

# Communio

## That All May Be One

Newsletter of the  
Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region  
Secular Franciscan Order  
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### On path to sainthood



By Ray Hardwick, SFO  
NAFRA Peace and Justice Commission

*"These few words are being set down here as they come from my mind and my heart. And if I must write them with my hands in chains, I find that much better than if my will were in chains."*

Franz Jagerstatter,  
writing from prison

Franz Jagerstatter is a model for all Franciscans—secular and vowed religious—that conscience formed in Scripture and strengthened by the sacraments holds sway over orders from earthly kingdoms.

The Church will beatify him on Oct. 26 in Linz, Austria.

Born in Linz on May 20, 1907, Franz was the illegitimate son of two young servants who could not afford to marry.

The father supported Franz's mother, but was killed in World War I. Later the mother married a farmer named Jagerstatter, who adopted Franz. He grew up in the Austrian village of St. Radegund.

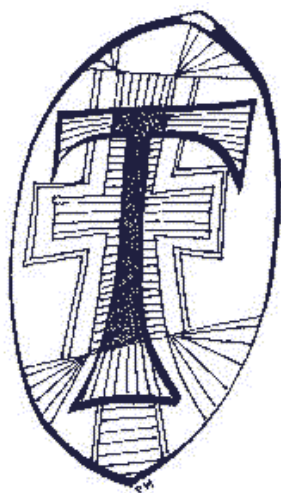
Wild and rebellious during his adolescence and early adulthood, Franz belonged to a "gang" who drank heavily and fought rival gangs from other villages. He was a natural leader even then. In some ways his youth resembles that of St. Francis.

Franz experienced a religious conversion in 1934 while working in the Stienmark iron mines. He attended Mass frequently and found himself drawn to deep prayer and reading of Scripture. When Franz returned to St. Radegund, the villagers who had known him during his wild days were astonished at his conversion.

In 1936 Franz married a prayerful and devout woman named Franziska. They had three daughters: Maria, Aliosa, and Rosalia.

Soon after his marriage he became a member of the Third Order of St. Francis and was an

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## Minister's message

Please accept my sincere thanks for expressing your support and confidence in me during the Chapter of Elections at the ARG in August.

In continuing as minister and servant leader of our region, I promise to pray to be open to the Holy Spirit as inspiration and guide. Our tasks can be overwhelming if we forget who is in charge.

The Chapter of Elections yielded a wonderfully talented and diverse group to serve as Regional Executive Council. We are so very blessed to have willing servants step forward and share their gifts. Please join me in thanking each of them and offering prayers for the next three years: Dale Anesi, Joanne Babin, Jerry Rousseau, Faye Martin, Audrey Binet, Madeline Rousseau, Willie Guadalupe, Pat Cowan, Sara Nell Boggs, Mary Sue Riddle, and Alan Zanker (see page 19 for positions and contact information).

What are we called to do?

The answer is in the Rule, General Constitutions, National Statutes, and Regional Guidelines.

### From SFO Rule, Article 21:

On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister (or president) who are elected by the professed according to the constitutions.

Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community.

## General Constitutions

### Article 31.2:

The office of minister or councilor is a fraternal service, a commitment to hold oneself available and responsible in relation to each brother and sister and to the fraternity so that each one will realize his or her own vocation and each fraternity will be a true community, ecclesial and Franciscan, actively present in the Church and in society.

### Article 32.1

The ministers and councilors should live and foster the spirit and reality of communion among the brothers and sisters, among the various fraternities, and between them and the Franciscan family. They should, above all, cherish peace and reconciliation in and around the fraternity.

### Article 33.2

The councils of higher levels should not do what can be adequately carried out either by the local fraternities or by a council of a lower level. They should respect and promote their vitality so that they fulfill their duties properly. The local fraternities and councils concerned should commit themselves to carry out the decisions of the international council and of the other councils of higher levels, and to implement their programs, adapting them when necessary to their own situation.

## Guidelines of the Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis

### Regional Fraternity

#### Article 4. Regional Executive Council

#### Section 3. The Regional Executive Council has the following duties:

- a. To exercise a prophetic role that challenges the members of the regional fraternity to new areas of growth in their Franciscan, ecclesial, and apostolic commitments.

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- b. To build relationships with local fraternities and groups by providing consistent informed guidance, leadership and encouragement.
- c. To foster cooperation and communion among the local fraternities and groups.
- d. To propose recommendations to the Regional Fraternity Council and to implement the approved recommendations.
- e. To foster relationships with other branches of the Franciscan family.
- f. To make the charism of our Seraphic Father present in the life and mission of the Church.
- g. To promote lifelong commitment and knowledge of the Franciscan way of life.
- h. To represent Secular Franciscans and promote mutual relationships with other church or civic organizations.
- i. To follow the directives of the “Process for Establishing a New Fraternity” in the *Handbook for Spiritual Assistance to the Secular Franciscan Order* when giving guidance to those wishing to establish a new fraternity.
- j. To obtain a facility, schedule a date, and plan the schedule for the Annual Regional Gathering.
- k. To appoint or reappoint the commission coordinator(s) and the commission chairs every three years.
- l. To appoint or reappoint an editor for Communio, the regional newsletter, every three years.
- m. To make sure the treasurer is maintaining adequate records and discharging the duties of the office in a Franciscan manner. [cf. 2003 Treasury Guidelines, General 3]
- n. To periodically review these Regional Guidelines.

Our call and duty is to serve.

Our region is growing rapidly.

People are drawn to follow our Franciscan way of life by your example.

Be grounded in your Franciscan spirituality to live the Gospel in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare.

Follow our Rule and incorporate the Constitutions into your journey.

Use the 12 elements of our Franciscan spirituality and the Four Pillars for reinforcement. We are ever so grateful to Fr. Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., our regional spiritual assistant, who with Audrey Binet, SFO, regional minister 1998-2004, and past councils prepared these tools. Refer to them regularly.

We will walk together in our Franciscan journey and take up the challenges each day. Remember the words of St. Francis when he lay dying: “My brothers [and sisters] we must begin now to do something. Up to now we have done very little.”

Peace and blessings  
Judy

**Editor's Journal**

This Communio has articles about Franz Jagerstatter and the Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg. They all chose the real peace of living and dying for their faith, rather than the false peace of capitulating to the demands of the opposition—and, in Jagerstatter's case, his own community's advice.

Just the other day Jennye Taylor Johnson, SFO, our regional Peace and Justice Commission chair, sent out the news that Father Louis Vitale, OFM, and Father Steve Kelly, SJ, were sentenced Oct. 17 “to five months in federal

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prison for nonviolent action they engaged in last year at Ft. Huachuca, Arizona. Training in torture techniques have been documented at this US Army base.”

The report continues: “The case stems from a November 19, 2006, witness against torture that the two priests engaged in at the southern Arizona army base. The two attempted to speak with enlisted personnel and deliver a letter denouncing torture and the Military Commissions Act of 2006 to Maj. Gen. Barbara Fast, commander at Fort Huachuca, who had headed the Abu Ghraib prison when revelations on torture at the facility broke.”

In their statement, Fathers Vitale and Kelly said, “We tried to put the evidence of torture on full and honest display in the courthouse and were denied. We were prepared to put on evidence about the widespread use of torture and human rights abuses committed during interrogations at Abu Ghraib and Guantanamo in Iraq and Afghanistan

“This evidence was gathered by the military itself and by governmental and human rights investigations. Because the court will not allow the truth of torture to be a part of our trial, we plead no contest.”

In June, as a correspondent for The Catholic News & Herald (CNH), the Diocese of Charlotte, N.C.’s, newspaper, I covered “The Nonviolence of Jesus: Living the Gospel Today.” Representatives of the Pax Christi chapter from Murphy and Hayesville, N.C., spoke at the conference and included just-war criteria:

Before the war begins, there must be:

- Just Cause—only use force to correct a grave evil; that is, aggression or massive violation of the basic rights of entire populations;
- Comparative Justice—injustice suffered by one party must significantly outweigh that suffered by the other;
- Legitimate Authority—duly constituted public authorities;

- Right Intention—force may be used only in a truly just cause and solely for that purpose;
- Probability of Success—arms may not be used in a futile cause or where disproportionate measures are required to ensure success;
- Proportionality—overall destruction expected from the use of force must be outweighed by the good to be achieved;
- Last Resort—only after all peaceful alternatives have been used.

During the conflict, there must be:

- Noncombatant Immunity—not the object of direct action, must take steps to minimize indirect harm;
- Proportionality—Use no more force than is necessary to achieve military objectives;
- Right Intention—even amid conflict politicians and military leaders must strive for peace with justice.

After the war, there must be:

- Just Termination—negotiate *conditional* surrender;
- Restitution—victor must repair damage done.

Is the Iraq war just?

Not according to “War and Occupation in Iraq,” a report that the Global Policy Forum published in June.

The GPF “monitors policy making at the United Nations, promotes accountability of global decisions, educates and mobilizes for global citizen participation, and advocates on vital issues of international peace and justice.”

I highly recommend this report ([www.globalpolicy.org](http://www.globalpolicy.org) and click on “War and Occupation in Iraq”).

Along with other Franciscans around the country, we fasted and prayed for peace on Oct. 3 and 8 (see page 10 to learn what some of our fraternities did). If you need encouragement to keep on fasting, this report will give it to you.

Pace e bene  
Joanita

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active participant in the village parish, working as a church sexton whenever he was not farming the family fields. His daily life included fasting until noon, celebrating Eucharist and, although he and his wife were not well-to-do, he gave generously to the poor.

He began to earn a reputation as a fanatic. The villagers who had denounced his wild youth now denounced his conversion to Gospel living. Again you could draw a parallel with the life of Francis.

In 1938, when the German annexation of Austria commenced, Franz openly opposed the takeover and the ideology of National Socialism, which he described as a “shining train going to hell.” His conscience told him it was impossible to be allegiant to the Nazi Party and a faithful Catholic Christian at the same time.

Following the annexation, for which his was the sole dissenting vote in his village, Franz openly denounced Adolph Hitler and even refused Nazi government cash allotments offered to each family. When a severe hailstorm destroyed most of his crops, he would not accept Nazi emergency subsidies.

Franz was drafted in 1940 and reported for six months training in the motor corps. He returned home vowing to refuse military conscription in the future.

He sought advice of family, friends, a priest, and a bishop. They all advised him to join the military when called, because his family needed him and refusal meant execution. Against all that advice Franz became a conscientious objector. He said he would rather his children have a father martyred for following Christ than a Nazi for a father.

On March 1, 1943, Franz presented himself to the military and stated that under no circumstances would he fight and kill. He offered to serve as a medical orderly as a work of mercy but refused to advance the Nazi cause in the war. He was imprisoned in Linz, Austria, before being transferred to



Berlin, where he stood trial on July 6, 1943, and was sentenced to death for sedition. The courts never responded to his offer to work as a medic.

On Aug. 9, 1943, a year to the day after St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) was gassed at Auschwitz, Franz was taken to the Nazi Brandenburg-Havel facility; he was beheaded at 4 p.m., lying on his back, facing the guillotine. He had written that he “could change nothing in world affairs” but that at the very least he might “be a sign that not everyone let themselves be carried away with the tides.”

**REFLECTION**

Franz wrote from prison: “Just as a man who thinks only of this world does everything possible to make life here easier and better, so must we, too, who believe in the eternal Kingdom, risk everything in order to receive a great reward there. Our struggle is for the eternal Kingdom ... we need no rifles or pistols for our battle, but, instead, spiritual weapons — and foremost among them is prayer. For prayer, as St. Clare says, is the shield, which the flaming arrows of the Evil One cannot pierce.”

Father Jochmann, the prison chaplain stated, “To the end of his days Franz’ eyes

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shone with joy and confidence, his face full of peace.”

He later told some Austrian nuns, “The military beheaded a great man today. He lived as a saint and has now died a hero. I feel with certainty that this simple man is the only saint that I have ever met in my lifetime.”

A few kilometers north of St. Radegund is the birthplace of Adolph Hitler. Somewhat further on lies Linz, the provincial capital and childhood home of Adolph Eichmann.

Is it coincidence that these three men are native to the same general locality: one, the dictator who terrorized the civilized world and was responsible for the genocide of millions of human beings in extermination camps and wars; one, his willing servant and collaborator in the infamous “Final Solution”; the third, a simple peasant armed with nothing more than the vision of a shining train and an unshakeable faith in the weapons of the Spirit, who chose death rather than play “their crooked game.”

They are all dead now, but it is the peasant whose witness lives on as a source of inspiration to others who find themselves facing situations with even greater potential for evil—including the possible annihilation of the world itself.

There are no memorials to Hitler or Eichmann, but the tiny church of St. Radegund, where Franz’s ashes are buried, has become a place of pilgrimage because martyrs live, while dictators die.

**ACTION**

Beatification isn’t for Franz, who is alive with God and has no need for our recognition; it is for us. We need him as an example of a Secular Franciscan Catholic to whom we can pray for guidance in matters of conscience.

Hitler was only able to oversee the Holocaust because ordinary people, most of whom were Christian, obeyed Hitler rather than God. Franz Jagerstatter’s witness reminds us of our duty of noncooperation with evil and of conscientious objection’s

crucial role in the lives of the faithful. This is one more indication that peacemaking is no marginal vocation for Catholics, especially Franciscan Catholics.

**Prayer for the canonization of Franz Jagerstatter**

Lord Jesus Christ, you filled your servant Franz Jagerstatter with a deep love for you, his family, and all people. During a time of contempt for God and humankind you bestowed on him unerring discernment and integrity. In faith, he followed his conscience, and said a decisive **NO** to National Socialism (Nazism) and unjust war. Thus, he sacrificed his life. We pray that you may glorify your servant Franz so that he may encourage many people to grow in love for you and all people. May his example shine out in our time, and may you grant all people the strength to stand up for justice, peace, and human dignity. For yours is the glory and honor with the Father and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.

Prayer authorized by the  
Diocese of Linz, Austria

**Newly elected fraternity councils**

Five Georgia Martyrs Fraternity  
June 2007

Minister—Jean Ryals, SFO  
Vice minister—Lois Cutia, SFO  
Secretary—Lois Cutia, SFO  
Treasurer—Sherry Barrett SFO

Formation Director—Carolyn Favole, SFO

St. Clare Fraternity, July 2007

Minister—Barbara Freeman, SFO  
Vice-Minister—Gwen Hobson, SFO  
Secretary—Jane Sorrels, SFO  
Treasurer—Robert C. Martin, SFO  
Formation Director—Gail Carroll, SFO

Fraternity of Brother Francis, August 2007

Minister—Ismini Frieser, SFO  
Vice-Minister—William Borst, SFO  
Secretary—Carol Marmorato, SFO  
Treasurer—Dr. John Martin, SFO  
Formation Director—Douglas Miller, SFO  
Councilor—Marilyn Dunphy, SFO

## ARG just gets better and better

By Judy Haupt, SFO  
BSSF Region minister

Our Annual Regional Gathering (ARG) keeps growing, in numbers and faith. More than 200 registered to attend this year. It was our first time at LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center near Asheville, N.C.

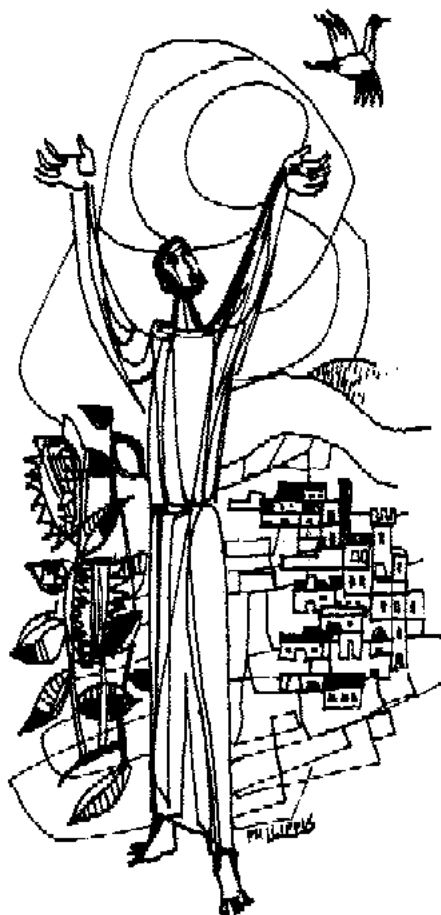
The ARG is a special time for us to gather and share. So many were involved to make it a success. Please join in thanking everyone who participated and attended to make the event a joyful, prayerful time in community.

Special thanks to Father Dac Tran, OFM, from Greenville, S.C., who joined us for Friday and part of Saturday. He presided at the Mass of Canonical Establishment of Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg Fraternity and shared his inspiring story of how he discerned his vocation.

Father John Salvas, OFM Cap. drove up from Hendersonville to celebrate Liturgy on Sunday.

We were honored and blessed that Deacon Tom Bello, SFO, national vice minister, was with us all weekend. He presided over the Chapter of Elections and reported on the Franciscan Action Network. Our own Deacon Dennis Arcand, SFO, was the pastoral witness delegate.

The gathering was a tribute to St. Elizabeth of Hungary, the patroness of the Third Order, and to secular saints as models for us to follow. Several presentations gave us insight into St. Elizabeth's spirituality and examples for us to follow as seculars.



Our dear vice minister, Cricket Aull, led Friday's prayer service. Barbara Freeman, newly elected minister of St. Clare Fraternity in Asheville, gave us more insight into the person of St. Elizabeth with her wonderful storytelling (and lots of laughs with other stories). Theresa Christie, candidate from St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity in Augusta, prepared a visual litany with roses to St. Elizabeth. Immaculate Conception Fraternity shared fabulous exhibits of secular saints.

Thanks to St. Michael the Archangel Fraternity, Spartanburg, S.C., who did a great job of coordinating the registration AGAIN and Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg Fraternity, Blairsville, Ga., who coordinated the eucharistic adoration chapel that allowed us to continue to pray and worship our eucharistic Lord throughout the night.

Faye Martin, minister of Channel of Peace Fraternity, Chattanooga, Tenn., coordinated with members of that fraternity to recognize the 32 newly professed and those with special anniversaries and led us in renewing our commitment.

Newly professed, Aug. 10, 2006, through Aug. 10, 2007, and their profession dates:

- Immaculate Conception Fraternity, Jonesboro, Ga.—Laura Cleary, Jo Jo Mekolinchick, Sandy Thompson, Teri Williamson, Oct. 28, 2006;

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- Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg EC, Blairsville, Ga.—Caroline Richbourg, Oct. 22, 2006;
- St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity, Charlotte, N.C.—Don Baker, J C Liu, Bernadette Sewak, July 21, 2007;
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, Elizabeth City, N.C.—Paulette McLaughlin, Nov. 17, 2006;
- Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Fraternity, Burlington, N.C.—Carolyn Ashby, Oct. 8, 2006;
- St. Francis of the Hills Fraternity, Hendersonville, N.C.—Randy Hair, Nancy Torres, Sept. 17, 2006;
- Fraternity of Brother Francis, Hickory, N.C.—Ismini Frieser, Betty Snipes, Dec. 9, 2006;
- Fraternity of St. Clare, Winston-Salem, N.C.—Jim Linquist, Maria Linquist, Mary Miller, Oct. 21, 2006;
- Franciscan Family of Greensboro (N.C.) Fraternity—Ann Bauer, Dora Garnier, Cathy Robertson, Maureen Smith, Peter Smith, Oct. 8, 2006;
- Our Lady of Good Counsel Fraternity, Greenville, S.C.—Judy Bruce, Dec. 16, 2006;
- Our Lady Queen of Angels NFG, Columbia, S.C.—Elizabeth Austin, April 28, 2007;
- St. Clare of Assisi EC, Aiken, S.C.—Diane Longmire, Aug. 12, 2006;
- St. Michael the Archangel Fraternity, Spartanburg, S.C.—Cathy Bourne, Eileen Martin, June 2, 2007;
- Channel of Peace Fraternity, Chattanooga, Tenn.—Mechtild Boles, Barbara Garrison, Debby Williams, April 22, 2007;
- Sts. Francis and Clare NFG, Knoxville, Tenn.—Sharon Bubel, Janette Irwin, July 1, 2007.

Special anniversaries of profession, Aug. 10, 2006, through Dec. 31, 2007:

- St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Bessemer, Ala.—Lois Maderson, 25

years, professed Oct. 3, 1982;

Christine Washington, 25 years, Oct. 3, 1982;

- Immaculate Conception Fraternity, Jonesboro, Ga.—Deacon Dennis Arcand, 45 years, Jan. 25, 1962; Linda J. Von Kanel, 45 years, Jan. 25, 1962;
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, Augusta, Ga.—Thomas J. Quinn Jr., 45 years, Dec. 2, 1962;
- Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg EC, Blairsville, Ga.—Nancy Haizlip, 25 years, April 4, 1982;
- St. Monica EC, Duluth, Ga.—Laura Haukaas, 25 years, Oct. 4, 1981; Lawrence Skrivan, 55 years, July 13, 1952;
- St. Francis of the Living Waters, Franklin, N.C.—Sharon Edwards, 20 years, April 11, 1987; Alice Yuzzi, 20 years, April 11, 1987;
- Fraternity of Brother Francis, Hickory, N.C.—Bill Brockhoff, 55 years, Oct. 28, 1951; Jean Brockhoff, 55 years, Oct. 28, 1951;
- St. Clare Fraternity, Ashville, N.C.—Tony Lazaro, 20 years, Oct. 4, 1986; Helen Turek, 20 years, Oct. 4, 1986;
- St. Francis of the Hills, Hendersonville, N.C.—Barbara Carter, 59 years, June 20, 1948; Larry Carter, 66 years, June 15, 1941; Patricia Cowan, 20 years, Oct. 4, 1986; Mary Ethier, 47 years, Aug. 7, 1960;
- Sts. Francis and Clare NFG, Knoxville, Tenn.—Carol Paul Pavur, 25 years, May 16, 1982.

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Thanks to RoseMary DeWolfe, SFO, and Betty Purdy, SFO, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Fraternity, Hilton Head Island, S.C., for selecting the very uplifting music for the liturgies and coordinating with the other musically talented members:

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- St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, Augusta, Ga.—Becky Bresnahan, candidate; Louise Charnock, SFO; Theresa Christie, candidate; Ken Wessling, candidate;
- Five Georgia Martyrs Fraternity, St. Simons Island, Ga.—Greg Smilski, candidate; Laurie Smilski, candidate;
- St. Michael the Archangel Fraternity, Spartanburg, S.C.—Angelene Willard;
- Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary Fraternity, Nashville, Tenn.—Tamara Marshall, SFO.

Thanks to Tamara for the solo, “Chiara,” and to each of them for sharing their gifts.

For the third year, St. Francis of the Hills Fraternity, Hendersonville, N.C., led the memorial service for our deceased members. We are comforted to know they will be with our heavenly Father and praying for us:

- Alice Killebrew, SFO, Jan. 26, 2007, St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, Augusta, Ga.;
- Glenn Berns, SFO, April 3, 2007, Area One councilor, Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg EC, Blairsville, Ga.;
- George “Bud” Reed, SFO, March 2007, Crucified Christ Fraternity, North Charleston, S.C.;
- Alice Jean DeSantis, June 21, 2007, mother of Father Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv.

Many others helped; and it is our hope that each attendee is a part of the time together.

We’ll get together again, Aug. 8–10, 2008, at Ridgecrest. Mark your calendar. Please plan to attend and be a part of our community. See you there. **T**

**Being the messengers**

Faye Martin, SFO  
BSSF Region  
formation director  
*Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they*

*should strive to bring joy and hope to others.* (From SFO Rule, Article 19)]

One of the elements that I love about the ARG is the abundance of Franciscan joy.

Everyone left filled with joy and hope. It would be easy, as Kathy Taormina, NAFRA Youth/Young Adult Commission chair, said, to become retreat junkies—unless we seize such grace-filled experiences to internalize, embrace, and increase our joyful spirit.

In the book, *Praying with Francis of Assisi*, there is a story about Franciscan joy: “The image of his companions traveling through the towns and countrysides of Italy, singing and bursting with unrestrained joy, was surely a common one. Francis found joy in the message of the Gospel. As is always true with joy, his became contagious. Since his time, ‘Franciscan joy’ has become an identifying mark of Francis and those who share his spirit.”

We may mistakenly think that joy is only a happy feeling. Father Benet Fonck, OFM, points out, in *Called to Follow Christ*, that Francis’ story reminds us that perfect joy is the “conquering of oneself and willingly enduring sufferings, insults, humiliations, and hardships for the love of Christ.”

Jesus certainly wasn’t happy in the Garden of Gethsemane. You’ll recall that he experienced such a sharp and bitter attack of sadness, grief, fear, and weariness that he immediately uttered, “My soul is sad unto death.”

Jesus had asked the apostles to stay awake and pray with him, but each time he returned to them he found them asleep.

And where was Judas? Wide-awake and  
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intent on betraying the Lord: “For very many are sleepy and apathetic in sowing virtues among the people and maintaining the truth, while the enemies of Christ in order to sow vices and uproot the faith are wide awake—so much wiser are the sons of darkness in their generation than the sons of light” (Gospel of Mark, Navarre Bible).

We must stay awake and intent in sowing joy and hope among our brothers and sisters. May we always be mindful to “rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul” (Isaiah 61:10).

I look forward to seeing everyone at next year’s ARG. T

**Fasting for peace**

Fraternities in our region participated in the NAFRA and interfaith fasts in October:

**Franciscan Family of Greensboro** (N.C.) **Fraternity** fasted and prayed for peace on Oct 3 and 8. We gathered at The Franciscan Center for 12:15 Mass on the 3rd and celebrated after 6 p.m. at Elizabeth’s Pizza. We will be praying the “Franciscan Prayer for Peace and Reconciliation” all during October, as suggested by Fr. Louis Canino, OFM, our spiritual director. We’re so happy to know that all Franciscans are aware of and will participate as one in our desire for peace.

Jane Sullivan, SFO, vice minister

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Fraternity**, Greenville, S.C., is participating in the 40-day fast, Sept. 26–Nov. 4. We will continue to keep a vigil at the abortion clinic throughout these 40 days. During August, we prayed rosaries for peace and had a public rosary at Our Lady of the Rosary Church on Oct. 13 at noon, for peace and to commemorate Fatima’s 90th anniversary. We will always pray for change in people’s hearts.

Alice Ramos, SFO, minister

**Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Fraternity**, Hilton Head Island, S.C., participated in the Franciscan Action Network Prayer and Fast for Peace. Fraternity members prayed and fasted on the day of Transitus; some extended this to the Solemnity of St. Francis.

The fraternity celebrated the Transitus at St. Francis by the Sea Parish on Hilton Head at 5:30 p.m., then prayed the Franciscan Crown for peace prior to celebration of a vigil Mass at 6:30 p.m. After Mass, there was an all-night “Vigil of Love” of eucharistic adoration for the parish. Our fraternity was with our Lord 10–11 p.m. All is in honor of St. Francis’ feast day, and, of course, our precious Lord. We also planned to pray and fast on Oct. 8.

DorothyAnn Rowland, SFO, minister

**St. Francis of the Hills Fraternity**, Hendersonville, N.C., fasted for peace on Oct. 3 and 8.

At 7 p.m. on Oct. 3, in Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at Immaculate Conception Church, the fraternity, Capuchin friars, and parishioners celebrated the Transitus. Usually the fraternity, hosts a reception after the Transitus, but this year, because of the fast, there was no reception.

The friars joined us in the fast. Br. John Salvas (who celebrated Sunday Mass at the ARG) told me that people who come to the Transitus are accustomed to a reception afterward, but not having a reception because of the fast for peace would send a powerful message.

Several fraternity members gathered for Morning Prayer on Oct. 4 before attending the 12:10 Mass, then went out to lunch together.

Joanita M. Nellenbach, SFO, minister

**St. Michael the Archangel Fraternity**, Spartanburg, S.C., fasted on Oct. 3 before the reading of the Transitus that evening. At the reception afterwards we had light finger food. We are definitely praying for peace.

Joanne Babin, SFO, secretary



## Youth spend inn weekend

Betti P. Longinotti, SFO  
Youth & Young Adult Commission chair  
BSSF Region

Southeast youth, young adults, and their chaperones participated in a mission trip to St. Francis Inn, Philadelphia, June 29–July 1.

They were Matthew Hair, 18, Hendersonville, N.C.; Kylee Thrash, 17, and Amber Congdon, 16, Richmond Hill, Ga.; Tricia Flanery, 16, Katie Longinotti, 21, and Bob Longinotti, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Allie Dedmon, 16, and Vickie Evans, 16, Shelby, N.C.; Mary Kate Ferry, 26, Greensboro, N.C.; Anthony Perlas, 17, Greenville, S.C.; Franciscan Youth volunteers Renee Willey, St. Bonaventure University grad; Jay Verzosa, Loyola University grad; and me.

Considering the distance that Kylee and Amber traveled from Georgia, the trip was not only a mission trip but also a pilgrimage.

Most of the participants did not know each other before our travel but quickly became a community working side by side at St. Francis Inn and lodging together at the inn's Volunteer House.

Although there was a modest cost per individual for our mission trip, we appreciated contributions from St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity in Charlotte and a parishioner from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

We traveled in a 12-passenger van, Bob Longinotti being the designated driver.

Sisters of St. Francis, OFM friars, a layperson service team, and Franciscan young-adult volunteers giving a year or two of post-college service, work at the inn.

St. Francis Inn is a Franciscan community well rooted within Northeast Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood to serve the homeless and indigent.

In addition to preparing and serving the meals on Saturday and Sunday, we had the opportunity to participate in the Morning Prayer and daily and Sunday Mass in the inn's chapel. The style and approach to these liturgies acquainted the participants with Franciscan spirituality.

We kept a journal as we traveled and experienced our mission trip. Mary Kate Ferry, a 26-year-old parishioner from St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church, Greensboro, titled our journal, *The Soup Kitchen Chronicles*.

Matthew Hair, 18, son of Randy Hair, SFO, parishioners of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, wrote that his experience at St. Francis Inn was powerful. The second day of the mission trip, he assisted in making deliveries to the poor and disadvantaged. Although he had experienced similar service opportunities in Hendersonville, he wrote that driving through the neighborhoods was overwhelming and a real eye-opener.

We Longinottis are parishioners at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Winston-Salem. My daughter, Katie, has served in a soup kitchen before but encountered differences from the expectations she had prior to serving at the inn. She told of her experience of being able to personally interact with the guests and to befriend the friendless.

My hope as your Youth and Young Adult Commission chair for our regional fraternity is to see more interaction from our fraternities in advocating activities that the commission embraces.

From the standpoint of representing the Southeast and the age range invited to participate we were very successful! Many youth ministers from Southeast parishes inquired about the mission trip and the available spaces filled quickly. We had to turn away some applicants, which tells us there is a definite need we can serve in ministering to our youth and young adults, providing them apostolate service opportunities and nurturing their faith experiences. T

## REC-CG — June 23–24 — Overview

The BSSF Regional Executive Council and Commission Gathering took place in St. Stephen Catholic Church parish hall, Chattanooga, Tenn., following the region's third formation director/minister workshop, which was held at the same location.

### June 23

1. Channel of Peace Fraternity hosted a potluck supper. Cricket Aull, regional vice minister, then led evening prayer.

2. The council reviewed fair-share contributions. Any fraternities that had not yet made their contributions were to be contacted.

3. Area councilor reports:

- Area 1 — Faye Martin, area councilor, reported that the Area 1 Retreat, June 1–3, had the most attendees ever, with 53 professed and candidates and seven inquirers. Her fraternity, Channel of Peace, had its Visitation on June 10. She interviewed candidates from the Newly Forming Group (NFG) in Knoxville for profession, scheduled for July 1.
- Area Two — No report; Deacon Dennis Arcand, area councilor, was excused from attending the meeting.
- Area Three — Audrey Binet, area councilor, reported that Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg Emerging Community (EC) is ready to become an established fraternity. Crucified Christ Fraternity has transfer requests for two members. A visit needs to be made to St. Francis of the Living Waters Fraternity in Franklin.
- Area Four — Judy Haupt, regional minister, reported that her fraternity, Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, is supporting Our Lady Queen of Angels NFG very well. The Five Georgia Martyrs Fraternity needs a Visitation.
- Area Five — Pat Cowan, area councilor, reported that the St. Clare Fraternity, Asheville, has an election on July 14. She visited the Fraternity of Brother Francis, Hickory. All fraternities are doing well.
- Area Six — Alice Ramos, area councilor, reports that fraternities in her area are doing more together, such as days of recollection and social events. St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity will send 14 members to the Annual Regional Gathering (ARG). Eight candidates are scheduled to be professed in 2008. This will help with getting new members for council positions. St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity has a good initial formation program.
- Area Seven — Judy reported that Padre Pio Fraternity is doing well. Fr. Solanus Casey Fraternity is in wonderful shape. St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity is turning it around, but they are losing their Spiritual Assistant.

4. Advancements:

- Unanimous approval of canonical establishment of Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg EC, Blairsville, Ga.;
- Unanimous approval for St. Pio of Pietrelcina NFG to become an Emerging Community.

5. Franciscan Family Connections (spiritual assistant course) — Joanita Nellenbach, course coordinator, gave an update: There are seven applicants. In addition to the *Ritual of the SFO*, which everyone should already have, each student will need four books: *Franciscan Family Connections* (2007), *Handbook for Franciscan Servant Leaders* (1986), *Elements of Formation*:

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*A Reflection on the Formation Process* (1992–1994), and *Handbook for Spiritual Assistance to the Secular Franciscan Order* (2005). The cost of a set of the four books is \$60. Joanita will e-mail everyone asking what books they have. There is \$1,000 in the budget for the course.

**Update on Father Linus**

Father Linus was given permission to extend his studies on sabbatical, then go on retreat before arriving in Washington, D.C. We will be notified when he arrives in Washington. Please keep him in your prayers, that this will be a time of grace, renewal, and refreshment for him.

Judy Haupt, minister, BSSF Region

6. Jerry Rousseau, regional treasurer, reviewed the 2008 budget.

**June 24**

7. Meeting continued on Saturday after Mass at St. Stephen. Budget review continued. Discussed raising funds for World Youth Day in 2008; council uses funds in Miscellaneous for this purpose. A discussion was started on charity. Faye said that charity is usually the last item to be funded. After further discussion, it was decided to move the monies from Miscellaneous to the Commissions category. The Miscellaneous category will be removed. The amended budget was unanimously approved and will be sent to the Regional Fraternity Council. Judy will appoint a committee to review the books at the ARG.

8. REC Retreat — In late October or early November the Regional Executive Council will make a retreat. This will allow the newly elected council members to get to know each other and to plan for the upcoming year. (At the ARG, the REC decided to hold the retreat, Oct. 26–28, at Living Waters Catholic Reflection Center in Maggie Valley.)

9. Jerry talked about the Franciscan Action Network. He attended the first meeting along with members of the National Executive Council. FAN, which seeks to transform the world in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare, is mainly a political action group. It will need approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year to operate. The suggestion is that 69 entities contribute \$30 per member. NAFRA will have a recommendation for us. T

**Who were they?**

By Jerry Rousseau, SFO

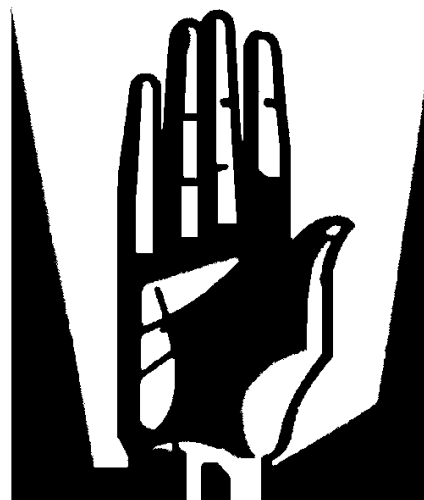
Chosen leader

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg Fraternity

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg Fraternity, Blairsville, Ga., received its canonical establishment on Aug. 11 at the Annual Regional Gathering.

The fraternity is named for the 30 Franciscan martyrs, aged 20–80, who died at their convent in Široki Brijeg (pronounced Breej), a village about an hour from Međugorje, in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Franciscan friars of Herzegovenian origin arrived in Široki Brijeg in 1846, and began building Our Lady of the Assumption Church in September. Upon completion of the church, they built a convent, then a seminary, a library, and grammar school.



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In his booklet, "Novena to the Široki Brijeg Martyrs," Father Jozo Zovko, OFM, tells us that in 1945 the friars knew they were in danger from communist partisans. The rector sent five young seminarians home.

Friar Viktor Kosir, 21, went home to Uzarici, 7 kilometers from Široki Brijeg, but remained only a few hours.

He told his family, "I cannot stay here at home. I must return to my fellow brothers."

When his family protested that they could hear the bombing in Široki Brijeg, Viktor replied, "It does not matter. I am going to share the same destiny because it is my community."

He was in the convent the next day, Feb. 7, 1945, when the partisans arrived.

"God is dead, there is no God, there is no pope, there is no Church, there is no need of you, you also go out in the world and work," they told the friars, many of whom were famous professors and authors.

The partisans told them to remove their habits.

"We are consecrated friars," they replied. "We cannot renounce our habits."

One angry soldier threw a crucifix to the floor, saying, "So there, now you can choose either life or death."

Father Zovko tells what happened next: "Each one of the friars knelt down, embraced and kissed Jesus; holding tightly the cross on their breast, each one of them said, as St. Francis did, 'You are my God and my All.' ... Some of them were very famous professors, they had written many books and handbooks for the school. But they didn't embrace their books....No, they embraced Jesus, the Master!

The partisans led the friars outside, one by one, shot them to death, and burned their bodies.

"The friars met their fate praying and singing the 'Litany of Our Lady,'" Father Zovko continues.

One of the soldiers in the firing squad "was shocked by the heroic conduct of the friars."

"Since I was a child, in my family I had always heard from my mother that God exists," the soldier said. "To the contrary, Stalin, Lenin, Tito had always asserted and taught each one of us: there is no God, God does not exist! But when I stood in front of the martyrs of Široki Brijeg and I saw how those friars faced death, praying and blessing their persecutors, asking God to forgive the faults of their executioners, it was then that I recalled to my mind the words of my mother and I thought that my mother was right: God exists!"

"Today," Father Zovko relates, "that soldier has converted and one of his sons has become a priest and a daughter is a nun."

He relates that Viktor Kosir's mother later gave birth to another son, whom she named Viktor. He later became a Franciscan friar.

The partisans also heavily damaged or destroyed the church, convent, seminary, and the library, including its 150,000 books.

All has been rebuilt. Every year, thousands of pilgrims visit the place where the friars died. Their bodies are now buried in the church.

The 30 Franciscan martyrs of Široki Brijeg are a powerful example of declaring oneself in the presence of others for Jesus. They lived something else Jesus also said in the Gospel, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell."

Pray for the members of the newly established fraternity of the Franciscan Martyrs of Široki Brijeg that we have the courage to witness and follow the Gospel according to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order. **T**

**Congratulations!**  
**Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg**  
**Fraternity**  
**Canonical Establishment**  
**Aug. 11, 2007**

**Professed**

Cathy Alexander, SFO  
 Nancy Berns, SFO  
 Marilyn Crock, SFO  
 Ray Crock, SFO  
 Marie Diehl, SFO  
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 Nancy Haizlip, SFO  
 Mary Darlene Horton, SFO  
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 Betty Mason, SFO  
 John Mason, SFO  
 John Paul McGuire, SFO  
 Jo Schilling, SFO  
 Max Schilling, SFO  
 Ruth Stamps, SFO

**Inquirers**

Bill Barr  
 Shirley Barr  
 Charles Boss  
 Nancy Boss  
 Judith Brickman  
 Mary Jenkins  
 David Murphy  
 Mary Smith  
 Steve Smith  
 Ron Tomczyk  
 Pat Tomczyk  
 Pat Tomlinson  
 Kathi Traywick  
 Pat Wilson

**In Loving Memory**

Glenn Berns, SFO, April 3, 2007  
 Bill Diehl, SFO, Aug. 11, 2006

**Many thanks**

My special thanks to the council members who served in the past councils.

Cricket Aull was my gentle, prayerful support as vice minister. She was my Mary when I had to be Martha. Her presence and prayfulness is an inspiration to all.

Paula Zanker was my faithful dedicated formation director. She took a leap of faith and with hard work coordinated the formation workshops. She is a joy to be with.

Deacon Dennis Arcand served six years as area councilor. He brought so much to our prayers and liturgies, especially the presentation on the "Canticle of the Creatures." It was Deacon Dennis who suggested that we include eucharistic adoration in our time together. It has been a blessing.

Alice Ramos also served for six years as area councilor. Her creative approach to several presentations added to the fun. Thanks for the Tau bag.

Glenn Berns served for many years as area councilor. His gentle yet challenging questions guided our regional council and his own local fraternity on the journey in a true Franciscan spirit.

Clarke Merrit also served for many years as area councilor. His work to present the rubrics of the Liturgy of the Hours is a valuable aid for all.

Diane Curran agreed to help as area councilor when we were in need. She persevered when her schedule was overflowing.

Thanks and prayers to each of our brothers and sisters who served us so well.

Pace e bene  
 Judy

"The Franciscan path of prayer that leads to peace is a path of transformation and witness. Christ is proclaimed not by words but by the example of one's life, one's willingness to suffer or perhaps offer one's life for the sake of another."

Ilia Delio, OSF  
*Franciscan Prayer*



### More congratulations

At our Annual Regional Gathering, we recognized those who had been professed in the last year and those who had been professed for many years. Inadvertently, a few people were not honored at the ARG, so we'd like to do so here.

### Newly professed

St. Pio of Pietrelcina EC, Nov. 4, 2006

Mary Di Fulio

Don Livingston

Paul Stranahan

Margaret Ziak

### Special anniversaries

Our Lady of Good Counsel Fraternity,  
Greenville, S.C.:

Nancy Ferro, 45 years,

professed Nov. 4, 1962

Jessie Litman, 42 years, June 30, 1965

Our Lady of the Holy Spirit NFG,  
Conyers, Ga.

Micki Wescott, 25 years, 1982

Phil Wescott, 25 years, 1982

### Secular Franciscans in China

China is a dangerous place to practice our Catholic faith.

A recent article in Zenit referenced a book by Mark Miravalle, a professor of theology and Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville. He traveled to China last summer and witnessed the daily struggles of the people. He reported that violations of human rights and religious freedom continue to be widespread in China.

Deacon Tom Bello, SFO, NAFRA vice minister, has asked for prayers and donations to assist Secular Franciscans in China.

If you have any rosary makers in your fraternity or any Franciscan prayer cards or photos of your fraternity gatherings mail them to Deacon Tom at 1710 Chesterbrook Vale Ct., McLean, Va., 22101, or e-mail photos and best wishes at [tbellosfo@aol.com](mailto:tbellosfo@aol.com). T

### NAFRA votes for one voice

By Judy Haupt, SFO

BSSF Region minister

NAFRA has voted to join Franciscan brothers and sisters, religious and secular, across the United States to discern the possibility of a unified Franciscan voice for justice.

The Franciscan Action Network's (FAN) Steering Committee and Commission will prepare a plan in the next few months. Pray for their guidance.

NAFRA's Council voted on FAN during its annual chapter, held this year at Our Lady of the Snows National Shrine in Belleville, Ill., Oct. 2-7, and hosted by two regions in that area.

Next year (Oct. 14-19), our region will host the national chapter in Nashville, Tenn.

The NAFRA Council includes the nine members of the National Executive Council and the ministers of the 30 U.S. regions. Members of the Conference of National Spiritual Assistants (CNSA) and

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commission and committee members also attend.

I was pleased to represent our region. It's an honor to be associated with so many dedicated Secular Franciscans, our brothers and sisters from throughout the United States.

The liturgies were rich and time for sharing was very beneficial. We were so proud to meet Dr. Tony Lazzaro, SFO, who flew from Lima, Peru, to accept the National Peace Award for his dedication to the medical needs of children.

In addition to FAN, business included a vote to restructure and integrate the four apostolic commissions: Ecology, Work, Family, and Peace and Justice. An ad hoc committee will work on the plan and process. More information will follow. We are to continue as we are currently structured until the plan is presented.

The 2008 budget was approved and will appear in the next issue of TAU-USA.

More information and photos can be accessed on the NAFRA web site ([www.nafra-sfo.org](http://www.nafra-sfo.org)). T

**Spirit of Assisi feeds faith in Winston-Salem**

By Joanne Jacovec, SFO  
Fraternity of St. Clare

A Franciscan presence has been developing here in our corner of North Carolina.

Since 2002, a core group of Franciscans (and lovers of Francis) have been meeting to discern the significance and implications of a Franciscan presence in North Carolina's Triad area.

This core team consisted of OFM Conventual friars, a Sister of St. Francis of Philadelphia, Secular Franciscans, and two individuals from the broader Catholic community.

Spending more than a year in prayer, faith-sharing, and ongoing formation to develop a common understanding of a shared Franciscan identity, we expanded our Franciscan presence to include seven members from the larger Christian community.

This now-ecumenical group agreed to spend a year reflecting on *God's Fool*, Julien Green's biography of St. Francis, with the goal of creating a vision statement. This statement (see page 18)

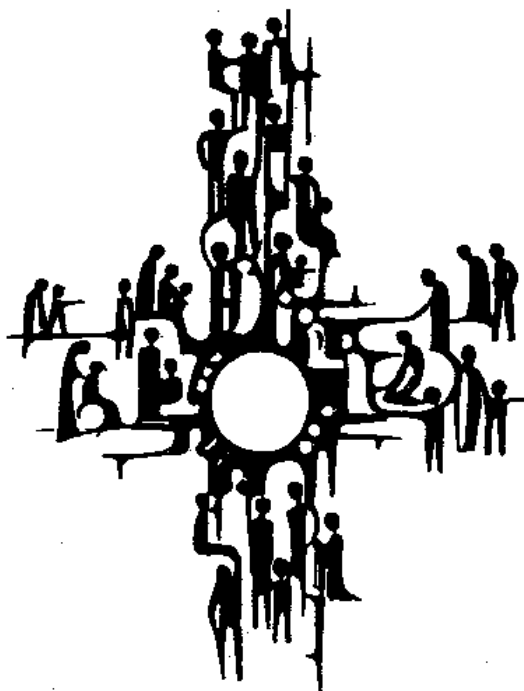
describes who we are and who we desire to be as a Franciscan presence in Winston-Salem.

We've begun with a lunch-and-speaker series every Wednesday afternoon in the downtown Franciscan center in Our Lady of Fatima, the mission of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church.

Starting Sept. 19, topics and speakers were "Centering Prayer," Father Joseph Madden, OFM Conv.; "Chi Kung Meditation as Prayer," clinical chaplain Beverly Isley-Landreth, M.Div., Th.M., CHTP; "Following in the Footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi," Joanne Jacovec, SFO; and "Assisi Decalogue: Interfaith Peacemaking," David Harold; "Christian Paradox," Jim Day, Oblate of St. Benedict.

"Interfaith Dialogue: The Language of Community," Rev. Tim Auman, is set for Oct. 24;

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"Lunch-Time Retreat," Julie Ostergaard, M.S., is scheduled for Oct. 31.

In addition to the Wednesday programs, a series focusing on Franciscan spirituality is offered monthly on Sundays, 3–5 p.m. Sister Kathy Ganiel, OSF, is presenting the series, which asks, "What do Francis of Assisi, Clare of Assisi, and great Franciscan theologians and philosophers offer to men and women of faith today?"

The series began Oct. 7 with "Franciscan Theological Tradition?" Still to come:

- Nov. 18, 2007, "Christ is the Clue!";
- Dec. 9, 2007, "Primacy of Christ" (Bonaventure);
- Jan. 13, 2008, "Primacy of Christ" (Duns Scotus);
- Feb. 10, 2008, "Fraternity/Sisterhood";
- March 2, 2008, "Creation";
- April 13, 2008, "Dignity of the Human Person";
- May 4, 2008, "Obedience of Love and Service";
- June 8, 2008, "Prayer & Discernment."

This series will be of particular interest to members of the Franciscan family, as well as all people of faith who want to explore and articulate their experience of God, Christ, humanity and the created world through a Franciscan perspective.

The sessions are presented free of charge, but love offerings will be gratefully accepted.

For more information or to register for this series, please contact: [spiritofassisi@bellsouth.net](mailto:spiritofassisi@bellsouth.net) or phone 336-723-1092. Spirit of Assisi is located at 211 W. 3rd St. at the Fatima Chapel in downtown Winston-Salem. Please enter through the 3rd Street entrance.

**Spirit of Assisi Vision Statement**

We, the Spirit of Assisi in Winston-Salem, N.C., choose to live the spirit of Francis and Clare of Assisi.

With Jesus Christ as our brother, we strive to be "sister and brother" in all of our relationships: with all people and all of creation.

Calling ourselves and one another to be witnesses of love, joy, hospitality and faithfulness, we strive to be a visible Franciscan presence where others may experience reconciliation, peacemaking, ongoing conversion and a genuine reverence for all men and women.

We commit ourselves to living out this spirit as men and women of faith, through fraternity and ongoing discernment of the will of God.

**Franciscan Crown  
now on CD**

For those who want to pray the seven joys of Mary, this CD offers a peaceful and meditative way to listen to and recite the Franciscan Crown.

Some of you heard portions of this CD at the ARG in August, when particular songs were played as we recited the prayers together

Jerry Aull and his daughters sing the songs that begin each decade; family members also recite the prayers.

To purchase the CD (\$15, including postage), contact Cricket Aull, SFO, at 770-631-8368, or [casfo@earthlink.net](mailto:casfo@earthlink.net).

## Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis Region-61

Established Oct. 20, 1994

24 Established Fraternities

3 Emerging Communities (EC)

4 Newly Forming Groups (NFG)

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BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS REGION (61)**2008 BUDGET Approved (8-11-07)**EXPENSES

\$ 4,200	NATIONAL FRATERNITY FAIR SHARE (420 professed x \$10)
\$ 600	ANNUAL NATIONAL MEETINGS (NAFRA in Nashville)
\$ 0	NATIONAL VISIT TO REGION – ELECTIONS/VISITATION
\$ 3,300	ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING
	\$ 1,200 socials
	\$ 300 room, meals Spiritual Assistant
	\$ 300 room, meals guest speaker
	\$ 400 audio visual etc. equipment rental
	\$ 500 materials, handouts
	\$ 600 scholarship funds, if needed
\$ 2,700	EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – COMMISSIONS GATHERINGS
	\$ 2,250 lodging 1 night for 3 meetings (10 members @ \$75)
	\$ 450 transportation costs for 3 gatherings
\$ 600	FRATERNAL – PASTORAL VISITATION EXPENSE
	(travel and materials, if needed)
\$ 2,600	COMMISSIONS (excluding formation)
	\$ 2,000 <i>World Youth Day</i> scholarship support
	\$ 450 materials
	\$ 150 travel
\$ 1,500	FORMATION/COMMISSION WORKSHOPS
\$ 900	OFFICE SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, COPIES
\$ 1,000	SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT
\$ 500	INTERNATIONAL FRATERNITY (CIOFS) DONATION
\$ 500	CHARITY
\$ 0	GENERAL FUND

**\$18,400 TOTAL EXPENSE**INCOME

\$ 16,800	REGIONAL FRATERNITY FAIR SHARE (420 professed x \$40)
\$ 1,600	OTHER

**\$18,400 TOTAL INCOME**