIONS	2,800
COMMUNICATION	1,600
GENERAL FUND*	<u>1,000</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$20,150</b>

<b>NET INCOME (DEFICIT)**</b>	<b>\$6150</b>
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- \* Regional Fraternity Fair Share:
  - \$40.00 x 350 (Est. Professed Members in 2005)
- \* National Fraternity Fair Share:
  - \$10.00 x 350 (Est. Professed Members in 2005)
- \* CIOFS (Sede Fund):
  - Voluntary Contribution to International Fraternity: \$1.00 x 350 (Est. Professed Members in 2005)
- \* General Fund:
  - Contingency Fund
  - The Regional Executive Council and the Commission Chairs may choose to donate their travel expenses and/or stipends to the fund. (Approval by Council: August 24, 2003)

**ED CAMPBELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Provides scholarships for professed members, candidates, inquirers and those in the orientation phase.  
 This scholarship will provide the total registration fee or a portion of the registration fee  
 to attend the Annual Regional Gathering.

The Regional Executive Council and the Commission Chairs  
 may choose to donate their travel expenses and/or stipends to the fund. (Approval by Council: August 24, 2003)  
 Fraternities and groups are encouraged to contribute to this fund.

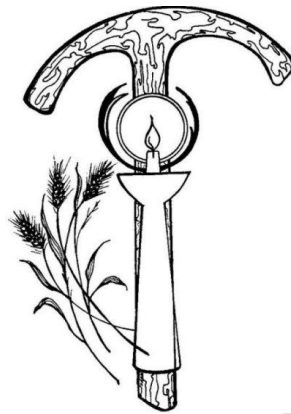
***STIPENDS***

Fraternities and groups will provide a stipend to the Visitors for travel expenses and honoraria in accordance with the National Statutes article #18:8. [Regional Guidelines, article# 8:4].

## 2006 BUDGET WORKSHEET

Executive Council – Commissions Gathering (EC-CG) Travel Expenses (14)	(\$)
• Travel Expenses (14)	1,500
• Lodging (14) x three EC-CG	<u>3,600</u>
Total	<b>5,100</b>
Annual Regional Gathering:	
• Regional Spiritual Assistant	
• Regional Spiritual Assistant Lodging and meals, Stipend	700
• Expenses: Equipment, materials, two socials, conference room (\$750.00)	2,600
• Regional Visitation by National '06	<u>1,700</u>
Total	<b>5,000</b>
Annual National Meeting:	
• Travel Expenses (1)	<u>400</u>
Total	<b>400</b>
Charity	
• CIOFS Support	350
Misc	<u>400</u>
Total	<b>750</b>
Commissions:	
• Formation (formation director and seven area councilors)	1,500
• Commissions Coordinator	300
• Youth, Family, Ecology, Work, Peace & Justice (five commissions)	<u>1,000</u>
Total	<b>2,800</b>
Communication:	
• Telephone	200
• Mailings	100
• Office	1,100
• Miscellaneous	100
• Communio	<u>100</u>
Total	<b>1,600</b>
General Fund	<u><b>1,000</b></u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>20,150</b>

**\*\*The Regional Fraternity has approved the reinstatement of \$40 per Professed as the Annual Fair Share Contribution. Fraternities are asked to consider increasing the amount of their Fair Share Contribution, as much as they are able. The Region is operating in a deficit situation, and we ask the Fraternities to consider the Fair Share Contribution as a Charitable Donation.**



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**Winter 2006** deadline, Dec. 22

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