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## MINISTER'S MESSAGE

*Judith Mussatto, OFS, Regional Minister*

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

In these weeks since the election of the Regional Council I have been asking myself what it means to be part of a council that serves 800+ Secular Franciscans in Southern California.

The first word that came to mind was logistics; documents and files had to be transferred to new council members, current files separated from those that should be and need to be archived. Some of my personal files needed to be purged in order to create space for incoming regional files.

That was the initial project, the prep work of creating the physical space. What does it really mean to be part of the servant leadership for St. Francis Region? Who are we called to be? To begin to answer my self-imposed question I re-read the

Rite of Profession. I here paraphrase with my emphasis on some of the words, words that accompany the presentation of the symbols.

*By **our** lifelong profession to live the gospel life in the world we aspire to continually encounter the living and active person of Christ in all people and build a more fraternal and evangelical world by fulfilling **our** vocation as brothers and sisters of penance; to be the light of Christ in the world that shines before all so that **all** may see goodness in **our** acts and give praise to **Your heavenly Father**.*

The journey towards becoming that light began when in Baptism we were all made living members of the Church. In profession we are united more intimately with the Church.

As members of the Regional Executive Council (REC) the promise we made at profession now carries with it the responsibilities as outlined in Articles 61- 64 of our General Constitutions. For example:

Article 62:2. The regional council has the following duties:

- a. to prepare the celebration of the elective chapter;
- b. to promote, animate, and co-ordinate the life and activities of the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) and its insertion into the local Church within the regional area;
- c. to detail the action plan of the SFO within the region according to the directives of the national council and in collaboration with it and to publicize the program to the local fraternities;
- d. to communicate the directives of the national council and of the local Church to the local fraternities;

e. to provide for the formation of those responsible for animation;

f. to offer to local fraternities activities which support their formative and operative needs;

**g. to discuss and approve the annual report to the national council;**

h. to schedule, when circumstances recommend so, the fraternal visit to the local fraternities, even if it is not requested;

i. to make decisions regarding the use of available funds and, in general, to deliberate on matters regarding the financial management and the economic affairs of the regional fraternity;

j. to have, before its term of office is finished, the regional fraternity's financial and real estate situation audited either by an expert who is not a member of the council or by the fraternity's board of examiners;

k. to perform such other duties as are indicated by the Constitutions or necessary to achieve its own aims.

In order for the REC to perform its duties, we, the council, need the collaboration of the local fraternity councils. I draw your attention to item **g**. **We will not be able to perform that duty without the action of all the local fraternity councils.** The annual report for the region, which has to be sent to the National Fraternity, is made out of the reports from local fraternities, which includes the fair share contributions. Help your regional council perform its duty in a timely manner by providing your regional council with the fraternity's annual report, which includes fair share, no later than March 31, 2015.

I ask all of you to pray for your council in a particular way on the weekend of February 27--March 1 when

the REC, along with district liaisons, will be on its annual retreat. All of you will be remembered in our prayers.

#### **NOTES FROM CHAPTER 2015**

The annual Chapter (Regional Fraternity Meeting) for St. Francis Region was held from January 16 – 18, 2015 at Best Western Inn Suites, Ontario, CA. This was an election year and the presider for the elections along with the Church witness were not strangers to the Regional Fraternity. National Vice-Minister Elaine Hedtke, OFS, and National Spiritual Assistant, Br. Bob Brady, OFM, were the visitors for the Regional Fraternity and Council in 2014.

- After dinner on Friday evening, during a brief business meeting, the ministers approved the minutes of the 2014 Chapter. The budget for 2015 was presented and candidates for the election were introduced. The evening concluded with Night Prayer.
- The Saturday session opened with Morning Prayer. As in previous years students of the Spiritual Assistant/Formator class and some Spiritual Assistants to fraternities joined the Regional Fraternity for the Saturday session.
- The Presider, National Vice Minister Elaine Hedtke, OFS, and Church witness National Spiritual Assistant Br. Bob Brady, OFM, made introductory remarks, each emphasizing the importance of making room for and allowing the Holy Spirit to move and to work among us during an election of leaders in the Secular Franciscan Order. Outgoing Minister Sylvia Paoli, OFS, reported on the state of the region and Regional Spiritual Assistant Rock De Spain, OFS, gave his annual report.
- During the Open Forum ministers shared with those present some of the successes and

sometimes frustrations they had experienced during the previous year.

- On Saturday afternoon elections were held. St. Francis Region has a new council. You can read the biographies of your councilors in this issue of the newsletter.
- The ministers, their guests and students from the Spiritual Assistant/Formator Class divided themselves into Geographic Districts to plan joint fraternity events for their districts during 2015. Fraternity members please check with your ministers to learn how you can help make those joint events become reality.
- The day's events concluded with dinner, the installation of the new council and a champagne toast courtesy of the hotel's manager.
- On Sunday morning the voting members of the Regional Fraternity approved a balanced budget for 2015. Each minister received a copy of the budget and an annual report form. The completed report, which includes Fair Share, needs to be returned to the Regional Treasurer, Robert Herbelin, OFS, no later than March 31.
- The ministers voted to pay Fair Share for candidates. When a person enters candidacy he/she becomes a member of the Order. Candidates will now receive a copy of the TAU-USA, the national newsletter of the Secular Franciscan Order.
- The Regional Minister Judith Mussatto, OFS, offered a few closing remarks and Chapter concluded with Mass, celebrated by Fr. Stephen Gross, OFM, Conv. The next meeting of the Regional Fraternity will be from January 15 - 17, 2016 at a location to be determined.



**Newly Elected St. Francis Regional Council (2015-2018):**

Councilor Anthony Tuan Cao; Treasurer Robert Herbelin; Councilor, Rosa Youm; Secretary Dave Teegarden; Councilor Margie Rodriguez; Vice Minister Frank Miller; Minister Judith Mussatto.

**Judith Mussatto, OFS (Minister)**

Judith, a native of Trinidad & Tobago, was Professed into the Secular Franciscan Order on October 4, 1997. She has served the Order as Vice-Minister and Minister of her local fraternity, Holy Spirit Fraternity, in Claremont and recently completed her second term as St. Francis' Regional Secretary. Judith is a Certified Spiritual Assistant.

**Frank Miller, OFS (Vice Minister)**

Frank was Professed on July 22, 2007. He is a member of St Mary of the Angels EC where he previously served as treasurer. Frank resides in Sherman Oaks, CA. He recently served on Regional Council in three positions: Treasurer, Formation Coordinator and Liturgist. He is a Certified Spiritual Assistant and serves as Spiritual Assistant for St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity in Los Angeles.

**Dave Teegarden, OFS (Secretary)**

Dave was Professed into the OFS on April 19, 2009. He has been very active at the local fraternity level, first with Padre Pio Fraternity where he was professed, then working to see his current fraternity,

St. Francis and St. Clare, in Hemet, canonically established in November 2012. He served as their first minister and often facilitates initial and/or ongoing formation. Dave is attending the current Spiritual Assistant/Formator Class.

**Robert Herbelin, OFS (Treasurer)**

Bob was Professed on October 8, 1995. He recently completed his second term as St. Francis Region's Vice-Minister. He had previously served the region as Secretary and as Treasurer. Bob is a member of St. Francis and St. Clare Fraternity where he serves as their Spiritual Assistant. He is also one of the three facilitators of the Region's Spiritual Assistant/ Formator Class. Bob is also very active on the national level. As a member of the National Computer Committee, he is primarily responsible for the national database and preparing the TAU-USA mailing list!

**Margarita Rodriguez, OFS (Councilor)**

Margie was Professed October 28, 1984 and is a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Fraternity in Whittier. She has recently completed her first term as a Councilor for St. Francis Region serving the Spanish speaking fraternities. She is the Spiritual Assistant to Inmaculado Corazon de Maria Spanish Fraternity in Santa Ana. She was previously the minister of her former local fraternity, St. Joseph before becoming involved with the region.

**Anthony Tuan Cao, OFS (Councilor)**

Tuan was Professed on May 7, 2005. He is a member of Saint Anthony of Padua (Vietnamese) Fraternity where he is also serves as their Spiritual Assistant. This is his third consecutive term as Councilor for St. Francis Region. He also serves the Region as District Liaison/Formator for San Diego District and he works diligently with the four Vietnamese fraternities in the region. He is also responsible for taking all the wonderful photos for this newsletter and the regional website.

**Rosa Youm, OFS (Councilor)**

Rosa was Professed on January 10th, 1993. She is a member of Blessed Luchesius & Bounadonna (Korean) Fraternity in Los Angeles. She has been very active at the local fraternity level helping several Korean fraternities become canonically established. Rosa had served on the National Multi-Cultural Committee.

**GUIDELINES FOR THE LONG HAUL**

by Ronald Rolheiser

Revisited April 28, 2013

*(Editor's Note: The REC used this article at their recent Council meeting for formation and thought you might also find it beneficial.)*

*"Twenty-five years ago, I wrote a column entitled, Guidelines for the Long Haul. Revisiting it recently, I was encouraged that my principles haven't swayed during the past quarter-century, only taken on more nuance. I still recommend those same commandments, nostalgically revisited, somewhat redacted, but fully re-endorsed:*

**1) Be grateful... never look a gift universe in the mouth!**

Resist pessimism and false guilt. To be a saint is to be warmed by gratitude, nothing less. The highest compliment you can give a gift-giver is to thoroughly enjoy the gift. You owe it to your Creator to appreciate things, to be as happy as you can. Life is meant to be more than a test. Add this to your daily prayer: Give us today our daily bread, and help us to enjoy it without guilt.

**2) Don't be naive about God... God will settle for not less than everything!**

God doesn't want part of your life; God wants it all. Distrust all talk about the consolation of religion. Faith puts a rope around you and takes you to where you'd rather not go. Accept that virtue will

give you a constant reminder of what you've missed out on. Take this Daniel Berrigan counsel to the bank: "Before you get serious about Jesus, consider carefully how good you're going to look on wood!"

**3) Walk forward when possible... or at least try to get one foot in front of the next!**

See what you see, it's enough to walk by. Expect long periods of confusion. Let ordinary life be enough for you. It doesn't have to be interesting all the time. Take consolation in the fact that Jesus cried, saints sinned, Peter betrayed. Be as morally stubborn as a mule; the only thing that shatters dreams is compromise. Start over often. Nobody is old in God's eyes; nothing is too late in terms of conversion. Know that there are two kinds of darkness you can enter: the fearful darkness of paranoia, which brings sadness, and the fetal darkness of conversion, which brings life.

**4) Pray... that God will hang on to you!**

Distrust popularity polls. Trust prayer. Prayer grounds you in something deeper. Be willing to die a little to be with God since God died to be with you. Let your heart become the place where the tears of God and the tears of God's children merge into the tears of hope.

**5) Love... if a life is large enough for love, it's large enough!**

Create a space for love in your life. Consciously cultivate it. Know that nothing can be loved too much. Things can only be loved in the wrong way.

Say to those you love: "You, at least, shall not die!" Know there are only two potential tragedies in life: Not to love and not to tell those you love that you love them.

**6) Accept what you are... and fear not, you are inadequate!**

Accept the human condition. Only God is whole. If you're weak, alone, without confidence, and without answers, say so; then listen. Accept the torture of a life of inadequate self-expression. There are many kinds of martyrdom. Recognize your own brand. If you die for a good reason, it's something you can live with!

**7) Don't mummify... let go, so as not to be pushed!**

Accept daily deaths. Don't seize life as a possession. Possessiveness kills enjoyment, kills relationships, and eventually kills you. Let go gracefully. Name your deaths, claim your births, mourn your losses, let the old ascend, and receive the spirit for the life you're actually living. Banish restless daydreams; they torture you. Keep in mind that it's difficult to distinguish a moment of dying from a moment of birth.

**8) Refuse to take things seriously... call yourself a fool regularly!**

God's laughter fills the emptiness of our tombs. Keep in mind that it's easy to be heavy, hard to be light. Laughter is a direct insult to the realism, dignity, and austerity of hell. Don't confuse sneering with laughter. Laugh with people, not at them. Laugh and give yourself over to silliness; craziness helps too, as does a good night's sleep.

**9) Stay within the family... you're on a group outing!**

Don't journey alone. Resist the temptation to be spiritual, but not religious. Be "born again", regularly into community. Accept that there are strings attached. The journey includes family, church, country, and the whole human race. Don't be

seduced by the lure of absolute freedom. Freedom and meaning lie in obedience to community: community humbles, deflates the ego, puts you into purgatory, and eventually into heaven.

**10) Don't be afraid to go soft... redemption lies in tears!**

All of Jesus' teaching can be put into one word: Surrender. If you will not have a softening of the heart you will eventually have a softening of the brain. Hardness pulls downward. Softness rises. A bird can soar because a bird is soft. A stone sinks because it's hard. Fragility is force. Sensitivity defines soul. Tenderness defines love. Tears are salt water, the water of our origins."

**ANNUAL SERRA RETREAT**

May 22 - 24, 2015

***Living Our Franciscan Tradition Today: Prayer, Franciscan Spirituality, and the Significance Of Pope Francis***

Led by **Daniel P Horan, OFM**, this retreat will center on ways we can live the Franciscan tradition today including:

- how the spiritual heritage of Francis and Clare of Assisi continues to teach us about our loving God,
- how our understanding and practice of prayer can develop in new ways,
- how the Franciscan theological sources give us a new way to think about contemplation, and
- how the ministry and model of Pope Francis can inspire Franciscan-hearted people to better live the Gospel in today's world.

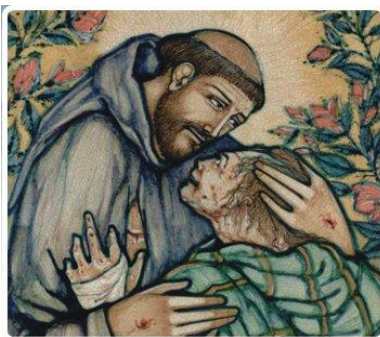
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### Franciscan Spirituality on Embracing the Leper: A Story of Conversion

By Elle Lesperance, OFS  
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Commission Member

As we get familiar with the story of St. Francis and the leper, we know that he has always felt an



overpowering horror of these sufferers. Among all the awful miseries of this world Francis had a natural horror for lepers. But making a great

effort, he conquered his aversion, dismounted, and giving the leper a coin, he kissed his hand. The leper gave him a kiss of peace, after Francis remounted his horse and rode on his way and the leper disappeared.

It was a clear liminal experience for Francis, something that marked a turning point in his living in the world. He says: "The Lord gave me, Brother Francis, thus to begin doing penance in this way, for when I was in sin, it seemed too bitter for me to see lepers. And the Lord Himself led me among them and I showed mercy to them. And when I left then, what had seemed bitter to me was turned into sweetness of soul and body." As the leper stretch out his hand, expecting something, he received both money and a kiss.

Of all things in the world, lepers were those Francis despised most. By the virtue of cultural norms and societal laws of his days, he had every right to ignore and refuse to interact with lepers. Instead, he is compelled, despite his visceral disgust for these sufferers, to move beyond his place of comfort to dare to embrace the other.

Reflecting on this story, it hit me hard that I was just like Francis. My "lepers" were those who are mental health suffers with schizophrenias, bipolar disorders, personality disorders, anger sufferers, those with learning disabilities, addiction problems, the imprisoned, the homeless, and those with other emotional and mental health disabilities. I was brought up in a culture where these sufferers were ignored, laughed at and ostracized. My childhood memories included my young friends or even family members mock a limping person, or a child that is out of focused and hyperactive in class, one who stutters, one who is always sad or one with clothes that are not all tidy or torn, the beggars and the homeless. These persons were always subject to mockery and abuse by those who are "better" than them.

Like Francis in his early years, I overlooked and ignored the marginalized, and dismissed the outcasts left to survive outside the city gates. My cultural expectations were not to interact with the "lepers", yet like Francis I was moved by something – by Love, the Holy Spirit ~ to shirk the cultural expectations in order to enter into a new way of living in the world.

As I grow in God's embrace, increase in my spiritual consciousness and emotional intelligence in my adult years, God demanded something of me, more than I might have realized early on in my conversion. Lo and behold, after nearly two decades working in the field of medical science, the Lord called me to a vocation that will make me face my own "demon", my disgust for those I consider "lepers". The Spirit of Compassion moved me to experience mercy and compassion to those who are incarcerated, the runaway teens and the mentally ill. I was lead to a field of study on the mentally ill, those suffering from brokenness, and

those suffering from relational or family difficulties. Like Francis, God granted healing and conversion to me first, liberating me from my own brokenness to spiritual and emotional freedom so I can be an effective instrument in His healing ministry.

What this story of Francis and the leper reminds us today is that, in order to follow more perfectly the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ (as the Franciscan Rule begins) we might have to stand against our culture, our own family and learned mindset, our own acquired or learned behavior and culture, by standing with others, the lepers of today: the forgotten, the marginalized, the abused and neglected, the persecuted, the voiceless and the poor.

And who is your "leper"? Have you kissed him/her today?

**DISTRICT NEWS:**

**Orange County**

There was a Vocation Fair at Saint Barbara Church in Fountain Valley, Orange County on January 11th, 2015. Tuan Cao and his wife Marie, Trudy Weigel, and many others English, Vietnamese and Spanish speaking Secular Franciscans helped at the booth and give out the brochures about the Order.



On February 8th, 2015, four Vietnamese Speaking fraternities got together at The Vietnamese Catholic

Center in Santa Anna to celebrate the TET (*Tet Nguyen Dan*) holiday (aka Vietnamese New year). They had a mass of thanksgiving for the year of 2014 and asked for a blessing of the New Year 2015. We had a "Jeopardy " contest with the 4 candidates to present the Saint Clare, the Vietnamese martyrs, Saint Agnes and Saint Anthony of Padua to compete in different formation topics. After that we had a rich entertainment program and many good foods.



**San Diego County**

On January 4th, 2015, San Luis Rey Fraternity conducted the Rite of Admission for Brenda Dunkelman, Luis Guzman and Karen Wilson.



On March 8, 2015, the fraternity plans to celebrate the Rite of Profession for Michael Pollack and Dorothy Mann. They will also celebrate Carol Imhoff's 50th anniversary of her Profession. Mass will be at 2 PM at the Old Mission San Luis Rey Church in Oceanside.

Mr. Joseph Quang Vinh Ta, a member of St. Anthony of Padua fraternity in San Diego, passed away on January 24, 2015.



On February 8th, Tuan Cao conducted a Pre-visit at the Immaculate Conception Fraternity to prepare for their election on April 12<sup>th</sup> at St Gregory Church in North Park, San Diego. Besides discussing how to prepare for their Election, they also discussed the National Minister's Message in a recent TAU-USA about how "Jesus never invites us to failure" to encourage members to accept a nomination if they are asked to serve.

**Tri-County (Ventura, Santa Barbara, and north Santa Maria)**

St. Louis the King Fraternity will have their Retreat Day on March 7 with Father Kenan Osborne, OFM. The retreat will begin with Mass at the Serra Chapel at 8:30 AM. Then the rest of the morning will be spent in fellowship, finishing up between 11 and 11:30 AM. In past years the retreat lasted the entire day, but several members have other ministries at the local hospital and other places which take their time in the afternoon.

Spring/Summer is their usual time to visit their Poor Clare Sisters down the street from the Old Mission, as well as to visit their Capuchin brothers at San Lorenzo Seminary in Santa Ynez. Both specific dates have not yet been set, but more information can be obtained by calling Linda Whitman, Minister, at (805)896-6993 after they have their February Council meeting, the third Tuesday in the month. Tentatively the visit to Poor Clares will be in May or June, while the trip to San Lorenzo in July or August, if previous years are used as an example.

They intend to be in touch with their friends to the South at the San Buenaventura Fraternity, in hopes to have joint celebrations a couple of times during the year.

On January 3<sup>rd</sup> Bob Herbelin, OFS presided over the Chapter of Elections at St. Louis the King fraternity.

Sylvia Paoli, OFS served as the church witness. The new council members are:

- Minister: Linda Whitman, OFS
- Vice Minister: Dean Wood, OFS
- Secretary: Ginny Petrini, OFS
- Treasurer: Grace Given, OFS,
- Formation Director: Borgia Izard, OFS
- Councilors: Kenneth Given, OFS and Sandy Hornick, OFS.

**Los Angeles County:**

Judith Mussatto, OFS represented the REC and William Mussatto, OFS was the church witness for the Chapter of Elections at Our Lady of Guadalupe Fraternity on January 11<sup>th</sup>. The new council members are:

- Minister: Greg LoVetere, OFS
- Vice Minister: Veronica Kortz, OFS
- Secretary: Martha LoVetere, OFS
- Treasurer: Willard Ross, OFS,
- Formation Director: Lucy Ibarra, OFS
- Councilors: Joseph Salinas, OFS, Ernesto Jimenez, OFS and Loretta Paoletti, OFS.

On February 1st, St. Francis (Korean) fraternity in Los Angeles held a Chapter of Elections. REC Councilor Margie Rodriguez, OFS presided over the elections with Sylvia Paoli, OFS as the church witness. The new council members are:

- Minister: Agnes Soon An Ho, OFS
- Vice Minister: Francisca Soo Min Rhee, OFS
- Secretary: Lucia Insun Jang, OFS
- Treasurer: Cecilia Sun Sook Kim, OFS
- Formation Director: Cecilia Chang Soon Kim, OFS
- Councilors: Adella Jung Nam Kim, OFS, and Theresa Jung Kim, OFS.

**San Bernardino/Riverside District**

On Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> we will have a District Retreat hosted by St Francis and St. Clare fraternity at Holy Spirit Church in Hemet with Fr. Stephen Gross, OFM Conv. as presenter. The theme will be Franciscan/Eastern Lenten Traditions. The official start time is 9:30 AM. The event concludes at 2:30 PM. Padre Pio Fraternity from Moreno Valley and Holy Spirit from Claremont will be joining members of St Francis and St. Clare fraternity. The event is open to all. Feel free to bring interested family and friends. Morning refreshments will be provided and attendees will need to bring a sack lunch.

Because of his election as Regional Secretary, Dave Teegarden had to step down from his position as minister of his local fraternity, St. Francis and St. Clare fraternity. James Harr is the new fraternity minister.

**Dating God**

Fr. Dan Horan, OFM  
St Anthony Messenger Press  
(Jan. 2012)



*Reviewed by Frank Miller, OFS*

The St. Francis Region is very excited that our upcoming leader for this year’s Regional Retreat at Serra in Malibu (May 22-24) will be an amazing author and a young, rising voice within the Franciscan family, Fr. Dan Horan, OFM. Fr. Dan will also be a key speaker at the Quinquennial in Denver in July 2016!

To better prepare yourself for this May’s upcoming retreat weekend, you may want to acquaint yourself with one of Fr. Dan’s most popular books, **Dating God**. Through a Franciscan perspective, and always keeping within the themes offered by Saints Francis and Clare themselves, Fr. Dan focuses on our ever-developing relationship with God. He likens this growth-to-intimacy with the process of getting to know and love another

individual in our life.....through dating. Franciscan Media summarizes the book:

“It may seem shocking to compare our relationship with God with the notion of “Dating.” But this book does. With fresh insight and a deep personal spirituality, Horan points out that the desire, uncertainty, and love we experience in relationship with God resembles our earthly relationships: we set aside time for the people who are most important to us. Horan reminds us that St. Francis of Assisi understood and even described his relationship with God in a similar way. Drawing from the Franciscan tradition, **Dating God** encourages us to see St. Francis’s spirituality, challenging us to reexamine our own spirituality, prayer and relationships, and inviting us into a more intimate relationship with our Creator.”

This is also a great book to use in any faith or formation groups you participate in, within your Fraternity or in general. At the end of each chapter, Fr. Dan offers questions to challenge and provoke self-examination and discussion.

I encourage you to read **Dating God** prior to the annual retreat at Serra. And maybe bring along your book and ask Fr. Dan to sign it! The book is available through Amazon and other retailers.



For names of and contact information of Regional Council members, appointed Chairs and District Groups go to:  
<http://www.stfrancisregion.org/About-St-Francis-Region/Executive-Council>

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## REGIONAL CALENDAR

### FEBRUARY

- 21 **Spiritual Assistant/Formator Class, St. Gregory's Whittier**  
 27-28 REC Retreat: Fullerton

### MARCH

- 01 REC Retreat  
 07 Visit: Santo Toribio Fraternity, Los Angeles  
 07 Retreat: Fr. Stephen Gross, San Bernardino/Riverside District, Holy Spirit Church, Hemet.  
 08 Elections: St. Clare (Westminster) Fraternity  
 08 Profession and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Profession, San Luis Rey Fraternity, Oceanside.  
 21 **Spiritual Assistant/Formator Class, St. Gregory's Whittier**  
 28 Meeting of Conference of Regional Spiritual Assistants  
 29 Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale. Holy Spirit Fraternity, Claremont.  
 31 **All Annual Reports due.**

### APRIL

- 04 REC Meeting  
 05 HAPPY EASTER  
 12 Elections: Immaculate Conception Fraternity, San Diego.  
 12 Pastoral Visit: St. Clare, Roland Heights  
 18 **Spiritual Assistant/Formator Class, St. Gregory's Whittier**

### MAY

- 05 Fraternal Visit: St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity, San Diego  
 10 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY  
 16 **Spiritual Assistant/Formator Class, St. Gregory's Whittier**  
 17 Pastoral Visit: St. Bonaventure Fraternity, Ventura.  
 22-24 Annual Regional Retreat: Serra

### JUNE

- 06 REC Meeting  
 14 Fraternal Visit: St. Padre Pio Fraternity, Moreno Valley  
 20 **Spiritual Assistant/Formator Class, St. Gregory's Whittier**  
 21 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
 28 Fraternal Visit: Immaculata Fraternity, Riverside.