



"And Who Is My Neighbor?"

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region
Annual Regional Gathering

August 13-15, 2021



Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis Region
Secular Franciscan Order
Alabama · Georgia · North Carolina · South Carolina · Tennessee

WELCOME TO OUR 2021 ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC

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Opening Prayer

Oh my dear GOD,

we pray for the guidance of your Most Holy Spirit.

Enlighten our minds and give us courage to serve.

Help us to speak the truth to one another
in a spirit of love.

Help us to openly listen to and
witness to one another.

Give us humility and a spirit of good will toward one another.

Teach us the way of dialogue which is the way of love.

Help each of us to discover "what is ours to do."

Not our will Lord, but Thy will be done.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
Amen



"Let us begin, for up to now, we have done nothing."
-St. Francis of Assisi

"May the Lord be with us always, and wherever we are, may we be with Him always."
-St. Clare of Assisi

BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS REGION
ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING
Life Way Conference Center - Ridgecrest, North Carolina

August 13 – 15, 2021

“And Who Is My Neighbor”

FRIDAY August 13

- 3:00 P.M. **Registration - Mountain Laurel Lobby-** (Franciscan Family of Greensboro Fraternity)
- 2:00** Meeting - REC + National Visitors (Johnson Spring Board Room)
- 4:00 **Choir practice for cantors and musicians (Johnson Spring 2nd Floor, Azalea B&C)**
- 5:00 **Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer (Johnson Spring 2nd Floor, Azalea B&C)**
- 5:30 - 6:30 **Dinner buffet (tickets required) (Main Dining Room)**
- 6:45 **Welcome, Opening Prayer (Johnson Spring 2nd Floor, Azalea B&C)**
- Recognition of New Councils, New Attendees, and Anniversaries
- Introduction of National Visitors
- 7:30 **Presentation –*Deacon Thomas Shaver, OFS, Regional Spiritual Assistant***
- 8:30 **Brothers and Sisters time together**

SATURDAY August 14 Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe OFM Conv.

- 7:15-8:15 **Breakfast buffet (tickets required) (Main Dining Room)**
- 8:30 **Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer (Johnson Spring 2nd Floor)**
- 9:00 **Celebration of the Eucharist, Procession to Eucharistic Chapel (Stigmata of St. Francis Fraternity)**
- 9:45 **Break**
- 10:00 ***Regional Fraternity Council Meeting* (see agenda on page 3)**
- 10:15 **Free Time**
- 10:45 **Class on Liturgy of the Hours–*Joanita Nellenbach, OFS (Johnson Spring 3 A-D)***
- Noon - 1:00 **Lunch buffet (tickets required) (Main Dining Room)**

- 1:15 **Local Fraternity Ministers and National Visitors Meeting – Johnson Spring Building 2nd floor, Room 5**
- 1:15 **Spiritual Assistants Meeting – Johnson Spring Board Room**
- 1:15 **Choices -Small group discussions (Johnson Springs 3 & 4 A-D) or Eucharistic Chapel or Time to just “be”**
- 3:00 **Break**
- 3:30 **Discussion time – Q & A with National Visitors**
- 4:00 **Open Forum – Regional Council**
- 5:00 **Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer (Johnson Spring 2nd Floor)**
- 5:30-6:30 **Dinner buffet (tickets required) (Main Dining Room)**

- 7:00 **Presentation – Josh Molidor OFS on responsibilities to our Order**
- 8:00 **Memorial for Deceased Members of Region
(Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Fraternity)**
- 8:30 **Brothers and Sisters time together**

SUNDAY August 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin

- 7:15-8:15 **Breakfast buffet (tickets required) (Main Dining Room)
(Time to check out)**
- 8:30 **Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer**
- 9:00 **Presentation - **National Visitors** (Johnson Spring 2nd Floor, Azalea B&C)
/ Discussion Time**
- 10:15 **Recognition of newly professed- Renewal of Commitment (all Professed)**
- 10:30 **Celebration of the Eucharist**
- 11:30 **Adjournment - Closing Prayer - Closing Comments**

FRANCISCAN BOOKS AND ARTICLES WILL BE FOR SALE
(St. Francis Springs Prayer Center)
Johnson Spring Building – 2nd Floor, Azalea Room A

***A Chapel will be open for Eucharistic Adoration 9:45 AM Sat until 9:45 AM Sun.**

**Please sign up to spend quiet time with our Lord
 (Chapel: Mountain Laurel Building, lower level - conference room #5)**

REGIONAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, August 14, 2021 *** 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon**
Johnson Spring Building - 2nd Floor, Room 5 A-D (Across from Azalea Room)

Every *elected* Fraternity Minister and REC is a member of the Regional Fraternity Council.

Please be present or delegate this responsibility to another member.

OPENING PRAYER

Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORT OF TREASURER

BUSINESS

Approval of Budget for 2022

Appoint Sharon Winzeler, OFS, as Editor of Communio

ARG – 2022: August 19-21, 2022 (Ridgecrest) Chapter of Elections

Appointment of Nomination Committee

Update on Endowment Funds distributions

Calendar of Visitations/Elections – Sept 2021-Jan 2022

COMMENTS from Regional Vice Minister and National Visitors

OPEN FORUM – Please discuss items with regional vice minister before meeting.

ADJOURNMENT – CLOSING PRAYER

*****MEMBERS OF FRATERNITIES, NEWLY FORMING GROUPS AND EMERGING COMMUNITIES ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE THE COUNCIL MEETING)**

2021 ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING ATTENDEES

Honored Guests

Fr. Christopher Panagopolos, TOR – Pastoral Visitor
Joshua Molidor, OFS, National Councilor – Fraternal Visitor
Fr. Cidouane (Cid) Joseph, OFM, Provincial Spiritual Assistant,
Holy Name Province

AREA ONE

ALABAMA

St. Joseph Cupertino – Bessemer (0)

GEORGIA

Immaculate Conception – Jonesboro (1)
Carmen Madero, OFS, BSSF Region Vice Minister

Stigmata of St. Francis – Johns Creek (13)

Margi Williams, OFS, Minister

Sherry Kridle, OFS

Jan Murina, OFS

Ken Brooke, OFS

Deacon Tom Shaver, OFS

Lori Shaver, Guest

Salvera Reid, OFS

John Reid, Guest

David Panter, OFS

Joseph Perello Jr, OFS

Helen Neff, OFS

Jo Ann Rademacher, OFS

Jack Farren, OFS

The Spirit of Francis and Clare – Conyers (0)

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Augusta (9)

Ken Wessling, OFS

Nora Wessling, OFS, BSSF Region Secretary

Dr. Theresa Christie, OFS

Martin Hadman, Guest

T. Maria Smith, OFS Candidate

Rebecca Bresnahan, OFS

Deborah Hull, OFS Candidate
Dee Campbell, Inquirer
Peggy Saam, OFS, Vice Minister

San Damiano – Athens (0)

The Five Georgia Martyrs –St. Simons Island (3)
Lawrence Lynch, OFS
George Hodges, Inquirer
Margaret (Maggie) Hodges, Inquirer

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg – Blairsville (8) (1 commuter)
Stephen Smith, OFS, Minister
Deacon John Paul McGuire, OFS
Madeline Rousseau, OFS
Jerry Rousseau, OFS
Matthew Moore, OFS
Jenny Moore, OFS
Gloria Carrol, Orientee
Phyllis Howell, OFS Candidate
Gerard Gerbig, OFS

St. John Vianney Emerging Fraternity –Lithia Springs (7)
Sharon Loiselle, OFS, Leader
Cindy Kasmier, OFS
Kate Kasmier, OFS
Deacon Greg Smiliski, OFS
Laurie Smiliski, OFS
Ivan Solano, Inquirer
Evelyn Solano, Inquirer

NORTH CAROLINA

Padre Pio –Raleigh (10)
Sharon Winzeler, OFS, Minister
David Shick, OFS
Lourdes Shick, Guest
Char Witosky, OFS
Anna Rzewnicki, OFS
Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS
Ellen Ferrone, OFS, BSSF Region Area 3 Councilor
Mayra Rangel, Inquirer
Anne Evangelista, Inquirer

Michael Gould, Inquirer

St. Maximilian Kolbe –Charlotte (2)

JC (Jungyeon) Liu, OFS, Minister

Jerome Wagner, OFS Candidate

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Elizabeth City (0)

Fraternity of St. Clare –Winston-Salem (5)

Barbara Robless, OFS, Minister

Jerry Griffin, OFS

Anne Modrow, OFS

Mary Miller, OFS

Rosie Sexton, OFS

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament – Burlington (5)

Irene Crowder, OFS, Minister

Flo Ecchevaria, OFS

Beverly McGee, OFS

Rose Ann Bobak, OFS

Paul Bobak, OFS

St. Francis of the Hills – Hendersonville (4) (3 commuters)

Nancy Torres, OFS, Minister

Joanita Nellenbach, OFS, Editor Communio

Brenda Harris, OFS

Gene Ray MaGruder, OFS

Mark Taylor, OFS

Diane Salkewicz, OFS

Barbara St. John Shea, OFS

Fraternity of Brother Francis – Newton (5)

Rita Borst, OFS

Mike Oeser, OFS

Lynn Oeser, OFS

Donald McNamara, OFS Candidate

Jane Wilson, OFS Candidate

St. Anthony of Padua –Fayetteville (0)

St. Thomas More –Wilmington (4)

Mike Yamat, OFS, Minister

Robert Pape, OFS Candidate
Marie Mallon, OFS
Linda Keir, OFS

Franciscan Family of Greensboro – Greensboro (6)
Jeanne Carter, OFS, Minister
Georgette Schraeder, OFS
Bob Pearson, OFS
Joe Vodenichar, OFS, BSSF Youth & Young Adult Coordinator
Heather Welch Guest
Kerri Goode Guest

St. Clare – Asheville (8 commuters)
Jill Varney, OFS, Minister
Tony Lazaro, OFS
Cathy Champon, OFS
Monica Lester, OFS
Mary Lewis, OFS Candidate
Barbara Freeman, OFS
Gwen Hobson, OFS
Gail Carroll, OFS

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey – Morehead City (2)
Joan Rogers, OFS, Minister
Pat Boni, OFS

SOUTH CAROLINA

Our Lady of Good Counsel – Greenville (3)
Alice Ramos, OFS, Vice Minister
Judy Bruce, OFS
John Bruce, OFS

Fraternity of Blessed John Duns Scotus – Murrell's Inlet (5)
Paul DiStefano, OFS, Vice Minister
Martha Roman, OFS, BSSF Area 3 Councilor
David Roman, OFS
Susan Evangelista, OFS
Michael Evangelista, OFS

Crucified Christ – North Charleston (0)

St. Michael the Archangel – Spartanburg (4) (2 commuters)
Sara Nell Boggs, OFS, Minister
Paula Duncan, OFS
Jane Morris, OFS
Patricia McKenna, OFS
Esther Kelly, OFS
Betsy Witt, OFS Candidate

St. Clare of Assisi – Aiken (3)
Pat Hunter, OFS
Marie Walton, OFS
Mary Welsh, OFS

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary – Bluffton (8)
Maureen Cronin, OFS, Vice Minister
Peggy Cleary, OFS
Kathleen Sheehan, OFS
Christine Lukesh, OFS, BSSF Area 2 Councilor
Virginia MacKenzie, OFS
Helena Williams, OFS
Rosemary DeWolfe, OFS
Deacon John DeWolfe Guest

Mother Cabrini – Anderson (2) (2 commuters)
Nanette Perron, OFS
Cindy Gravely, OFS
Charlie Comberrel, OFS
Martha Comberrel, OFS

TENNESSEE

Seven Dolours of the Blessed Virgin – Franklin (0)

Channel of Peace – Chattanooga (2)
Bill Edwards, OFS, Minister
Barbara Garrison, OFS

Sts. Francis and Clare –Knoxville (6) (3commuters)
Paul Rock, OFS, Minister
Carolyn Rock Guest
Bonnie Ameche, OFS
Paul Carter, OFS
Janette Irwin, OFS

Terry Paradis, OFS
Jean Schneider, OFS
Rodger Schneider Guest
Lindy Crace, OFS

NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILS

St. Joseph Cupertino

Bessemer AL June 27, 2021

Minister: Christine Washington OFS
Vice Minister: Beth Ryan OFS
Secretary: Roxanne Bessette OFS
Treasurer: Gabrielle Cruz-Urbe OFS
Form Dir: Janet Waters OFS
Councilor: Lannie Newman OFS

Stigmata of St. Francis

Johns Creek GA January 10, 2021

Minister: Margi Williams OFS*
Vice Minister: Jan Murina OFS*
Secretary: Sherry Kridle OFS*
Treasurer: Deacon Tom Shaver OFS*
Form Dir: V. David Rohr OFS
Councilor: David Panter OFS*
Councilor: Joseph Perello Jr. OFS*
Councilor: Ken Brooke OFS*

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Augusta GA January 9, 2021

Minister: Susan McArthur OFS
Vice Minister: Peggy Saam OFS*
Secretary: Martha Jurgensen OFS
Treasurer: Barbara Ouellette OFS
Form Dir: Ken Wessling OFS*
Councilor: Renee Strunk OFS
Councilor: Rebecca Bresnahan OFS*
Councilor: Dr. Theresa Christie OFS

Padre Pio

Raleigh NC March 28, 2021

Minister: Sharon Winzeler OFS*
Vice Minister: Ellen Ferrone OFS*
Secretary: Anna Rzewnicki OFS*
Treasurer: Zubair Simonson OFS
Form Dir: Charlotte Witosky OFS*
Councilor: David Shick OFS*
Councilor: Joan Monti OFS
Councilor: Jeanne Casciere OFS

St. Maximilian Kolbe

Charlotte NC June 5, 2021

Minister: JC Liu OFS*
Vice Minister: Jennye Taylor-Johnson OFS
Secretary: Mark Ceraldi OFS
Treasurer: Janet Ceraldi OFS
Form Dir: Mary-Claire Dempsey OFS
Councilor: Eneida Ceballos OFS
Councilor: David Papandrea OFS

St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Elizabeth City NC April 11, 2021

Minister: Dory Davis OFS
Vice Minister: Pamela Barber OFS
Secretary: Janet Norfleet OFS
Treasurer: Doreen Warren OFS
Form Dir: Mary Gilbert OFS
Councilor: Eileen Chaney OFS
Councilor: Lee Norfleet OFS

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament

Burlington NC June 26, 2021

Minister: Irene Crowder OFS*
Vice Minister: Joseph Knight-McKenna OFS
Secretary: Rose Ann Bobak OFS*
Treasurer: Joyce Patten OFS
Form Dir: Brian Ward OFS
Councilor: Marion Decowski OFS
Councilor: Michael Ballard OFS
Spiritual Assistant: Patricia Wilkerson OFS

St. Thomas More

Wilmington NC November 15, 2020

Minister: Mike Yamat OFS*
Vice Minister: Bill Walker OFS
Secretary: Linda Keir OFS*
Treasurer: Sal Tascone OFS
Form Dir: Mary Hellman OFS
Councilor: Evelyn Laurer OFS
Councilor: Marie Mallon OFS*
Councilor: Janet Glatt OFS

NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILS

Franciscan Family of Greensboro
Greensboro NC March 8, 2020
Minister: Jeanne Carter OFS*
Vice Minister: Joe Vodenichar OFS*
Secretary: Susan Russell OFS
Treasurer: Barbara Dawson OFS
Form Dir: Georgette Schraeder OFS*
Councilor: Peter Smith OFS
Councilor: Shirley Robless OFS
Spiritual Assistant: Fr. David Hyman OFM

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey
Morehead City April 25, 2021
Minister: Joan Rogers OFS*
Vice Minister: Pat Boni OFS*
Secretary: Aileen Bauerlin OFS
Treasurer: Robert Sabisch OFS
Form Dir: Pat Kasprzyk OFS
Spiritual Assistant: Msgr. Frank Moeslein

Our Lady of Good Counsel
Greenville SC April 17, 2021
Minister: Valerie Baronkin OFS
Vice Minister: Alice Ramos OFS*
Secretary: Marsha Wiggins OFS
Treasurer: Leslie Owens OFS
Form Dir: Sheila Dartez OFS
Councilor: LaDonna Sexton OFS
Councilor: Elizabeth Oughton OFS

Sts. Francis and Clare
Knoxville TN February 21, 2021
Minister: Paul Rock OFS*
Vice Minister: Terry Paradis OFS*
Secretary: Lindy Crace OFS*
Treasurer: Deborah Stevens OFS
Form Dir: Jean Schneider OFS*
Councilor: Vonnie Spicer OFS
Councilor: Bonnie Ameche OFS*

Crucified Christ
North Charleston SC July 10, 2021
Minister: Cindy Bryan OFS
Vice Minister: Carolyn Reuther OFS
Secretary: Larry Papineau OFS
Treasurer: Charles Allen OFS
Form Dir: Diane Curran OFS
Councilor: Ann McAdams OFS
Councilor: Linda Long OFS
Councilor: Ken Martinelli OFS

St. Michael the Archangel
Spartanburg SC June 27, 2020
Minister: Sara Nell Boggs OFS*
Vice Minister: Bonnie Wacker OFS
Secretary: Esther Kelly OFS*
Treasurer: Carol Drum OFS
Form Dir: Paula Duncan OFS*
Councilor: Jane Morris OFS*
Councilor: Jim Johnson OFS
Councilor: Patricia McKenna OFS*

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
Bluffton SC March 7, 2020
Minister: Angela Cavalluzzi OFS
Vice Minister: Maureen Cronin OFS*
Secretary: Kathleen Sheehan OFS*
Treasurer: Bill Trecartin OFS
Form Dir: Christine Lukesh OFS*
Councilor: Peggy Cleary OFS*
Councilor: Dian McCarthy OFS
Spiritual Assistant: Ken Wessling OFS*

Channel of Peace
Chattanooga TN March 8, 2020
Minister: Bill Edwards OFS*
Vice Minister: Gail Campbell OFS
Secretary: Mechtild Boles OFS
Treasurer: Ann Hammers OFS
Form Dir: Paul Semmons OFS
Councilor: Anne Lenning OFS
Councilor: Brian Tierney OFS
Councilor: Mary Coleman OFS
Spiritual Assistant: Msgr Allen Humbrecht

NEWLY PROFESSED

Fraternity of St. Clare – Winston-Salem NC

Jerry Griffin OFS* June 5, 2021

St. Thomas More – Wilmington NC

Janet Glatt OFS January 4, 2020
Bud (Sal) Tascone OFS January 4, 2020

Franciscan Family of Greensboro- Greensboro NC

Judith Walsh OFS All on February 14, 2021
Jeanne Kiley OFS
Kathy Gallucci OFS

St. John Vianney EC – Lithia Springs GA

Kate Kasmier OFS* November 7, 2020
Bill Sadler OFS November 7, 2020

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament-Burlington NC

Joe Knight-McKenna OFS All on October 26, 2020
Michael Ballard OFS
Rose Ann Bobak OFS*
Paul Bobak OFS*
Flo Ecchevaria OFS*
Judy Bringhurst OFS
Sue Watson OFS
Gail Carter OFS All on February 22, 2020
Irene Crowder OFS
Joyce Patton OFS

Stigmata of St. Francis- Johns Creek GA

Margi Williams OFS* All on August 1, 2020
Dennis Kissel OFS
Sherry Kridle OFS
Lisa Coetzee OFS

Sts. Francis and Clare-Knoxville TN

Peggy Burnette OFS All on July 10, 2021
Cindy Murphy OFS
John Michael Fox OFS
Francesca Follone- Montgomery OFS

Padre Pio – Raleigh NC

Gladys Whitehouse OFS All on June 27, 2020
Ben Whitehouse OFS
Joan Monti OFS
Anna Rzewnicki OFS*
Deacon Phil Rzewnicki OFS*
Jeanne Casciere OFS
David Shick OFS*
Mike Oeser OFS
Alex Rommel OFS

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary-Bluffton SC

Mary Houser OFS October 3, 2020

Attending –marked with *

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region

Let us pray for Our Dear Deceased Brothers and Sisters



Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg – Blairsville GA

Jean Hiler OFS October 13, 2020

St. John Vianney Emerging Community – Lithia Springs GA

Clifford Kasmier OFS December 16, 2019

Fraternity of Brother Francis – Newton NC

Betty Snipes OFS August 17, 2020

Nancy Crislip OFS November 18, 2020

St. Clare – Asheville NC

Lisena Moss OFS December 15, 2020

Thomas Troop OFS April 4, 2021

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Augusta GA

Martha Baumann OFS September 26, 2019

Laura Haukaas OFS December 29, 2019

Doris Maxwell OFS February 5, 2021

St. Maximilian Kolbe – Charlotte NC

Janis Rucker OFS July 7, 2021

Fraternity of St. Clare – Winston-Salem NC

Susan Stevens OFS September 18, 2020

St. Anthony of Padua – Fayetteville NC

Alfred Arsenault OFS October 5, 2020

St. Thomas More – Wilmington NC

Mary Ellen Humphrey OFS July 2, 2021

Franciscan Family of Greensboro – Greensboro NC

Donald Schraeder OFS October 13, 2020

Mary Jane Bellia OFS October 26, 2020

Helen Houston OFS July 22, 2021

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament – Burlington NC

Marie Grisi OFS February 15, 2021

St. Francis of the Hills – Hendersonville NC

Greg Savold OFS August 7, 2020

Padre Pio – Raleigh NC

Louis Coker OFS July 13, 2020

St. Clare of Assisi – Aiken SC

Connie Marie Singer OFS April 6, 2021

Blessed John Duns Scotus- Murrells Inlet SC

Ellen DeKleva OFS February 5, 2021

PRAY THE RULE

Liam McCarthy, OFM

O Lord, our God, we intend to make present the charism of our Seraphic Father Francis in the life and mission of the Church, in various ways and forms but in life-giving union with one another. By our profession, we pledge ourselves to live the Gospel in the manner of St Francis by means of our Rule approved by the Church (Arts. 1-3). Help us, we pray, so that daily we may:

- observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St Francis, going from gospel to life and from life to the gospel (Art. 4);
- seek to encounter the living and active person of Jesus Christ in our brothers and sisters, in sacred scripture, in the Church and in the Eucharist (Art. 5);
- go forth as witnesses and instruments of the Church's mission among people, proclaiming Christ by our life and words (Art. 6);
- conform our thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by the radical interior change which the Gospel calls "conversion", making use of the sacrament of reconciliation on the way to renewal (Art. 7);
- let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all we are and do (Art. 8);
- imitate the Virgin Mary's complete self-giving in her openness to your every word and call (Art. 9);
- faithfully fulfill the duties proper to our various circumstances in life (Art. 10);
- seek the proper spirit of detachment and purify our hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power (Art. 11);
- acquire the purity of heart needed to set ourselves free to love God and our brothers and sisters (Art. 12);
- accept all people as your gift, Lord, and an image of Christ (Art. 13);
- exercise our responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service (Art. 14);
- be in the forefront of promoting justice by the testimony of our human lives and by courageous initiatives (Art. 15);
- esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption and service of the human community (Art. 16);
- cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity and respect for life in our families, striving to make it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ (Art. 17);
- respect all creatures, animate and inanimate "as bearing the imprint of the Most High" (Art. 18);
- be bearers of peace and messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, as immersed in the resurrection of Christ, we serenely tend towards Sister Death and our ultimate encounter with you, our Father (Art 19).

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Brother.

Amen.

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
SCHEDULE OF VISITATIONS AND ELECTIONS
August 2021 to January 2022**

* confirmed V+ follow-up visit (observers in parentheses)

Annual Regional Gathering August 13 - 15, 2021 Ridgecrest Conference Center

Sept 11 *	Immaculate Conception/Jonesboro, GA	E	David Cruz-Uribe	Deacon Tom
Sept 11-12 *	Channel of Peace/Chattanooga, TN	V	Sharon Loiselle	Jean Schneider
Sept 13-14 *	Fraternity of St. Clare/Winston-Salem	V	Martha Roman	Deacon Tom
Oct 15-16 *	Blessed John Duns Scotus/Garden City, SC	V	Ellen Ferrone	Deacon Tom
Nov 20 *	St. Francis of the Hills/Hendersonville, NC	E	Betti Longinotti	Jean Schneider
2022				
Jan 7-8	St. Elizabeth of Hungary/Augusta, GA	V		
Jan 8-9	Stigmata of St. Francis/Johns Creek, GA	V		

Many fraternities cancelled their scheduled Visitations and/or Chapters of Elections due to the pandemic in 2020 and in 2021. Some have been rescheduled and have taken place; others have not. If you are once again gathering in person, please contact your Area Councilor and me to please offer some dates for your fraternity to be scheduled for your Visitation or Chapter of Elections. For those Councils who are serving longer, thank you; please let us know when you could have an election. If you had a Chapter of Elections in 2020, the minister is to request a date for a Visitation at least a year later. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

“Your Servant Leaders

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Regional Executive Council Roster

Minister: DorothyAnn Rowland, OFS

Secretary: Nora Wessling, OFS

Vice Minister: Carmen Madero, OFS

Treasurer: Ken Brooke, OFS

**Spiritual Assistant: Deacon Tom
Shaver, OFS**

**Formation Director: Dianne Ambrose,
OFS**

Area 1 Councilors

David Cruz-Uribe, OFS and Sharon Loiselle, OFS

AL: Bessemer

GA: Athens, Blairsville, Conyers, Johns Creek, Jonesboro, Lithia Springs

TN: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Franklin

Area 2 Councilor

Betti Longinotti, OFS and Christine Lukesh, OFS

GA: Augusta, St. Simons Island

NC: Asheville, Charlotte, Hendersonville, Newton;

SC: Aiken, Anderson, Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Hilton Head Island,
Spartanburg

Area 3 Councilor

Ellen Ferrone, OFS and Martha Roman, OFS

NC: Burlington, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Morehead City,
Raleigh, Wilmington, Winston Salem

SC: Garden City

Appointed Positions

Archivist: Sara Nell Boggs, OFS

**Justice, Peace, Integrity of
Creation Animator - Carolyn Townes,
OFS**

***Communio* Editor**

Joanita M. Nellenbach, OFS

**Multicultural Commission Chair
Position Available**

Prayer Ministry

(online prayer requests)*

Area 1: John Martin, OFS

Area 2: Dot Huebner, OFS

Area 3: Bob Sabisch, OFS

**Youth/Young Adult Fraternal
Animator – Joe Vodenchar, OFS**

*Local fraternity prayer liaisons submit
prayer requests to Area coordinators

RENEWAL OF “OFS” PROFESSION COMMITMENT

*Let us bless our Lord and God, living and true;
to Him, we must attribute all praise, glory, honor, blessing,
and every good forever.*

All Professed Secular Franciscans together

We thank you, Lord, for calling us
to the Secular Franciscan Order.

We ask Your pardon
for all our shortcomings, weaknesses,
and transgressions against our commitment to the Gospel life
and against the Rule.

We renew once again our commitment to the Gospel life,
according to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order,
until the end of our days.

Grant also that we may live in harmony
with our brothers and sisters,
and that we may give witness to younger people
of the great gift we have received from you:
our Franciscan calling
to “go forth as witnesses and instruments
of the Church’s mission among all people,
proclaiming Christ by our life and words.”

Most High and Glorious God,
grant that we may live justice and peace.

All praise be yours, O Lord, through all that you have made.
Amen

“Evaluation”

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region Annual Regional Gathering August 13-15, 2021

We pray that your weekend was blessed and that you had ample opportunity to share in community and fellowship with your brothers and sisters.

Please pray for and support your local Councils and the Regional Executive Council.
Pray for all those recommended to us on the Regional Prayer Line.

Please return with your comments

1. What parts did you enjoy? Not enjoy?
2. Suggestions for the next ARG (it will be a Chapter of Elections for the Region)
3. How did this facility do with your comfort level in handling covid concerns? Are you satisfied with what is available here—rooms, food, meeting space?
4. Overall observations; additional comments

“Communio – that all may be one” Motto of BSSF Region
Thank you. Please send to your Area Councilor or leave in space provided at ARG.
May you have a safe journey home.