

Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis Region Secular Franciscan Order

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WELCOME TO OUR 2022 ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC

"Servant Leadership"

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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 by 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 19 – 21, 2022

"Servant Leadership"

FRIDAY	August 19		
3:00 P.M.	Registration - Mountain Laurel Lobby- (Franciscan Family of Greensboro Fraternity)		
2:00 4:00	Meeting - REC + National Visitors (Johnson Spring Board Room) Choir practice for cantors and musicians (Johnson Spring 2 nd Floor, Azalea B&C)		
5:00	Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer (Johnson Spring 2 nd Floor, Azalea B&C)		
5:30 - 6:30	Dinner buffet (tickets required) (Main Dining Room)		
7:00	Welcome, Opening Prayer (Johnson Spring 2 nd Floor, Azalea B&C) - Recognition of New Councils, New Attendees, and Anniversaries - Introduction of National Visitors		
7:30	Presentation – Servant Leadership Dorothy Ann Rowland		
8:15	First Call for Nominations		
8:30	Social & snacks-Mountain Laurel connector level		
SATURDAY August 20			
7:15-8:15	Breakfast buffet (tickets required) (Main Dining Room)		
8:15	Liturgy of the Hours Morning Prayer (Johnson Spring 2nd Floor)		
8:45	Second Call for Nominations		
9:00	Presentation – Joshua Molidor		
10:00	Break		
10:30	Celebration of the Eucharist, Procession to Eucharistic Chapel (Stigmata of St. Francis Fraternity)		
Noon - 1:00 Lunch buffet (tickets required) (Main Dining Room)			
1:00-4:30	Regional Fraternity Council Meeting/Chapter of Elections Johnson Spring Building 2 nd floor, Room 5 A-D		

1:00-4:30 (c	continued)			
Presentatio	ns – Johnson Spring 2 nd Floor, Azalea B&C			
1:15 -2:15	JPIC—Carolyn Townes, OFS (Zoom)			
2:20- 3:20	Service as Spiritual Assistants—Ken Wessling, OFS			
3:30	Break			
5:00	Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer (Johnson Spring 2 nd Floor)			
5:30-6:30	<u>Dinner</u> buffet (tickets required) (Main Dining Room)			
7:00	Introduction of New Council			
7:30	Memorial for Deceased Members of Region			
	(Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Fraternity)			
8:30	Social & snacks—Mountain Laurel connector level			
SUNDAY	August 21			
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 - (Johnson Spring 2 nd Floor, Azalea B&C)			
	Fr. Cid			
10:00	Recognition of newly professed- Renewal of Commitment (all			
	Professed)			
10:30	Celebration of the Eucharist			
11:30	Adjournment - Closing Prayer - Closing Comments			
*****Special info tables on those who are on the slate for the Chapter of Elections will be in the Johnson Spring 2 nd Floor corridor area.				
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FRA]	NCISCAN BOOKS AND ARTICLES WILL BE FOR SALE			
	(St. Francis Springs Prayer Center)			
	Johnson Spring Building – 2 nd Floor, room 3 A-D			

*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			

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

REGIONAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL MEETING CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS

Saturday, August 20, 2022 ***** 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
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 2023

ARG – 2023: August 11-13, 2023 (Ridgecrest)

Update on Endowment Funds distributions Calendar of Visitations/Elections – Sept 2022 to May 2023

CHAPTER OF ELECTIONS

Third call for nominations

ADJOURNMENT – CLOSING PRAYER

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

2022 ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING ATTENDEES

Honored Guests

Joshua Molidor, OFS, National Councilor – Fraternal Presider Fr. Cidouane (Cid) Joseph, OFM, Provincial Spiritual Assistant, Holy Name Province – Ecclesial Witness

AREA ONE

ALABAMA

St. Joseph Cupertino – Bessemer (3) Gabrielle Cruz-Uribe, OFS, Treasurer David Cruz-Uribe, OFS, Councilor and Area 1 Councilor Kelly Horwitz, OFS Candidate

GEORGIA

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

Stigmata of St. Francis – Johns Creek (16)

Margi Williams, OFS, Minister

Sherry Kridle, OFS, Secretary

Jan Murina, OFS, Vice Minister

Ken Brooke, OFS, Councilor and BSSF Region Treasurer

Deacon Tom Shaver, OFS, Treasurer and BSSF Region Spiritual Assistant

Lori Shaver, Guest

David Rohr, OFS, Formation Director

Sari Reid, OFS

John Reid, Guest

David Panter, OFS, Councilor

Helen Neff, OFS, Councilor

Jo Ann Rademacher, OFS

Jack Farren, OFS

Chris Reynolds, OFS

Tabitha Whang, OFS Guest

Jerome Whang, Guest

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Augusta (16) Susan McArthur, OFS, Minister

Peggy Saam, OFS, Vice Minister

Ken Wessling, OFS, Formation Director

Nora Wessling, OFS, BSSF Region Secretary

Becky Bresnahan, OFS, Councilor

Maria Smith, OFS, Councilor

Richard Herdegan, OFS

Audrey Binet, OFS

Dorothy Huebner, OFS

Carla Huebner, Guest

Tom Fait, OFS Candidate

Dee Campbell, OFS Candidate

Debi Hull, OFS Candidate

Judy Ankuta, Orientee

Letti Flores, Guest

Carrie Murga, Guest

The Five Georgia Martyrs –St. Simons Island (0)

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg – Blairsville (3)

Stephen Smith, OFS, Minister

Matthew Moore, OFS

Jennifer Moore, OFS

St. John Vianney Emerging Fraternity –Lithia Springs (1)

Sharon Loiselle, OFS, Leader & Area 1 Councilor

NORTH CAROLINA

Padre Pio –Raleigh (15)

Sharon Winzeler, OFS, Minister

Lee Cunningham OFS

Mercedes Cooley OFS Candidate

David Shick, OFS, Councilor

Lourdes Shick, Guest

Char Witosky, OFS, Formation Director

Anna Rzewnicki, OFS

Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS

Ellen Ferrone, OFS, Vice Minister and Region Formation Director

Dolores (DJ) Walker OFS

Michael Hancock OFS

Michael Gould OFS Candidate

Bob Marge, Inquirer

Maria Marge, Inquirer

Zubair Simonson, OFS, Treasurer

St. Maximilian Kolbe –Charlotte (4) JC (Jungyeon) Liu, OFS, Minister Jennye Taylor-Johnson, OFS, Vice Minister Denise Hickey, OFS Jerome Wagner, OFS

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Elizabeth City (0)

Fraternity of St. Clare –Winston-Salem (7)
Betti Longinotti, OFS, Minister & Area 2 Councilor
Janice Howell, OFS, Secretary
Anne Modrow, OFS, Treasurer
Bob Dorsch, OFS Formation Director
Mary Miller, OFS, Councilor
Elizabeth Sandy, OFS
Jerry Griffin, OFS

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament – Burlington (3) Irene Crowder, OFS, Minister Flo Ecchevaria, OFS Brian Ward, OFS

St. Francis of the Hills – Hendersonville (3) (3 commuters*)
Brenda Harris, OFS, Minister
Joanita Nellenbach, OFS
Gene Ray MaGruder, OFS Treasurer
Mark Taylor, OFS Formation Director*
Diane Salkewicz, OFS*
Margaret Cavagnaro, OFS Candidate*

Fraternity of Brother Francis – Newton (6)
Paula Coleman, OFS, Minister
Esther Kelly, OFS, Vice Minister
Mike Oeser, OFS, Secretary
Lynn Oeser, OFS, Formation Director
Rita Borst, OFS, Councilor
Jane Wilson, OFS Candidate

St. Thomas More –Wilmington (2) Mike Yamat, OFS, Minister Marie Mallon, OFS, Councilor Franciscan Family of Greensboro – Greensboro (7)
Jeanne Carter, OFS, Minister
Georgette Schraeder, OFS
Bob Pearson, OFS
Kathy Gallucci, OFS
Judith Walsh, OFS
Julia DiBiase, Guest Bookstore
Haley Chapman, Guest Bookstore

St. Clare – Asheville (8) commuters*)
Cathy Champon, OFS, Minister
Gwen Hobson, OFS, Vice Minister*
Barbara Freeman, OFS, Secretary*
Jill Varney, OFS, Treasurer*
Gail Carroll, OFS, Formation Director*
Monica Lester, OFS, Councilor*
Tony Lazaro, OFS, Councilor*
Mary Lewis, Guest*

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

SOUTH CAROLINA

Our Lady of Good Counsel – Greenville (0)

Fraternity of Blessed John Duns Scotus – Murrell's Inlet (5) Mary Sacavage, OFS Secretary Martha Roman, OFS, Councilor & BSSF Area 3 Councilor Frances Friedman, OFS Joan Penney - Guest Ted Penney - Guest

Crucified Christ – North Charleston (1) Larry Papineau OFS, Secretary

St. Michael the Archangel – Spartanburg (3) (2 commuters*) Sara Nell Boggs, OFS, Minister Paula Duncan, OFS, Formation Director* Shizuko Klatte, OFS St. Clare of Assisi – Aiken (3) Karen Perry, OFS, Minister Mary Welsh, OFS, Treasurer Mark Smith, Orientee

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary – Bluffton (7)
Angela Cavalluzzi, OFS, Minister
Christine Lukesh, OFS, Formation Director, BSSF Area 2 Councilor
Helena Williams, OFS
Judy Graff, OFS
Larry Graff, Guest
Barbara Gloven, OFS Candidate
DorothyAnn Rowland, OFS, BSSF Region Minister

Mother Cabrini – Anderson (3) Nanette Perron, OFS Cindy Gravely, OFS Charlie Comberrel, OFS

TENNESSEE

Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin – Franklin (0)

Channel of Peace – Chattanooga (3) Gail Campbell, OFS, Vice Minister Barbara Garrison, OFS Ann Hammers, OFS

Sts. Francis and Clare –Knoxville (6) (2commuters*)
Paul Rock, OFS, Minister
Carolyn Rock Affiliate
Jean Schneider, OFS, Formation Director*
Rodger Schneider, OFS*
John Michael Fox, OFS
Kristen Von Clef, OFS

NEWLY ELECTED COUNCILS

St. Francis of the Hills, Hendersonville, NC

November 27, 2021

Brenda Harris OFS Minister*

Diane Salkewicz OFS Vice Minister*

Barbara St.John Shea OFS Secretary

Gene Ray Magruder OFS Treasurer*

Mark Taylor OFS Formation Director

Margarita Manendez OFS Councilor

Joann Colini OFS Councilor

Yong Sun Thompson OFS Councilor

St. Clare of Assisi, Aiken, SC

May 14, 2022

Karen Perry OFS Minister*

Carole King OFS Vice Minister

Cindi Shea OFS Secretary

Mary Welsh OFS Treasurer*

Patricia Hunter OFS Formation Director

Vicki Jackson OFS Councilor

Ron Stilton OFS Councilor

Tony DaVino OFS Councilor

Fraternity of St. Clare, Winston-Salem, NC

March 15, 2022

Betti Longinotti OFS Minister*

Kris Jonczak OFS Vice Minister

Janice Howell OFS Secretary*

Anne Modrow OFS Treasurer*

Bob Dorsch OFS Formation Director*

Mary Miller OFS Councilor*

Janice Safrit OFS Councilor*

St. Clare, Asheville, NC

July 11, 2022

Cathy Champon OFS Minister*

Gwen Hobson OFS Vice Minister*

Barbara Freeman OFS Secretary*

Jill Varney OFS Treasurer*

Gail Carroll OFS Formation Director*

Monica Lester OFS Councilor*

Tony Lazaro OFS Councilor*

Bob Martin OFS Councilor

(* Attending)

Five Georgia Martyrs, St. Simons Is, GA

September 9, 2021

Lois Cutia OFS Minister

Mary Jane Marsh OFS Vice Minister

Patty Bergeron OFS Secretary

Georgia Markley OFS Treasurer

Ann Mallon OFS Formation Director

Fraternity of Brother Francis, Newton, NC

July 9, 2022

Paula Coleman OFS Minister*

Esther Kelly OFS Vice Minister*

Mike Oeser OFS Secretary*

Bernard Taft OFS Treasurer

Lynn Oeser OFS Formation Director*

Xiomora Palma OFS Councilor

Rita Borst OFS Councilor*

Donald Macnamara OFS Councilor

NEWLY PROFESSED

Fraternity of St. Clare – Winston-Salem NC

Elizabeth Grace Sandy OFS* June 13, 2022

Crucified Christ - North Charleston, SC

Renee Kerr OFS December 11, 2021

St. Maximilian Kolbe -Charlotte NC

Alicia Munson OFS Both on May 14, 2022

Jerome Wagner OFS*

Fraternity of Brother Francis – Newton, NC

Donald Macnamara, OFS* March 19, 2022

St. Michael the Archangel-Spartanburg, SC

Angie Waldrop OFS August 28, 2021 Betsy Witt OFS August 28, 2021

Nick DuFault OFS June 25, 2022

St. Thomas More – Wilmington NC

Kim Balbach OFS All on April 2, 2022

Robert Pape OFS

Ellie Walker OFS

Gary Wood OFS

Five Georgia Martyrs-St. Simons Island, GA

Colette Jackson OFS* July 8, 2022

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Augusta, GA

Maria Smith OFS* October 16, 2021

Attending -marked with *

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region Let us pray for Our Dear Deceased Brothers and Sisters

Blessed John Duns Scotus – Murrell's Inlet, SC

Elizabeth Lula Soule Calley September 22, 2021 Elizabeth P. Germain Luksa April 13, 2022

Stigmata of St. Francis – Johns Creek, GA

Joseph Perello, Jr. OFS August 29, 2021

Franciscan Family of Greensboro - Greensboro NC

Ginny Dunningan OFS February 3, 2022

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament - Burlington NC

Kathleen (Kay) Sutcliffe OFS April 22, 2022

St. Francis of the Hills – Hendersonville NC

Randy Hair OFS September 8, 2021

St. Clare of Assisi - Aiken SC

Laura Jarvi OFS October 16, 2021 Phillip Gagnon OFS June 2, 2022

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey- Morehead City, NC

Sally Woelkers OFS March 14, 2022

Mother Cabrini - Anderson, SC

Michael Howerter OFS Candidate December 14, 2021

St. Joseph Cupertino – Bessemer, AL

T. J. Slatsky OFS March 20, 2022

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg- Blairsville, GA

Deacon Larry Casey OFS February 21, 2022 Cathy Alexander OFS f September 16, 2021

St. Michael the Archangel-Spartanburg, SC

Anne Marable OFS September 7, 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 2022 to May 2023**

* confirmed

V+ follow-up visit (observers in parentheses)

August 3-7	20 th Quinquennial Congress "Q" Sheraton Hotel Phoenix, Arizona		
August 19-21	Annual Regional Gathering Ridgecrest Conference Center	E	
Sept 30-Oct 1*	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary/Bluffton, SC	V	
October 7-8	Crucified Christ/North Charleston, SC	V	
October 15-16	St. Thomas More/Wilmington, NC	V	
November 9-10	Five Georgia Martyrs/St. Simons Island, GA	V	
November 11- 12	Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament/Burlington, NC	V	

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February 18	Blessed John Duns	E	
	Scotus/Murrells Inlet, SC		
March 4	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and	E	
	Mary/Bluffton, SC		
May 12-13	Immaculate	٧	
	Conception/Jonesboro, GA		

"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: Ellen Ferrone,

Area 1 Councilors

David Cruz-Uribe, OFS and Sharon Loiselle, OFS

AL: Bessemer

GA: Blairsville, 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, Greenville, Bluffton, Spartanburg

Area 3 Councilor

Martha Roman, OFS

NC: Burlington, Elizabeth City, Greensboro, Morehead City,

Raleigh, Wilmington, Winston Salem **SC:** Garden City

Appointed Positions

Justice, Peace, Integrity of Archivist: Sara Nell Boggs, OFS

Communio Editor Sharon Winzeler, OFS

Multicultural Commission Chair

CreationAnimator - Carolyn Townes,

Prayer Ministry

Position Available

OFS

(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 19-21, 2022

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.

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	Please return with your comments
1.	What parts did you enjoy? Not enjoy?
2.	Suggestions for the next ARG
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