

Sandal Prints

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St. Clare Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

Minister's Message

By Michael T. Reidy, OFS

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

To how many fraternities do YOU belong?

Cyl Maljan Herbelin, OFS National Treasurer, posed this question in June to our region as Fraternal Visitor. Brother Bob Brady, CNSA Member and Santa Barbara Province Spiritual Assistant, was our Pastoral Visitor. Together they shared with the regional council, including the formation directors and spiritual assistants, that fraternity occurs on four levels:

The Order of Franciscans, Secular (OFS) presidency is internationally known by the Latin, "*Consilium Internationale Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis*" – (CIOFS). Our profession to *The Ordo* is received by the minister of the local fraternity. However, we profess into the Franciscan Family and in particular to The Secular Franciscan Order, which holds a special place in this family circle.

The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order - USA (NAFRA) NAFRA and CIOFS did not exist before the new rule in 1978. The fraternities of higher level took many years to evolve and were adapted by the Secular Franciscan Order to meet "*the needs and expectations of the Holy Church in the conditions of changing times.*" Rule Chapter One, v3

The Regional Fraternity, (Troubadours of Peace Region) also formed after the new Rule of 1978. The OFM Santa Barbara Province regionalized into a SW (St Thomas Moore Region), a NW (Troubadours of Peace Region), a Northern California (Blessed Junipero Serra Region), and a Southern California region (St Francis Region).

The Local Fraternity (St Clare Fraternity) is "*the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its members.* The local fraternity is to be our "*basic unit of the whole Order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love.*" "*The Secular Franciscan Order is divided into fraternities of various levels -- local, regional, national, and international. Each one has its own moral personality in the Church.*" Rule Chapter 3: v1

Calendar

July

- 1 Bruce Siggins' birthday
- 2 Lete Davis—52 yrs profession anniversary
- 2 Mary Dugas—25 yrs profession anniversary
- 4 Clare Reidy's birthday
- 7 Kay Haberlach's birthday
- 10 Jim Burns—27 yrs profession anniversary
- 11 Rosmarie Ferrer's birthday

11 Evening Prayer of Thanksgiving
Fr. John's 70th anniversary
5:00 p.m., reception to follow
RSVP: (503) 287-9548
Our Lady of Sorrows Church
5329 SE Woodstock Blvd., Portland

14 Fraternity Picnic Potluck
1:30 p.m. Parish Center
Christ the King Catholic Church
7414 SE Michael Dr., Milwaukie, OR
Francis Center Donations:
cat and dog food

24 Sue Holcomb's birthday

August

11 Fraternity Gathering—Picnic
1:15 p.m. Parish Center
Christ the King Catholic Church
7414 SE Michael Dr., Milwaukie, OR

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Formation Corner

By Lynne Burns, OFS

This year's All Minister's Meeting held in June, was well attended not only by Ministers, but Formation Directors and Spiritual Assistants from our region. Two people from the National Fraternity (NAFRA) were there to visit the Regional Council and hear how all our fraternities are doing. Elaine Hedtke, Vice-Minister from NAFRA, who has been a part of our region for many years was present. (she says Hi and that she misses us).

Throughout the weekend we shared information, prayed the liturgy of the hours, attended Mass, and participated in a service to remember our deceased members.

The aspects of the meeting that stood out for me the most were from a Formation Workshop presentation on Human, Christian and Franciscan by our Regional Formation Director. She reminded us that each person is God's greatest work, His greatest wonder of the cosmos. We are made in the image of God and we can say to ourselves "Good morning image of God". BJ also pointed out the importance of valuing one another. When we show reverence for a person it allows us to see the good, worth and dignity of that person. Honoring every person is the gospel; it's the message of Christianity.

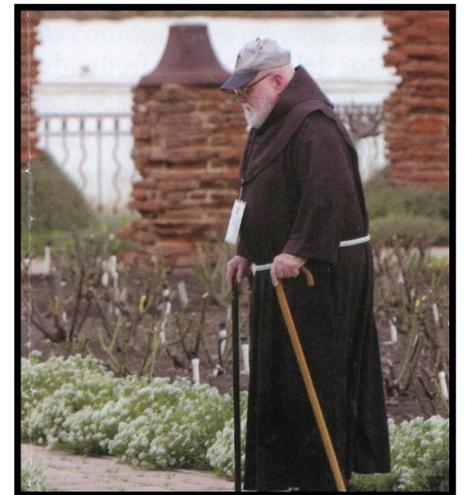
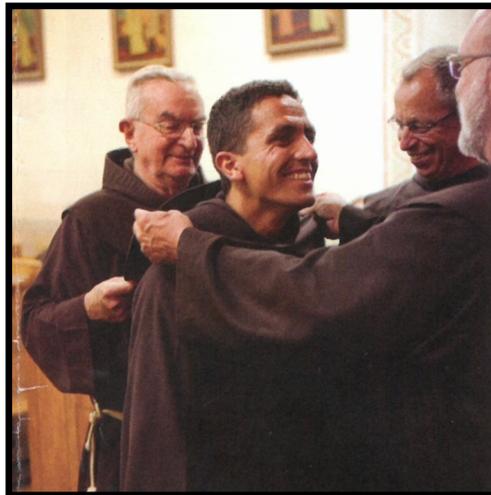
Elaine had words of wisdom to share with us during our time together also. She exhorted us to be brothers and sisters for one another in our fraternities. We are to create an environment where we can learn and love each other. She reminded us to encourage one another, so we can live what we are called to be and do. We come together in our fraternity to inspire and enliven each other was emphasized in her message.

I will close with a prayer for all of the fraternities in our region. "Lord Jesus, may we reflect your love, reverence, joy and compassion to each other. Enable us to be who You call us to be; to witness the good news to all we meet in the spirit of St Francis. May we live our Rule, which says to encounter the living and active person of Christ in one another and all people." Amen.

Honoring the past, providing for the future

submitted by Joanne Cody, OFS

Recently, at my home parish, St. John the Baptist in Milwaukie, Oregon, we were visited by two friars from the province. They were asking us for donations to the Franciscan Care Trust which has been established to care for elderly and infirm friars and to aid in formation of new friars. At this time there are 185 friars in the Santa Barbara Province and of these, at least 70 are elderly. We need to take care of these men of God when they most need it. The friars have given so much to our fraternity and to our order through the years—can we do less? Please send your contributions to Fraternal Care Trust, 1500 34th Avenue., Oakland, CA 94601. For more information, visit www.fraternalcaretrust.org.



The Road to God

by Melannie Svoboda, SND

The road to God
is not long.
You need not cross the sea
to find Divinity.
You need not trek across vast plains
or barren deserts,
nor hack through dense jungles.
You need not scale jagged mountains
jutting into the skies.

No, you have only to pause
and be still.

Then take that single step
into the deep center
of who you are.

submitted by Kay Haberlach, OFS

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The reason the visitors so deliberately reminded us about the four levels of fraternity life is that many Secular Franciscans still believe they are only members of the local fraternity and practice their gospel living primarily in the parish, rather than fraternity. The visitors stressed that is wrong. **Instead, we are members of The Ordo (Order of Franciscan Seculars), which includes membership in FOUR fraternities (CIOFS/NAFRA/Region/Local).**

This is especially expressed in our Constitution which describes our responsibility to implement the goals of the higher councils: *"The local fraternities and councils concerned should commit themselves to carry out the decision 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."* General Constitution Article 33: v2

Side-by-side comparison of the CIOFS Goals and NAFRA Priorities:

CIOFS GOALS	NAFRA Priorities
1. Formation	1. Communication
2. Communication	2. Formation
3. Franciscan Youth (YouFra)	3. Spiritual Assistance
4. Presence in the World (JPIC)	4. JPIC/Franciscan Youth (FYA)
5. Emerging Fraternities (Fraternal Life)	5. Vocations

Troubadours of Peace Region has committed to the goals of the international order and priorities of the national fraternity and deliberated how best to implement their programs and adapt them to the specific needs of our region.

The Regional Executive Council has assigned the councilors to each of the regions top three goals, including a third councilor to be added as a result of the unanimous vote of the General Council. I humbly accepted the appointment as Councilor two. The third councilor position was just approved, so the JPIC Councilor is still open.

Here are the 2013 Troubadours of Peace (ToP 3) Goals:

- Fraternal Life** (Visitations and Vocations; Reactivating Fraternities and Emerging Groups)
- Communications Technology** (Newsletter, Web, Events)
- JPIC** (Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation)

Look for more information to come on how our local fraternities can best support the priorities of the order and regional ToP 3 goals. Special thanks to Barbara Allen, OFS, our Sandal Prints editor, on recently publishing the June 2013 Troubadour.

Have a Blessed Summer!

Peace & Good,
Mike

Picnic on the Deck

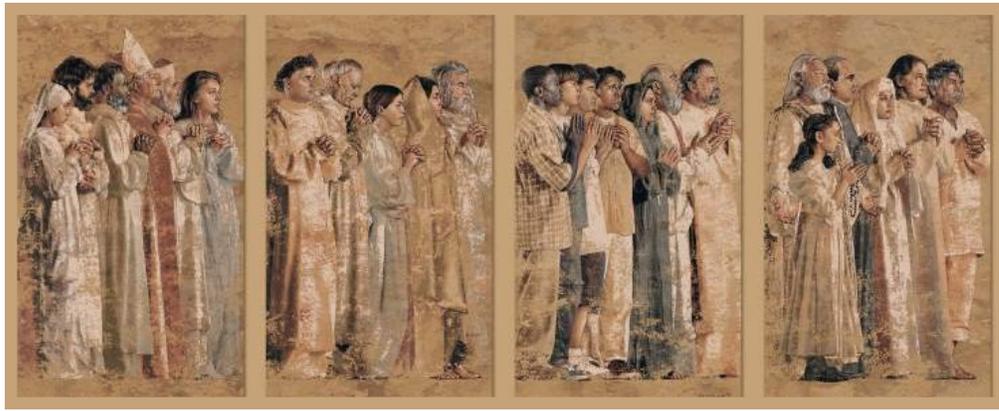
By Kay Haberlach, OFS

Our July activity this year will be a picnic on the deck at Christ the King on July 14 at 1:30 p.m. Bring your special picnic food: a salad, main dish, or dessert. If you have a suggestion for a game or fun activity, contact Shirley Stevens at 503-224-3277. Access to the bathroom is through the back door where we entered for the June Gathering. Help in moving a few chairs and the card tables to the deck would be appreciated.

Be Praised my Lord
for
Franciscan joy and delight
that permeates
the gift
of our summer days.
Be Praised My Lord!

*submitted by
Sr. Loretta Schaff, OSF*





Franciscan Saints and Blessed

July

- 1 Bl. Junipero Serra, priest, I Ord.
- 4 St. Elizabeth of Portugal, queen, III Ord.
- 7 Bl. Davanzato, bishop, III Ord.,
- 8 Bl. Gregory Grassi, bishop, and companions, martyrs, I and III Ord.
- 9 St. Nicholas Pick, priest, and companions, martyrs, I Ord.
- 10 St. Veronica Giuliani, virgin, II Ord.
- 12 Sts. John Jones and John Wall, priests, martyrs, I Ord.
- 13 Bl. Angeline of Marisciano, religious, III Ord.
- 15 St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor, I Ord.
- 16 Canonization of St. Francis
- St. Francis Solano, priest, I Ord.
- 18 St. Simon of Lipnica
- 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor, I Ord.
- 23 Bl. Cunegunda, religious, II Ord.
- St. Bridget of Sweden, widow, III Ord.
- 24 Bl. Louise of Savoy, widow, II Ord.
- Bl. Modestino of Jesus and Mary, religious, I Ord.
- Bl. Antonio Lucci, bishop, I Ord.
- 27 Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinengo, virgin, II Ord.
- 28 Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska, virgin, martyr of Poland, II Ord.
- Bl. Mattia Nazarei, virgin, II Ord.

Saintly Inspiration

submitted by Jim Burns, OFS

From the letters of Saint Conrad of Parzham - OFM Cap (1818-1894)

It was God's will that I should leave everything that was near and dear to me. I thank him for having called me to religious life where I have found such peace and joy as I could never have found in the world. My plan of life is chiefly this: to love and suffer, always meditating upon, adoring and admiring God's unspeakable love for his lowliest creatures.

Nothing is really a hindrance to me because I am always united with our dear Lord. In fact, **the more I have to do the more I feel that I am united with God. I then speak to God in a familiar way, like a son to his father. I speak in prayers and aspirations. I make known to him with childlike confidence everything that weighs on my soul.**

And if at times I have sinned I humbly beg for pardon asking only to show myself a good and obedient son of a most loving father and to love him with greater love. **To practice the virtues of meekness and humility I need only look at Jesus crucified and I learn how I must act in various circumstances.** So in this way I learn humility, meekness, patience, how I must carry the cross, and it becomes light. I gratefully accept both joy and tribulation from our heavenly Father for he knows best what is good for us.

Thus I always rejoice in the Lord having only this complaint that I do not love enough. If only I had the love of one of the Seraphim! I would like to compel all creation to help me love God above all things. Love never fails.

Treasurer's Report

By Lete Davis, OFS

Month ending May 31, 2013

General Income	\$90.75
General Expenses	\$325.00
Retreat Income	\$2,830.00
Retreat Expense	\$4,714.59
Account Balances	\$2,503.13

*Expenses include monthly and necessary budgeted expenses to operate the Fraternity.

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Submission deadline for the next issue is July 20

This month's banner is a portrait of St. Bonaventure, whose feast day is July 15. Called "The Seraphic Doctor" of the Church, St. Bonaventure is known for his leadership of the Franciscans and his great intellectual contributions to theology and philosophy.