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That All May Be One

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Secular Franciscan Order

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St. Francis teaches an Easter lesson

Once, on a holy Easter Sunday, while he was staying at a hermitage that was so far from any houses that he could not conveniently go begging, he begged alms from the brothers, like a pilgrim and beggar, mindful of him who that day appeared in the guise of a pilgrim to his disciples travelling on the road to Emmaus.

When he humbly received it,
he taught them with sacred eloquence
to continually celebrate the Lord's Passover,
in poverty of spirit

that is,
his passing from this world to the Father,
passing through the desert of the world
like pilgrims and strangers
and, like true Hebrews.

And because, when begging alms,
he was motivated
not by greed for profit but by liberty of spirit,
God, the Father of the poor,
seemed to have a special care for him.

St. Bonaventure

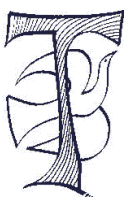
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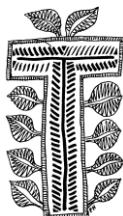
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Editor's Journal: We're still Secular Franciscans

Last year, while I was staying at the Hotel La Rocca in Assisi, I noticed one of the diners in the hotel restaurant a red-enameled Tau on his shirt. Lots of people buy Taus as souvenirs of Assisi, so I didn't think much about it.

He noticed my gray agate Tau and, learning that I was a Secular Franciscan, he told me he was in the fraternity in Brassenone, near the Italian/Austrian border. Renzo introduced me to Elio, the fraternity minister, and Bruno, the vice minister. They were making a retreat. Meeting them reminded me that we truly are SFO brothers and sisters, worldwide.

Now, something else unites us even more as an Order. We have what, for us, is a new abbreviation — OFS — after our names.

"By decree (see box) of the General Chapter of 2011, the universal acronym affixed to our name/signature block is to be OFS, based on the Latin translation of the name of the Order — *Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis*," Bob Fitzsimmons, OFS, our national formation director, said in a Jan. 30 e-mail. "That, however, does not make the English name of our Order 'Order of Franciscan Seculars.' The CIOFS-approved English language 'official' translation of our Order for communications and speaking remains Secular Franciscan Order."

Latin is the Roman Catholic Church's official language. Papal encyclicals, for instance, are promulgated in Latin, then translated into other languages.

Other orders also have official Latin names. Our regional spiritual assistant, Father Linus DeSantis, is, in Latin, a member of the *Ordinis Fratrum Minorum Conventualium*. In English, he's a member of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual.

"When we use English, we are still the Secular Franciscan Order, not the Order of Franciscan Seculars or whatever," Tom Bello, our national minister, noted when he sent out the announcement about the CIOFS decision. "We remain Secular Franciscans, not Franciscan Seculars, when we use English."

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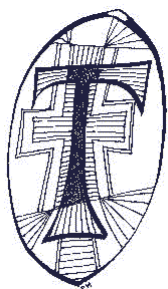
1. The official name of the Order is **Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis**.

2. Translations of the name of the Order

- 2.1. The translation of the name of the Order is already made in the four official languages, and these are the ones to be used in these languages, namely in Italian (*Ordine Franceseano Seolare*), in English (Secular Franciscan Order), in Spanish (*La Orden Franciscana Seglar*) and in French (*L'Ordre Franciscain Séulier*).
- 2.2. The name can be translated into local languages only when the literal translation from Latin is easily understandable even by the civil society and does not change its meaning or substance.
- 2.3. When the translation into the national language distorts the meaning of the name, or is linguistically impossible to transfer the genuine meaning, **Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis** must always be used, which can be followed by expressions to clarify and make more understandable the nature of the Secular Franciscan Order to everyone in the local language.

3. The acronym

The acronym which refers to the name **Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis** is **OFS** and is always to be used regardless of the language. For example, when Secular Franciscans use the acronym after their name, they must use "**OFS**".



Minister's Message: Reflection and Joy

Dear brothers and sisters,

As we prepare this edition of the spring *Communio*, we find ourselves once again in the season of Lent. During this time we are called to prayer, to fasting, and to almsgiving.

We read about Father Francis and his observance of as many as five Lenten periods during the course of the year. How appropriate that article seven of our Rule also calls us to daily conversion.

We certainly have many opportunities to put the call to prayer, fasting and almsgiving into practice. Daily Mass, Eucharistic adoration, Stations of the Cross, and so on, help us to live out our vocation. Fasting from television, the Internet, food and beverages (such as the call to participate in the H2O Project) give us an opportunity to be in touch with those among us who face these types of fasts involuntarily on a daily basis. Opportunities to reach out to the many charitable organizations around us with our treasure (Catholic Relief Service, Food for the Poor, Cross International, Franciscan Missions and Missionaries, and so on), and making sacrifices so that others may have a better tomorrow abound.

This has also been a time for reflection. Lord knows, we've had much to ponder over the past several months since our last publication. We have joys and sorrows. The joy of newly professed, newly established fraternities, and new vocations. The sorrows of witnessing the death of brothers and sisters in the SFO, including our very dear sister Jane Sullivan Farris, OFS, who was an active and vibrant member of our Regional Executive Council until Sister Death bid her come.

We pray daily for our own members and their immediate families whose names appear on the Regional prayer line. We remember all those whose lives have been dramatically altered as a result of tornadoes, floods, earthquakes, and other natural disasters: in particular, our brothers and sisters in Japan who continue to struggle since the earthquake and tsunami of a year ago, along with the more recently impacted brothers and sisters in the Philippines, Mexico, and in the United States.

As we pray for an end of violence throughout the world and especially in the Middle East and Africa we were reminded that on this Palm Sunday we celebrated the actual day when our sister St. Clare left home 800 years ago to join St. Francis and his brothers. There would have been no Second Franciscan Order, no Poor Clares, were it not for Clare's courageous leap into the dark that night. How many times have we been called to leap into the darkness of uncertainty — the darkness of faith?

As we celebrate the Sacred Triduum and the joys of Easter, let us call to mind all those who have helped us along the way to truly live out our vocation and who have challenged us to put all things aside for love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

"We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you:

because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."

Finally, let us make plans to gather as family at the Quinquennial in Chicago, July 3–8, and at our Annual Regional Gathering in Ridgecrest, Aug. 3–5.

Peace and All Good,

Jerry

Jerry Rousseau, OFS, minister of the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region, is a member of Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg Fraternity in Blairsville, Ga.

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation:

BSSF Region names new JPIC coordinator

By Joanita M. Nellenbach, OFS

“Blessings! It is with great joy that I announce the appointment of Carolyn D. Townes, OFS, as the new JPIC coordinator/ animator for the BSSF Region.”

Jerry Rousseau, OFS, Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region minister, notified the Regional Executive Council and the National Fraternity (NAFRA) via e-mail on March 13.

“We’re excited about having you on board,” Jerry told her at the Regional Executive Council meeting in Greenville, S.C., on March 24.

“An animator is someone who brings life to something,” Carolyn said. “I bring life to JPIC.”

She succeeds Jon Strickland, OFS, formerly a member of San Damiano Fraternity in Athens, Ga., who moved to Virginia several months ago for new employment and to assist in caring for his elderly mother.

“JPIC is part of a way of being that Francis and Clare would have really embraced,” Carolyn said. “It’s not more to do but a way of being. We can be prayer. We can be peace.”

Initially, she intends to focus on education on basic JPIC issues and with DorothyAnn Rowland, OFS, of Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Fraternity, planned to attend the NAFRA JPIC Rally, April 12–15, at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Ill.

Carolyn is a member of Our Lady Queen of Angels, Emerging Community, in Columbia, S.C. She made SFO Profession in 2000 in St. Benedict the Moor Fraternity in New York City and was secretary of Our Lady of the Angels Region, 2002–2009.

Before moving to Columbia last year to be near her mother, she had a long JPIC involvement in the New York City area:

- JPIC animator at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 2004–2007;
- Holy Name Province, Order of Friars Minor, JPIC Committee, 2004–2007;
- New York City JustFaith Committee of Holy Name Province, 2005;
- Westsiders for Peace, 2004–2006;
- SFO Manhattan Cluster: Peace & Justice Apostolate, 2004–2010;
- Franciscan Action Network action commissioner, 2009 – Present.

She has also completed or taught in various JPIC education programs including “Engage: Franciscan Nonviolent Peacemaking,” a 10-week program in 2008, in which she worked on curriculum with Russ Testa, OFS, Holy Name Province’s JPIC animator in Washington, D.C., and Ken Preston from Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service in Oakland, Calif.

The Franciscan Friars of California founded Pace e Bene in 1989 to work with individuals, organizations, and movements to strengthen their efforts to end war, protect human rights, challenge injustice, and to meet today’s profound spiritual task: to build a more just and peaceful world.

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Regional Spiritual Assistant's Words of Wisdom

Editor's Note: An e-mail to our Regional Executive Council prior to its March 24 meeting.

Wow!

I just glanced at the attachments containing multiple activities. God bless all of you for sharing in the administration of the Region.

When I was in secondary education as an instructor and then in administration, I used the image of Atlas, as displayed in Rockefeller Center, holding up the world. That's how I described and embraced administration. And not to be lost on us: the word "administration," from the Latin, *ad ministrare*, to minister.

The Region has come a long way, and in most successful organizations success breeds success. All have done well sharing gifts and talents and your time and energy. If it were possible, I could very much benefit from having about four or five of you here in Syracuse!!!

As I look at the various pieces in the "to do" list Jerry (Rousseau, Regional minister) has so capably crafted, I see it as the mosaic of a Franciscan development venture. The comings and goings of the members; the clarification of policy; the disseminating of Formation material; the teams presenting the *FUN* document; restructuring and re-establishing policies, programs, and procedures; establishing; reviewing and redirecting; workshops and the Annual Regional Gathering.

The Region is very much alive and vibrant. And you have been very much a part of its growth and development.

A few months ago, I was blessed with celebrating the canonical establishment of St. Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity in Decatur, Ala. I remember, as I am sure Audrey Binet, OFS, our former Regional minister does, when they started the process. I also shared with Jerry in the visitation of Channel of Peace Fraternity in Chattanooga. I see potential present there: skill and talent.

This is what, for me, makes giving the time and energy in ministry a grace, because I am inspired by what I experience among the Sisters and Brothers.

When I was in religious formation a few years ago and the Exhortation at the end of the Rule of my Order was read, I bristled at the phrase, "For up to now we have done nothing." I thought to myself, "The others I can see, but not me."

Now, seeing the potential, talent, and skill, I realize that the "we have done nothing" refers to "we've only scratched the surface." So, my Sisters and Brothers, while we have time, let us do good.

*Blessings for all times of peace and all good,
Father Linus*

Father Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., spiritual assistant to the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region, is a member of St. Anthony of Padua Province, USA, which has its headquarters in Ellicott City, Md. He is Catholic chaplain at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y.

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Accompanied by Bret Thoman, OFS, & Father Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv.

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Your minister/chosen leader has the registration forms

More information in the summer *Communio*



Our Formation Program Goes Back 800 Years

By Faye Martin, OFS

During the 2011 National Formation Workshop, one of the speakers reminded us that the foundation of our Franciscan Formation Program was laid 800 years ago. As I listened, I considered our National and Regional formation materials. The fundamental principles that shaped St. Francis's spirituality continue to form us in our Franciscan spirituality.

Spirituality Pillar

"The Spirituality Pillar is the heart of the Four Pillars. ... Our quest is to nourish and make strong the Spirit of God within us. We realize this internal quest through the external stimulus of prayer."

(“Spirituality Pillar” from “The Four Pillars of the BSSF Region”)

St. Francis established countless friaries. The majority were isolated hermitages for St. Francis and his brothers to spend time in prayer and contemplation. It is therefore obvious that those friars had effectively grasped the essence of the spirituality of St. Francis; the absolute unconditional primacy of the interior life, the life of ceaseless inner union with God, constant humble contemplation of the Savior, and intimate communion with Him which the Poverello called the 'spirit of prayer'.

(*The Little Flowers of St. Francis* by Raphael Brown, p. 19)

Formation Pillar

"Formation is the vehicle whereby we internalize and integrate the Spirituality, Fraternity, and Apostolate Pillars into every aspect of our lives."

(“Formation Pillar”)

Formation seeks to nurture the personal relationship one has with Christ. Franciscan formation seeks to facilitate growth in that relationship with an ongoing awareness of how persons share in the charism of Francis and Clare, so that the life of a Franciscan in today's world might conform more and more to the example of the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ. ... The end of formation is conversion, not just knowledge—the goal being personal union with the Lord Jesus in the tradition and spirituality of the Franciscan family.

(*FUN Manual*)

Fraternity Pillar

"The Franciscan model for fraternity life is the Trinity. Those who make up a fraternity establish a brotherhood, a community of equals among themselves with the Holy Spirit as their Minister General. Fraternity is the basic cell of the Order where we endeavor to live our lives in today's world by going from gospel of life and life to gospel, while remaining faithful to the conditions of our secular state."

(“Fraternity Pillar”)

Francis believed that Gospel living was communal living. He wanted his friars to live a common life which reflected the life of the early Christian depicted in the Acts of the Apostles. ... Franciscan Spirituality is characterized by a love for community. Francis would encourage us to build caring communities. During his life he tried to recreate the warm, compassionate, loving communities of the early Church and he invites us to do the same.

(“The Spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi,”

BSSF Regional Formators' Guidelines for Orientation and Initial Formation)

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Apostolate Pillar

“The fraternity apostolate is our privilege and responsibility to go forth as witnesses and instruments of the Holy Spirit and the Church. ... When we choose an apostolate in which all participate, in some manner, we will come to know each other at a deeper level. ... A cooperative spirit attentive to those involved and the objective of the task are the basis to pursue the apostolate. This pursuit is to communicate individuals working as a unit in peace and harmony — to feed, to clothe, to comfort — to make Christ present in the name of Francis. Then and only then will our vocation as Secular Franciscans be realized and the passion for our vocation become alive.”

(“Apostolate Pillar”)

It was the leper who became the immediate source of Francis's conversion. He recognized that Assisi was essentially a 'culture without compassion.' ... This world was rooted in money, prestige, and power as well as the rule of the rich over the poor. So Francis distanced himself from this world to develop his alternative 'culture of compassion,' rooted in the Gospel, discovering the Crucified in the lepers and the poor.

But a culture cannot be developed alone. Others join him in this alternative way of living. ... During the day they go into the cities and villages, giving themselves over to the active life of the apostolate; at night, they return to their hermitages or withdraw into solitude to live the contemplative life.

(Build with Living Stones, Chapters 2 & 3)

In *Poverty and Joy: The Franciscan Tradition* (p. 127) by Brother William Short, OFM, we are asked if “the Franciscan tradition should teach people to recreate the experience of a Francis or a Clare?” Brother William responds, “Certainly not. ... It continues to be a living tradition today because others have carried on the tradition, in new times and places, in their own words and example. ... In his words, ‘I have done what was mine to do, may Christ now show you what is yours.’ Francis wished that his whole life would point to Christ. To stop at Francis would be to frustrate the intention he had for his followers.”

Our Rule captures the Franciscan spirituality via the relationship of Francis with God, the Church, people, and Creation. Every day, we must ask ourselves how we continue to seek to nourish and make strong the Spirit of God within us; how we assist with rebuilding and serving the Church; how we share our gospel way of life with people [especially those in need], and care for creation. To follow St. Francis’s vision does not mean repeating the events and gestures of his life but rather the principles of Francis’s life.

Faye Martin, OFS, is regional formation director for the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region; she is a member of Channel of Peace Fraternity in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Congratulations Newly Professed

Father Solanus Casey Fraternity

Morehead City, N.C.

Dec. 3

Joan Shifferd, OFS

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Fraternity

Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Jan. 15

Daly Gutierrez, OFS

Helena Williams, OFS

The Spirit of Francis and Clare, Emerging Fraternity

Conyers, Ga.

Jan. 15

Karen Ann Corsetti, OFS

Patricia Ann Wilson, OFS

Celebrating feast of St. Francis with Path to Peace

By Pam Barber, OFS

The feast of St. Francis is always a special celebration for our fraternity: St. Elizabeth of Hungary in Elizabeth City, N.C.! We get together for a Franciscan retreat every year at Avila Retreat Center in Durham, N.C. and sponsor a blessing of the animals at Holy Family Catholic Church in Elizabeth City.

Last year we added an event with our youth.

All members of the fraternity participated in a Path to Peace Day. We visited the children in our faith formation classes and talked to them about who we are as Secular Franciscans and Francis's path of peace.

We prayed the "Peace Prayer" with them, then we invited them to participate in an art activity in which they could express on paper what peace looked like to them — at home, school, neighborhood, community. Their beautiful creative expressions were then mounted and displayed in our parish gathering area for several weeks.

Since this was met with much joy and enthusiasm we hope to expand the effort this year so we may continue to be gentle reminders of our invitation to walk the Path of Peace.

Pam Barber, OFS, is formation director of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity.

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&

*St. Pio of Pietrelcina
Fraternity
Decatur, Alabama
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Imagination sparks fraternity's ongoing formation

Recently, in preparation for ongoing formation members of Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg Fraternity in Blairsville, Ga., studied “Embracing Creation” in *To Set Themselves Free: A Continuous Guide to the Life and Rule of the Secular Franciscans* by Teresa V. Baker, OFS.

They wrote poems and reflections that expressed their view of the beauty of God's creation and to brought them to the fraternity gathering. There, using the writings, and pictures cut from magazines, they created a collage that was then displayed in their gathering space.

On this and the next page are two of their writings. We hope to publish more in future issues.

Poem on Nature and Creation

*From the earth and stars
To the universe beyond
Your creation is amazing*

*From a flower to a tree
From the mountains to the sea
Your creation is amazing*

*From the birds that fill the air
To the fish that swim the sea
Your creation is amazing*

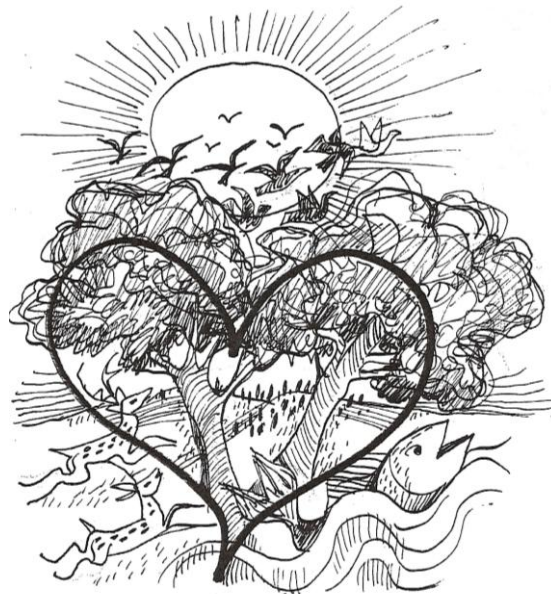
*From the animals both wild and tame
To the crying baby that once was me
Your creation is amazing*

*In your infinite goodness and mercy
From my transgressions you rescued me
To your death you died for me*

*To follow the gospel you only ask
And my life you put to task
To spread the message here below
Your words are just amazing*

*I pray dear Lord your lead to follow
And give me Lord the grace to grow
That in your love the world may know
Your love is but amazing*

Ralph Kwiatkowski, OFS



And a little bird told him ...

Like today it was early spring and Francis went off to be alone for a little while. He found a favorite spot in the wooded hills. There was a soft warm breeze and Francis sat

down on the soft brown leafy ground, and now a little bird has come to help Francis finish a bit of breakfast bread that he was holding in his hand.

So, you see he really wasn't alone.

Francis knew what we must keep reminding ourselves, that all of God's creation is fully alive, teeming with life, thus giving glory to God. He understood so deeply and completely that it is heaven's presence that brings all to life.

Some seen and some unseen.

And there were those times, in prayer, when he was unsure where one began and one ended.

This spring morning was one of those times when his sweet soul was caught up in the glory of God and God's victory over all he had created. As he felt so one with God and all creation the beautiful prayer of Azariah was once again heard, blessing God for all that was good and beautiful in creation.

And so a soft rain began to fall and our Francis was once again present to the moment. The little bird left for the treetop, and I think Francis smiled and said, "Every shower and dew bless the Lord and you, little bird, bless the Lord."

And someone in heaven must have said, "Spirit and soul of the just, Bless the Lord, Holy men of humble heart, Bless the Lord."



Nancy Haizlip, OFS



Born Into Eternal Life Martha Jane Sullivan Farris, OFS

Martha Jane Sullivan Farris, 69, Area 3 councilor, and member of Padre Pio Reactivating Fraternity, passed away March 17.

Jane made her Perpetual Profession as a Secular Franciscan on May 5, 1996, with 18 other candidates in the Franciscan Family of Greensboro, Emerging Community.

All the members of that community were in initial formation and had chosen servant leaders, Jane being selected as treasurer.

The Franciscan Family of Greensboro was canonically established on March 8, 1997, and Jane continued to serve as treasurer until she was elected vice minister when the Fraternity held its first election in June 1999. She was re-elected vice minister in May 2002.

"Jane was very dedicated to our fraternity and the SFO," said Frank Massey, OFS, regional vice minister and a member of the Greensboro Fraternity.

In 2005, she was elected formation director and re-elected in 2008. She resigned that position in 2010 when she moved to Raleigh, N.C., to marry Tommy Farris.

"Her position as director of formation was perhaps her highest calling within our Franciscan community because her Franciscan charism directly affected those in the formation process and left a lasting spiritual mark on them," said Vincent Cummo, OFS, current minister of the Franciscan Family of Greensboro.

"An indication of her calling was no more evident than what she wrote in her letter of resignation: 'My walk with those in formation has truly been a blessing because of the wonderful

applicants that have come to us and the unfailing support of this program by our council. It would not have been possible without prayer and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, for which I am truly grateful.”

She transferred to Padre Pio and was serving as chosen leader and continuing to encourage Secular Franciscans until her death.

“Jane’s love of Francis and Clare and her dedication to the Secular Franciscan Rule and Gospel way of life are a model for both our Professed members and those participating in Initial Formation,” said Fraternity member Joanne Jacovec, OFS. “We are all fully dedicated to ensuring that Jane’s legacy and dream for the Padre Pio Fraternity continue.” T

Congratulations: New Councils

St. Francis of the Living Waters

Franklin, N.C., Nov. 12

Minister: John Knippel, OFS

Vice Minister: Jacque Brown, OFS

Secretary: Sharon Edwards, OFS

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Stigmata of St. Francis Fraternity

Duluth, Ga.

Jan. 15

Minister: James Moran, OFS

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Our Lady of Good Counsel Fraternity

Greenville, S.C.

Feb. 18

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Augusta, Ga., Jan. 14

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Councilor: Judeth Bowyer, OFS

Councilor: Gerard Ouellette, OFS

St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity

Fayetteville, N.C.

Feb. 8

Minister: Raymond Miller, OFS

Vice Minister: Gloria Ruiz, OFS

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Calendar & Proposed Schedule of Visitations and Elections

* confirmed

V+ follow-up visit

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>V/E</u>	<u>FRATERNAL / PASTORAL VISITOR</u>
<u>2012</u>			
Apr 15*	Greensboro, NC	V	Jerry Rousseau, OFS/Joanita Nellenbach, OFS
Apr 21*	Jonesboro, GA	E	Jerry Rousseau, OFS/Fr. John Koziol, OFM Conv.
June 3*	Charlotte, NC	E	Sara Nell Boggs, OFS/Br. Doug Soik, OFM Cap.
June 10*	No. Charleston	V	Jerry Rousseau, OFS/
June 10*	Bessemer, AL	V	Willie Guadalupe, OFS/Barbara Smith, OFS
June 23*	Spartanburg, SC	V	Jerry Rousseau, OFS/
Sep. 17	Athens, GA	E	Willie Guadalupe, OFS/Fr. David Hyman, OFM
Sep. 23	Raleigh, NC	V	Jerry Rousseau, OFS/
Oct. 6	Decatur, AL	E	Willie Guadalupe, OFS/
Oct. 21	Wilmington, NC	V	Paula Zanker, OFS/
Oct. 21	Nashville, TN	V	John Knippel, OFS/
Nov. 10	Burlington, NC	V	Jerry Rousseau, OFS/
Nov. 25	Hendersonville, NC	E	Sara Nell Boggs, OFS/
Dec. 16	Conyers, GA	E	John Knippel, OFS/Cricket Aull, OFS

**Formation workshops: April 14, Chattanooga, Tenn.
June 2, Cary, N.C.**

**Spiritual Assistant training: June 15–16, Greenville, S.C.
Proposed REC gathering: June 17, Greenville, S.C.**

Quinquennial: July 3-8, 2012

BSSF ARG Aug. 3–5, 2012 (National Visitors)

NAFRA Annual gathering: Denver, Oct. 16–21

Probable Canonical Establishments in 2012:

San Damiano, Athens, Ga., Feb. 13, Fr. David Hyman, OFM, delegate (**estab.**)
St. Pio of Pietrelcina, Decatur, Ala., March 10, Fr. Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., delegate (**estab.**)
The Spirit of Francis and Clare, Conyers, Ga., July 15

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