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That All May Be One

Newsletter of the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region Secular Franciscan Order Winter 2006

Franciscans join in "Spirit of Assisi"

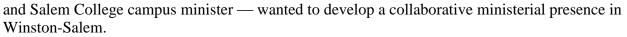
By Joanita M. Nellenbach, SFO Communio editor

What is a "Franciscan presence"?

For the Fraternity of St. Clare in Winston-Salem, it has meant joining Franciscan friars and a Franciscan sister to reach out to Winston-Salem with Masses, reconciliation, prayer, and spirituality.

It's the "Spirit of Assisi."

Conventual Franciscan friars of Immaculate Conception Province — Fr. William Robinson, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Winston-Salem; Fr. Conall McHugh, and Fr. Juniper Alwell, parochial vicars; and Fr. Jude DeAngelo, Wake Forest University



With that in mind, they invited Sr. Kathleen Ganiel, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, to move to Winston-Salem in 2001.

A few months after Sr. Kathleen arrived, the friars asked Joanne Jacovec, SFO, and Sharon Jackson, SFO, current and former ministers of the Fraternity of St. Clare, to join a "Franciscan Core Team," which meets monthly for prayer, faith sharing, and visioning. Also on the team: David Harold, director of Catholic Social Services; and Madeline Harold, outreach coordinator for Our Lady of Mercy Faith Community, and in campus ministry at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

It soon became clear that everyone had a different "world view" of Franciscanism. So, Sr. Ann Amati, of the Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia, and Fr. Canice Connors, Immaculate Conception Province's minister provincial, visited to help clarify the vision.

Fr. Canice asked a particular trenchant question: "When will you be engaging the larger community of Winston-Salem?"

The larger community, of course, is not just Catholics or Franciscans, so the team added to See SPIRIT, page 3



Minister's message

Glory to God in the Highest and Peace on Earth!

The joy of the Christmas season fills me with the wonder that our Almighty God loves us so much as to send his Son as a helpless infant for us.

At the beginning of this new year, my prayers are that we can follow God's will in what we are called to do for him.

It is a time to reflect on where we are and what we can do to live our Franciscan lives as fully as we can. Each fraternity can step back and look at what it is inspired to do. It is in sharing and spending time together that we develop a stronger bond.

Is your apostolate something that brings you together as a caring community?

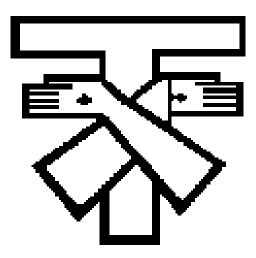
The regional executive council met this past November in Athens, Ga., at the Catholic Center of the University of Georgia. Members of the San Damiano Newly Forming Group welcomed the council members to Athens Friday evening in the Catholic Center. NFG members prepared and shared a delicious meal with the council.

It was a wonderful opportunity to meet and visit. After the meal, we all gathered in the chapel for evening prayer. Cricket Aull led a reflection that helped us get to know one another.

Thanks for the warm hospitality to Sr. Joan, Diane, Jon, Chris, Hank and his wife, Joanne, Julie, Barbara, Virginia, Nat, Marissa, Sue, and Howard. It was so nice to meet you and spend time with you. Thanks!

At its meeting the next day, the council discussed plans to hold formation workshops in various locations across the region. You will be hearing more about this from Paula Zanker, regional formation director [see story, page 4].

After the council meeting, Fr. Linus and I left Athens for a fraternal and pastoral visitation of Saint Joseph Cupertino Fraternity in Bessemer, Alabama.



During the visit we witnessed the professions of three new members. It was a very special event since two fraternities joined for the ceremony. What a privilege and a joy to witness as a mother and daughter were professed together and to have two fraternities combined was a true reflection of our Franciscan family in community.

Fr. Linus and I then drove to Nashville, Tenn., for a fraternal and pastoral visitation to Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary Fraternity. Members held a special election to fill vacancies on their council.

After a few weeks rest, Fr. Linus and I were back on the road. We met in Augusta, Ga., for a fraternal and pastoral visitation to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, then to Aiken, S.C., to visit St. Clare of Assisi Newly Forming Group.

I feel so blessed to be able to visit with such inspiring Franciscans and am deeply touched by the warm hospitality and open hearts of our Franciscan family.

With the help of the Holy Spirit our visitation schedule will take us to meet and spend time with everyone in the region in the next few years.

Remember the dates for our next annual regional gathering in Charlotte are Aug. 11–13.

With prayers for a peace-filled new year!

Judy

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its membership: Methodist Rev. Tim Auman, a tertiary of the Society of St. Francis and Wake Forest University's head campus chaplain; Baptist Rev. Beverly Isley-Landreth, Hospice Care Center chaplain; Richard McQuellon, Ph.D., associate professor and director, psychosocial oncology and cancer support programs at Wake Forest University's Baptist Medical Center; and Catherine Sangueza, cross-cultural communications, Our Lady of Mercy Faith Community. Former team members are Dejon Banks, Rev. Rhonda Cooper, and Jack and Janie McAleer.

"We want our group to be interfaith," Joanne Jacovec said.

The team began to meet monthly to share a meal and discuss *God's Fool*, Julien Green's biography of St. Francis.

In a year's time, the team decided that the Franciscan vision should include peacemaking, focusing on the war in Iraq; reconciliation, especially with the Hispanic community; poverty, such as going against the grain of consumerism; and joy.

How was all this put into practice?
The team created the Portiuncula: A
Franciscan Spiritual Center in downtown
Winston-Salem. Owned by the Diocese of
Charlotte, the facility includes the Our Lady
of Fatima Chapel.

"We feel the timing couldn't be better, what with the revitalization of downtown," Joanne said."

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, the friars celebrate noon Mass in the chapel. The chapel is only place in downtown where Mass is celebrated during the lunch hour.

On Wednesdays, the friars offer the sacrament of reconciliation. "It's packed; it's incredible," Joanne said.

Joanne facilitates Wednesday lunchtime programs at the Portiuncula, including Scripture study and discussion of Franciscan Sr. Ilia Delio's book *Franciscan Prayer*.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Seculars meet in the chapel at 7 a.m. for 45 minutes of silent meditation before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Morning Prayer.

Every Tuesday, Sr. Kathleen offers spiritual companionship (a term she prefers to spiritual direction). She also gives retreats, including a four-week Advent retreat on Wednesdays.

Rev. Auman attends fraternity meetings and last August his Society of St. Francis group attended the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Annual Regional Gathering.

Looking at peacemaking, David Harold presented "Pace e Bene: From Violence to Wholeness" for four weeks last October to coincide with the feast of St. Francis. He'll continue the program for six more weeks during Lent.

To address poverty, the team offers "peace meals": meatless soup, bread, and water. Our Lady of Mercy and other churches attend and give love offerings to the local Catholic Social Services food panty.

The Fraternity of St. Clare is also in fellowship with Prodigals, a 40-resident drug rehabilitation community. Fraternity members gather every two months with the residents, their families, and the staff for dinner, prayer, and Scripture reading.

Together, the Franciscans of all three orders renew their vows or promises during Mass at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic School on the feast of St. Francis; teachers, administrators, students, and families also attend the service. All the Franciscans participate in the Transitus, in honoring patron saints, blessing animals, other Franciscan rites, and in informal dinner gatherings.

Formation workshops planned

By Paula Zanker, SFO BSSF Region formation director



"Each of us is a formator not because we have been elected or selected but because God has chosen us and called us to this ministry. It is both

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a challenge and a joy to embrace servant leadership in the service of our brothers and sisters. So come, let us praise the Lord who is all good and deserving of all our love."

From a letter from the National Formation Commission

Your regional formation team is in the initial phase of setting up localized workshops for fraternity formation directors and teams throughout our region.

Topics may include (but are not limited to): time frames for the phases of initial formation, adult learning styles, how to ask questions, how to conduct an interview, and mystagogy for the newly professed (what happens after profession?).

Initially, one-day workshops will be planned. The structure of the day is still to be worked out, but right now we are looking for any additional topics that you would like to see discussed or would like more information on concerning any aspect of formation.

We are also looking for fraternities or newly forming groups who might be willing to host one of these workshops. If you think your fraternity might be open to hosting a workshop or if you have any questions, please contact Paula Zanker, regional formation director, (336) 376-3874 or email pazanker@aol.com.

Winter 2006 Spiritual assistants sought

The spiritual and pastoral care of the SFO,

in virtue of its belonging to the same spiritual family, is entrusted by the Church to the Franciscan First Order and the TOR, to whom the Secular



Fraternity has been united for centuries.

Statutes for Spiritual and Pastoral Assistance to the

SFO - 2002 Article 1:1

The Holy See has entrusted the pastoral care and spiritual assistance of the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO), because it belongs to the same spiritual family, to the Franciscan First Order and Third Order Regular (TOR). These are the "Institutes" who are responsible for the altius moderamen, referred to by canon 303 of the Code of Canon Law.

General Constitutions of the SFO, Article 1:4

The shortage of spiritual assistants to guide the local fraternities is a concern across the country. In our region, 17 of our 31 groups do not have spiritual assistants. Many regions have taken action by seeking qualified Secular Franciscans to take this important position.

Article 15 of the "Statutes for Spiritual and Pastoral Assistance to the SFO – 2002" states: "When it is not possible to give the fraternity a spiritual assistant who is a member of the First Order or the TOR, the competent major superior can entrust the service of spiritual assistance to:

- religious brothers or sisters of other Franciscan institutes;
- Secular Franciscans, cleric or lay, specially prepared for such service;
- other diocesan clerics or non-Franciscan religious.

The process requires completing "Life Giving Union: A Course for Local Spiritual Assistants," which notes (page 1) that, "We

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cannot give what we do not have. To be a spiritual assistant for an SFO fraternity requires a love of Jesus and a readiness to follow Francis and Clare of Assisi. A spiritual assistant should be able to articulate and share their personal journey as a follower of Francis."

Taking the course requires concurrence of the local council and regional spiritual assistant to request approval from the provincial spiritual assistant to take the course.

Our regional spiritual assistant, Fr. Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., will lead a class for Secular Franciscans and diocesan clergy or non-Franciscan religious who are willing to act as local spiritual assistants.

A fund to subsidize the cost to conduct the training was established in honor of Fr. Terence Pescatore, OFM Conv., who was the spiritual assistant to Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Fraternity, Burlington, N.C., until he was relocated to New Jersey.

Please review prayerfully any names to be submitted.

Submit names to Fr. Linus by March 31.

Fraternity sponsors "The Crib at Greccio"

By John Martin, SFO Fraternity of Brother Francis

"John, will you assemble some animals so that we may re-enact the Bethlehem-at-Greccio story?" Herman Thoni, SFO, thenminister of the Fraternity of Brother Francis of Hickory, N.C., asked me.

Like the first request of St. Francis to John of Velita in 1223, a request began our local re-enactment of the crib at Greccio.

John of Velita, a knight who had given up warfare to embrace the Order of Penance, owned land near the town of Greccio.

According to Omer Englebert's book, St. Francis of Assisi: A Biography, "Opposite



Greccio, which rises on a rocky shelf bordering a spacious valley, John possessed a steep hill, honeycombed with caves and surmounted by a small wood. [Francis] judged this site proper for the setting he had in mind. Since this was a novelty in the liturgy of the period, he had submitted the idea before quitting Rome to Pope Honorius, who had approved it."

As Englebert notes, St. Francis told John of Velita exactly what he wanted: "I should like to celebrate the coming feast of the Savior with you. And I should like to commemorate his birth at Bethlehem in a way to bring before me as perfectly as possible the sufferings and discomforts he endured from infancy for our salvation. That is why I want you to set up a real manger on this mountain spot, with hay, and to bring an ox and an ass like those that kept the Infant Jesus company."

On the first Sunday of December each year since 2000, the Fraternity of Brother Francis has sponsored a re-enactment of St. Francis' living Christmas crèche.

A local ecumenical group gathers donkeys, cattle, sheep, and goats (this year we even had a llama) in front of the old barn at the Catholic Conference Center, near Hickory. The youth group from Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Newton presents a drama about the life of Francis and his first live

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presentation of the Bethlehem story, as recorded by St. Luke.

Denny Schell, our fraternity's "honorary brother," has played the adult Francis each year.

Offered near the beginning of Advent, this apostolate helps to focus attention on the incarnation of God's love for mankind. It tells the community about living the Gospel life as Francis did and as Secular Franciscans do today.

It is a wonderful teaching tool for a Franciscan youth ministry and a means of inviting inquirers to the SFO. In 1223, the Bethlehem story was needed in Greccio because there were few books and many illiterate people. In 2006, there are many books but still a need to focus on Christ coming to bring salvation to the world.

Is my occupation work or vocation?

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

No matter what my profession, whether lay or religious, is my lifework a job or a vocation? Work can be seen as a task or chore. A vocation, however, is a calling.

I started nursing more than 37 years ago, never thinking that it would be a lifetime profession. I considered it, at that time, an avocation to my life. My goals were quite different then.

As a result of reflection from our weekly Bible study, I wondered where I was going in my own profession. I asked myself: Do I take those extra steps to assist my patients? Do I intercede daily with doctors on behalf of my patients?

Is my profession a vocation — a calling from God? Is my Franciscan vocation essential to my life's work? Do I think of it as a gift from God each day? Do I see Our Lord in my patients, co-workers, and boss? Is working with them just another chore?

Do I truly love God with my whole heart, soul, and mind? If so, how do I express that love?

Administering meds, performing

sometimes uncomfortable procedures, and teaching patients how to live with their disease processes or how to prevent them from reoccurring are part of my daily work routine. The love comes



each day when I help my patients cope physically and emotionally and to comfort them during their illnesses.

How would our seraphic father Francis, who tended the sick in the leprosaria near Assisi, see my patients? Like him, do I bring joy to people's lives? My Franciscan vocation calls me to make that extra step. Many times I am tired, hurting, or wounded spiritually or emotionally myself. Do I ask God for the grace each day to do the best that I can do?

We will soon be in the season of Lent, a good time to reflect on our vocations. For instance, nursing can be hectic. At the end of the day, do I always try to reflect and examine how I could have done better? My reward is a patient whose symptoms start to improve. My joy is when the person goes home, then comes back to thank us. I always tell each one that God is our primary healer. I hope and pray that I was his or her instrument to help on the journey.

Prayer also plays a very important role in my work. On days when my patience is short, prayer becomes a minute-by-minute process to prevent me from losing my "cool." At those times, I ask for all the grace God can give me. Sometimes I stumble, but I always try to get up and start anew. I try to

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remember to always keep my eyes on Our Lord.

A wonderful practice that one of my spiritual directors gave me is to carry a crucifix in my pocket. When those unkind thoughts or feelings enter my mind, I place my hand in my pocket and remember Our Lord, who gave the primary and ultimate sacrifice. Within minutes after a reflective prayer, my emotions become steady and my focus is on him and no other.

In "Ecclesia de Eucharistia," Pope John Paul II said that, "The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is 'the the source and summit of the Christian life." On my days off or after work, the Mass and eucharistic adoration give me strength to do my job worthily. The Eucharist is such a healing and nourishing sacrament. It heals my heart when days are tough.

The sacrament of reconciliation helps me keep a check on my progress on my journey. It is a sacrament in which our deep wounds are mended by the Divine Physician. This sacrament administers medicine to my soul and is a true hospital for this sinner.

As one of our Secular Franciscan saints, St. Catherine of Genoa, said of this sacrament, "It prepares me, polishes me as a rough diamond for the reception of the Lord." These words have melted into my heart, and I try to receive these sacraments as often as I can.

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to start again, a time to walk hand in hand with Our Lord up to Mount Calvary.

Lord, help me to rebuild your Church by starting to remove all my stumbling blocks so that I may rejoice with you on Easter Sunday. Amen. Alleluia! Morning prayer before starting my workday

Catherine M. Arcand, SFO BSSF Region Work Commission chair

Lord, open my heart and my mind to do your will.

I praise you Lord for all the blessings, joys, disappointments, pain, trials and tribulations of this day.

I offer this all for your sacred heart.

I unite them with all your suffering on the cross for me.

Help me to see your face in my coworkers, my boss, and all the people that I may encounter.

May I mirror only your thoughts, words, and actions.

If I stray, Lord, be my divine physician and heal my soul.

Help me to keep in mind that "perfect joy," which our beloved father Francis gave us, as a way towards my salvation.

Enkindle within me the gift of my Franciscan vocation to rebuild the Church each and every day.

Lord, let me be your true instrument of peace.

Amen.

New regional prayer coordinator

Josephine Rosachi, SFO, Fraternity of St. Clare in Winston-Salem, N.C., is our BSSF Region's new prayer coordinator.
Her e-mail address is joginnie@aol.com.
Other commitments made it impossible for Charleen Luther, SFO, our former prayer coordinator, to continue in that capacity. She continues to serve as minister of St.
Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity in Augusta, Ga.

We are very grateful to Charleen for the wonderful work she did as prayer coordinator and wish Josephine peace and all good as she undertakes this important ministry.

TAU-USA on the Web

By Frances Wicks, SFO TAU-USA editor

Articles from TAU-USA's winter issue are now on the NAFRA-SFO Web site (www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa.html). Click on "Articles from TAU-USA."

The winter issue (exactly as mailed out) is also available as a large PDF file. Getting the full issue is best only if you have DSL, a cable modem to download it, or lots of time if you have dial-up.

Download time is why articles have been broken out for those with dial-up modems. Articles can be used for ongoing formation; they can be downloaded and printed out readily for fraternity meetings and so forth.

Candidates and inquirers can be check out TAU-USA as well.

Peace encompasses everything

St. Francis of Assisi wrote in his testament of 1226, "The Lord revealed to me that I should say this greeting: 'May the Lord give you peace."

It is a term filled with salvation history and connected to the Jewish *shalom*; a term that we can use to express health, sanity, safety, prosperity, salvation, benevolence, joy, serenity, security, beatitude, solidarity, collaboration, and reconciliation — a way of life.

It is a peace that means the sum of all goods possessed by our first parents in the Garden of Eden and restored to us by the resurrection of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ, through the redemption obtained by means of his incarnation, death, and resurrection, restored mankind with a spiritual structure able to sustain a life in which evangelical values can be put into practice.

Everything depends on our willingness to use that spiritual structure which the Lord renewed in us.

From Channel of Peace Fraternity Excerpted from the writings of Fr. Gianmaria Polidoro, OFM

Calendar

Ministers may contact editor with fraternity events for the calendar.

2006

Feb. 17-18REC-CG

March 4–9Visitations: Burlington, Raleigh, Elizabeth City, Greensboro

March 10–11Retreat: Franciscan Prayer Center, Greensboro

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

June 9-10REC-CG: Charlotte

June 10-11......Visitation: Charlotte

June 12-13. Visitations: Winston-Salem

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

June 13–22......Cricket: Pilgrimage—Assisi, etc. (Registration deadline: 3 months prior to departure. Info:

www.stfrancispilgrimages.com)

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

Aug. 11–13 ARG & Visitation from National

Sept. 10–19 Fr. Fred Wendell: Young-adult pilgrimage—Assisi, etc. (Registration deadline:

3 months prior to departure. Info: www.stfrancispilgrimages.com)

Oct. 1–10Fr. Linus: Pilgrimage— Assisi, etc. (Registration deadline: 3 months prior to departure. Info: www.stfrancispilgrimages.com)

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

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

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July 3–8 Quinquennial: Steubenville,

Ohio **2008**

October BSSF Region hosts NAFRA (week of 12th or 19th)

From St. Clare of Assisi: A way of prayer for Lent

By Carolyn Colburn, SFO, chair National Peace and Justice Commission

Frances, Clare and, later, Bonaventure, all helped to form a way of praying that is distinctively Franciscan.

In her book, *Franciscan Prayer* (St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2004), Ilia Delio, OSF, explains that each of these early Franciscans developed a prayer method with similarities and differences. That of Clare of



Assisi is the simplest of the three, and any Secular Franciscan could use it as part of a Lenten prayer program. Clare outlined it in her "Second Letter to Agnes of Prague": "Oh most noble Queen, gaze [on him], consider [him], contemplate [him], as you desire to imitate him."

When she says "him," Clare is speaking of the body of Christ on the cross. She had the cross that spoke to Francis at San Damiano, so she must have often used this representation of the crucified Christ in her prayer.

Gaze on him

"Gaze" means more than look, as one looks at a picture or statue. Clare describes gazing on the body of Christ as a look that is drawn into the body of Christ before us. In gazing, the eyes embrace the figure, and the heart is opened to allow God's love to enter into us.

But God's love cannot enter our hearts if they are already full of things of the world. We must pray in poverty, which means that we free ourselves from all thoughts of possessions and worldly concerns. We do this as we gaze on a representation of God, whose love descended to us, and remember that he came to us in poverty and humility. We see God hidden in wounded flesh, and

the divine love of his sacrifice makes the broken body beautiful. Now our empty hearts can be filled with that love.

Consider him, contemplate him

When we "consider him," we become friends of the crucified Christ. We follow the footsteps of the Crucified, not to a life of suffering but to a life of love. A deep friendship with Christ causes us to dwell on the mystery of the incarnate word, who suffered and was crucified out of love for us.

When we "contemplate him," the image of Christ's body becomes a mirror in which we see the truth of our human selves compared with the divine love of Christ. Clare advised Agnes to look in the mirror of the crucified Christ every day. The more we look into this mirror the more we can reflect the face of Christ to the world.

Imitate him

For Clare, imitation did not mean asking oneself what Jesus would do in specific situations. The question for Clare was, "How does Jesus live in me?"

Jesus Christ is the perfect image of God. When we imitate Christ we become images of Christ. In this way God becomes present in us and in our world. The transforming power of prayer allows this to happen. Mary

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gave birth to Christ. We become spiritual mothers of Christ when we image him and give birth to him in our lives.

Reflection

When I imitate Christ, I image Christ in my own unique way. In the mirror of Christ's body on the cross, I see myself. I see that I am part of the body of Christ, and that body is incomplete without me. My hands are Christ's hands; my feet are Christ's feet; I see through Christ's eyes.

My work is to complete the work that Christ began on earth. Can I love my neighbor as Christ loves my neighbor? Can I love my enemies as Christ loves them? Can I love the earth with all of its plants and animals and land and water because it was created through Christ? Can I bring Christ to life in the world through a public witness that God has loved every person, animal, plant, mountain, valley, ocean, and river into existence?

Action

If someone asked if you are a friend of Jesus Christ, I assume you would say, "Of course," or "I hope so." If asked if you are a friend of a person who is actively trying to harm you, you would probably say, "Certainly not!"

You would not be expressing Clare's understanding of friendship. For Clare, friendship with Christ and with persons was based on loving our enemies. Our friendship, which means our love, should be given to those who are trying to harm us. She arrived at this understanding by gazing on the wounded body of Christ. Christ descended to us, who harmed him, because God loved the world. He continues to love us even as we continue to crucify him.

For Clare, friendship with Christ was shown in actions. She demonstrated her friendship with Christ in her personal behavior. She responded to everyone as Christ would respond. Clare acted in a political sense when she had the Eucharist brought before her. Then she placed the Eucharist before the invading Saracen army. Clare confronted with love those who wanted to harm Assisi. At her canonization, one of the sisters testified that before Clare was sick she wanted to go to Morocco where five Franciscan friars had suffered martyrdom.

In our world today, we hear again and again that people of other nationalities and religions hate us and want to harm us. If we as individuals, and as a nation made up of individuals, could, with our loving actions, confront those who wish to harm us, we

would demonstrate that we have imaged Christ.

We might lose our lives, but Clare would see that as a willing sacrifice. No one can image Christ



according to the understanding of Clare of Assisi and live a life not completely nonviolent in word and deed.

Prayer

St. Clare of Assisi, dearest sister, Help me to know you better by praying as you prayed.

I place myself before the cross of San Damiano, on which you often gazed.

Let me see myself reflected in this mirror, with all of my faults that give Christ pain.

Let me feel in my heart Christ's love, and reflect that love back to a suffering world.

Amen

BSSF Region Income/Expense 1/1/2005 through 12/31/2005

| Category Description | 1/1/2005– 12/31/2005 | OVERALL TOTAL |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| INCOME Uncategorized Annual Regional Gathering Meals Ed Campbell Fund (Cash Donation) | 1,000.00 6,585.75 548.50 | 1,000.000 6,585.75 548.50 |
| Fraternity Fair Share Contributions General Fund (Cash Donation) Other Inc (T-shirts, meals, etc.) | 11,704.00 70.00 705.00 | 11,704.00 70.00 705.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 20,613.25 | 20,613.25 |
| EXPENSES Annual National Meeting Annual Regional Gathering Bank Charge | 250.41 9,697.74 44.00 | 250.41 9,697.74 44.00 |
| Charity Commissions Exec. Council Meetings | 637.00 1,500.00 3,413.02 | 637.00 1,500.00 3,413.02 |
| Local Fraternity Support Misc. National Fraternity Fair Share | 85.60 50.95 3,370.00 | 85.60 50.95 3,370.00 |
| Office Postage T-Shirts | 470.10 109.05 1,607.62 | 470.00 109.05 1,607.62 |
| Travel Utilities | 142.00 40.55 | 142.00 40.55 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 21,418.04 | 21,418.04 |
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