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Minister's Message- Perspectives by Hazel Martin, OFS

Since the first of the year, our Region has had a wild winter and some very cold temperatures. Several times I have felt like a character in the movie Frozen. Bundled up against the cold, I kept thinking one day closer to spring!

“Someone once asked St. Francis how he protected himself from the piercing cold of winter when his clothing was so poor, and he answered fervently, ‘If our hearts are on fire with longing for our heavenly home, we will have no trouble enduring this outer cold’” (Murray Bodo, Through The Year with St. Francis of Assisi, p.50). (this text is taken from St. Bonaventure, Major Life, 5:2)

Recently, a lady in my Thursday afternoon Women’s Faith Sharing group brought a poem to read. The meaning of the poem very much aligned with the upcoming Sunday Gospel reading and opened up fruitful discussion. I would like to share the poem with you.

“The Cold within” by James Patrick Kinney
Six humans trapped by happenstance
In bleak and bitter cold.

Each one possessed a stick of wood
Or so the story’s told.
Their dying fire in need of logs
The first man held his back.
For of the faces round the fire
He noticed one was black.
The next man looking ‘cross the way
Saw one not of his church.
And couldn’t bring himself to give
The fire his stick of birch.

The third one sat in tattered clothes.
He gave his coat a hitch.
Why should his log be put to use
To warm the idle rich?

The rich man just sat back and thought of the wealth he had in store.
And how to keep what he had earned
From the lazy, shiftless poor.

The black man’s face bespoke revenge
As the fire passed from sight.
For all he saw in his stick of wood
Was a chance to spite the white.

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The last man of this forlorn
group
Did naught except for gain.
Giving only to those who gave
Was how he played the game.

The logs held tight in death's still
hands
Was proof of human sin.
They didn't die from the cold
without. They died from the cold
within.

As Franciscans, we know that
living from "Gospel to life" in-
volves simplifying one's lifestyle.
A commentary by Benet Fonck
OFM regarding Article #13 of our
Rule says, "hand in hand with
simple living is coming to recog-
nize that in Christ all are equally
brothers and sisters.

There is no room for prejudice or
exclusiveness in the Franciscan
way of life. In fact, the sense of
community and the will toward
community compel the Secular
Franciscans to discover Christ
in everyone, especially the lowly
and poor and disadvantaged."
The folks in this poem certainly
didn't embrace a sense of com-
munity. It can be said that com-
munity is a "lived experience of
togetherness." May a lived experi-
ence of togetherness continue to
speak to each one of us through-
out 2019.



Spiritual Assistance to our Region by Regional Spiritual Assistant Kathy Taormina, OFS

Our fraternities are “bonded”, bonded to what? And why?

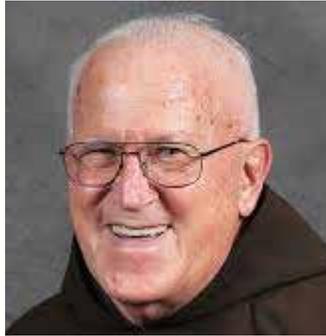
“After Vatican II, the OFS was directed to bring the Rule of Life into harmony with Franciscan roots and the needs and signs of the times. After 10 years of input and dialogue, the Rule of 1978 emerged and guides the lives of Secular Franciscans today. The Secular Franciscan Order is self-governing, yet it operates under Canon 303, *altius moderamen*, a Latin term indicating that the friars of the First Order and the Third Order Regular are to: (1) guarantee the fidelity of the OFS to the Franciscan charism, (2) communion with the Church and (3) union with the Franciscan Family.

The Secular Franciscan roots can be found in the Earlier Exhortation of St. Francis to the Brothers and Sisters of Penance. The Rule of 1978 returns to the inspiration of St. Francis in his Earlier Exhortation to the Brothers and Sisters of Penance.”

Anne Mulqueen, OFS – July 2014

The *altius moderamen*, literally “higher governance” is assumed by the Friar Province to which the local fraternity is bonded and the Province who is responsible for establishment and deactivation of local fraternities. Fraternity Spiritual Assistants are officially appointed by the Provincial Spiritual Assistant, who serves as the delegate of his Provincial Minister.

Meet the Provincial Spiritual Assistants who serve Queen of Peace Region fraternities:



Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Capuchin
St. Joseph Province

Bonded to: St. Pio of Pietrelcina



Fr. Ed McKenzie, OFM
Sacred Heart Province

Bonded to: Holy Trinity, St. Mary, San Damiano IA, Mary, Queen of Peace, Little Portion, Saint Cloud, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Leonard of Port Maurice, St. Louise, San Damiano MN, Father Solanus Casey, Spiritus Sanctus, Pater Noster, St. Clare, Immaculate Heart of Mary



Fr. Christopher Panagoplos, Third Order Regular
Immaculate Conception Province

Bonded to: St. Alphonsa, St. Anthony of Padua BV, St. Anthony of Padua MN, St. Thomas More



Fr. Wayne Hellmann, OFM Conventual
Our Lady of Consolation Province – Minister Provincial

Bonded to: Our Lady of Consolation, St. John XXIII, OFS, St. John Paul II, St. Junipero Serra Newly Forming Group

So what does all this mean to the local Spiritual Assistant?

“The purpose of spiritual assistance is to foster communion with the Church and with the Franciscan Family through witness and sharing of Franciscan spirituality, to cooperate in initial and on-going formation of secular Franciscans and to express the fraternal affection of the religious toward the OFS.”
Statutes for Spiritual and Pastoral Assistance to the Secular Franciscan Order 2.3

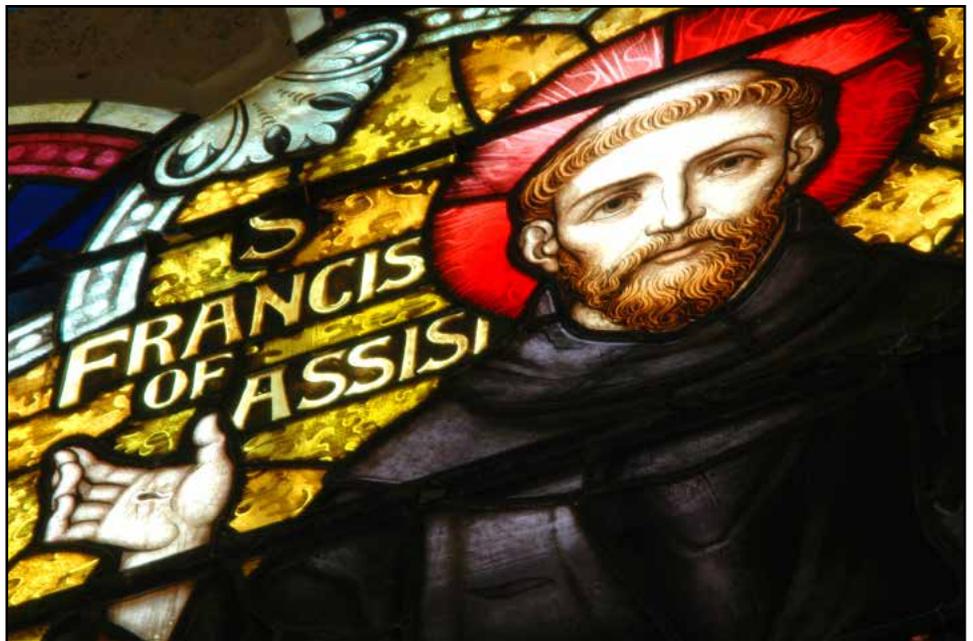
“With respect to the fraternity they assist, anyone who serves as a Spiritual Assistant is subject to the same rights and restrictions as are Franciscan religious Spiritual Assistants.”

US National Statutes 18.3

The hands-on application of this purpose is:

- To foster communion between the local fraternity and the Church
 - o Send your fraternity newsletter to the local Bishop or Vocations Office
- To foster communion between the local fraternity and the Franciscan Family
 - o Encourage participation with other fraternity and regional events
- To cooperate with the local Formation Director in both initial and on-going formation
 - o Cooperate not lead on your own

- To keep the lines of communication open between the local fraternity and the bonding Provincial Minister or his Provincial Spiritual Assistant (PSA)
 - o Send your fraternity newsletter to the PSA of which the fraternity is bonded
 - o If possible, invite your PSA to visit your fraternity or to speak at an event



On Going Formation Resource Book Review

Surrounded by Love: Seven Teachings from St. Francis
By Murry Bodo, OFM

Surrounded by Love is a wonderfully inspiring read. It is a beautiful mediation on the spiritual wisdom of St. Francis and its practical value for today.

To live a Franciscan life, we must live the Gospel and embrace its basic truth. The seven teachings are an outline of the way St. Francis embraced the Gospel life. St. Francis, our Seraphic Father is a wisdom figure, teacher who used sayings, stories, and rituals to show us how we can allow God to transform our lives.

The First teaching of the seven, Wonder of the Incarnation is the core of all the teachings. If we listen and pray God will show us what to do with our lives.

The Second teaching, The Paradox of Evangelical Poverty unites us to God and leads us to living the Gospel in our time and place. We find God when we become poor enough for God to find us.

The Third Teaching, Live the Gospel The way to peace and justice is the way Christ has shown us in the Gospels. The way of love. Franciscans forgive themselves and their neighbors and work together for the good or we perish as individuals, societies and civilizations.

The Fourth Teaching, Go Repair my House God changes hearts a process in which we become fruitful, only repaired hearts can repair God's house.

The Fifth Teaching, Making Peace Justice makes beautiful what has been deformed Justice is the path to peace among all of God's Creation.

The Sixth Teaching, All Creatures are Our Brother and Sisters God created us and gave us the earth to sustain us. Everyone and everything comes from the Trinity.

The Seventh Teaching, The Joy of Humble Praise and Service of God "Perfect Joy" comes from loving and serving the crucified Christ. Learning to love each person is how the house of God will be repaired.

The Teaching of Teachings, (the eighth) Love is the teaching behind all of the teachings of St. Francis. It's learning to love in your time and place in your own ways of following in the footsteps of Jesus with all our heart, mind, and soul.

The simple map of living is why St. Francis is still admired today in our fractious and divided world.

Meditating and studying these teachings will give you hope. Francis used to say to his brothers, "Let's begin to do good, for up to now we have done nothing."

Submitted by Margi Florence, of Regional Formation Director



Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)



As a former Public Health Planner, I used to serve those who were most vulnerable from different religions, races, and cultures. You see wounded humanity; poverty, inequality, exclusion, violence and poor environmental living conditions.

There is a relationship between public health and social justice as everyone deserves equal rights and opportunities, this includes the right to good health. We are actually seeing an increasing number of those who are marginalized, poor, and vulnerable. All of us are called to nurture a living faith, one that seeks to transform our world into the Kingdom of God, where everyone can enjoy peace, love, justice, and good health!

In my spiritual journey through the years, I needed something that would enrich my spiritual life, and in 2015 was called by the Spirit to the OFS. In formation, I was taken by Rule 15: "Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives.

Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith". I realized the Holy Spirit was leading me to the OFS to be a voice in the forefront on issues concerning care for the poor and care for creation.

This past June, I was professed into the OFS as a member of The Companions of St. Francis Emerging Fraternity-Des Moines, IA.

Franciscan spirituality is comprised of prayer and action. JPIC is the action part of Franciscan spirituality and is an integrative dimension of our vocation, just like prayer, fraternity, and formation. Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation, which encompasses family, work, ecology, and peace and justice; encourages the living of the Rule as related to the apostolic activities from the point of view of "who we are".

In relation to JPIC initiatives, in April 2018, I completed an Animator's Training Program through Global Catholic Climate Movement to spread the message of *Laudato Si'* (2015 Pope Francis' encyclical). Education and resources were provided to parishioners to take actions to save our planet, our poorest and most vulnerable brothers and sisters, and our children from climate changes.

For Earth Day 2018, my fraternity assisted me on a final project and helped a parochial 3rd grade class learn about Franciscans, St. Francis of Assisi, and Caring

for Earth and Creation. And this past September, I coordinated a Rosary Walk for Creation, led by our fraternity, which brought the community together to pray the rosary and pray for creation.

How do we integrate JPIC values as an essential part of daily ongoing formation within our entire Franciscan life to motivate us to build a more evangelical and fraternal world for the Kingdom of God?

As your appointed Regional JPIC Animator, I'm committed to animate and work closely with local and regional councils to inform them on issues that have to do with justice, peace, human rights and the integrity of creation.

Receive and distribute information, education and materials, which will help fraternities and councils integrate JPIC into their daily ongoing formation as individuals and as a fraternity. To work, pray, and be attentive to the Holy Spirit to guide us in our formation and to discern new paths towards advocacy and active engagement at the grassroots level in areas related to JPIC issues.

When not involved with Secular Franciscans, I teach fall prevention workshops for older adults, involved in my neighborhood association, and actively participate in various ministries as Lector and Eucharistic Minister within my parish and local hospital.

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

Tammy Keiter, OFS
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Events

2019 VISITATION/ELECTION REGIONAL SCHEDULE:			
FRATERNITY	CITY	ELECTION	VISITATION
St. John XXIII, OFS	Bloomington MN	10 Mar 2019	
St. Clare	Omaha NE		16 Mar 2019
Pater Noster	Omaha NE		17 Mar 2019
REC MEETING	APPLE VALLEY MN	6 APR 2019	
St. Anthony of Padua	Minneapolis MN	28 April 2019	
Little Portion	Marshall MN	19 May 2019	
Our Lady of Consolation	Prior Lake MN	19 May 2019	
St. Anthony of Padua	Browns Valley MN	4 May 2019	4 May 2019
REGIONAL FORMATION WORKSHOP	BUFFALO MN	31 MAY 2019	
REGIONAL S.A. WORKSHOP	BUFFALO MN	31 MAY 2019	
REGIONAL S.A. CLASS	BUFFALO MN	31 MAY 2019	
ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING	BUFFALO MN	31 MAY - 2 JUN 2019	
St. John Paul II	Waseca MN		23 Jun 2019
REC MEETING	EAGAN MN	2-3 AUG 2019	
Father Solanus Casey	Duluth MN	15 Sept 2019	
St. Leonard of Port Maurice	Minneapolis MN		15 Sept 2019
San Damiano	Elk River		17 Sept 2019
Spiritus Sanctus	Brainerd MN	26 Sept 2019	
Holy Trinity	Dubuque IA		20 Oct 2019
Fraternity Of Mary, Queen of Peace	St. Paul MN	11 Nov 2019	
St. Cloud	St. Cloud MN		17 Nov 2018
San Damiano	Marshalltown IA		17 Nov 2019
St. Pio of Pietrelcina	Forrest Lakes MN		14 Dec 2019
Dates in bold black are confirmed			
Fraternal Visitors will contact each fraternity			



Registration Form

Queen of Peace Regional Council Meeting

Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

May 31- June 2, 2019

Fraternity Minister, Vice Minister or Delegate: (Please PRINT all information carefully.)

Person Attending _____

Fraternity Name _____

Minister Vice-Minister Secretary Treasurer Spiritual Assistant Formation Director Councilor
 Other _____

Email address of person attending: _____

Mailing address Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Telephone: _____

Special dietary needs: _____

Unique requirements to accommodate disabilities: _____

I will attend the entire meeting from Friday through Sunday Morning.

I will only attend meeting Saturday. Breakfast Lunch Dinner

I will attend Friday evening & Saturday, but not Sunday.

Please describe other special needs and/or schedule alternatives: _____

Please complete this form and return: Email to: anomyenlow07@gmail.com or Send to: Mona Wolney OFS, 1686 Oakbrooke Way, Eagan, MN 55122.

Please call should you have questions: 612-730-2210.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 21, 2019

We welcome and encourage additional participants from each fraternity. Please send a separate form for each person attending. Queen of Peace Region will pay for the room and board for the Minister or Vice Minister or one delegate from each local fraternity. A Delegate other than the Vice Minister must have written authorization signed by the Minister in order to exercise the Fraternity right to vote.

VISION + VOICE = VICTORY

Formators Workshop - May 31, 2019

Queen of Peace Annual Regional Meeting - May 31 - June 2, 2019

Christ the King Retreat Center, Buffalo, MN

(Please PRINT all information carefully.)

Name _____

Fraternity Name _____

eMail address of person attending: _____

Mailing address Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Cell #:** _____

Special Dietary needs: _____

The cost of the workshop is \$35.00

Read the travel information before completing this section.

I will need accommodations for Thursday night and Friday breakfast.

I will attend the entire OFS meeting from Friday through Sunday morning.

I will attend Friday evening and Saturday, but not Sunday.



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