

*This is what I want!*

¡Esto es lo que quiero!

# *Joy of Francis*

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Đây là điều tôi muốn!

*Secular Franciscan Order — St. Francis Region #52 — Southern California  
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## *St. Francis Regional News!*

### *Minister's Message: New Theme for the Region - Part 2*

In the last issue of the *Joy of Francis* the new theme for the St. Francis Region was announced: "This is what I want!" It is what all professed members said in answer to three questions asked during the profession ritual. The first of the three questions was examined in that issue. Here we'll review the second question:

"You have been called to give witness to the Kingdom of God and to build a more fraternal world based on the gospel, together with all people of goodwill. Do you wish to be faithful to this vocation and to practice the spirit of service proper to Secular Franciscans?"

How do we give witness to the Kingdom of God? And how do we build a more fraternal world based on the gospel? We know from scripture that these acts cannot be done without love. Showing care and compassion, offering acts of kindness, and exhibiting a joyful spirit are some ways we can give witness and build God's Kingdom here and now. To do this we need to put God first and pray daily for the grace to know and do what the Lord wills for us.

This is not always easy. There are so many distractions in our lives that can keep us from focusing on what matters most, which is to be love and give love to everyone we encounter each day. The more we focus on Christ, the easier it is to live our vocation.

What does it mean to "practice the spirit of service proper to Secular Franciscans?" This can take many forms. It can mean participation in parish ministries or community service projects or practicing true servant leadership as a council member. Or it can mean striving to learn about and actively living the Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation aspect of our Order. To understand it better, the best resources are the Scriptures and the writings of and about St. Francis and St. Clare.

"The Son of Man [Jesus] came not to be served but to serve." (Matt 20:28)

"Francis, the servant of God, stripped of all that is of the world, is free for divine justice and, despising his own life, he gives himself to divine service in every way he can." (The Legend of Three Companions, Chapter VII:21)

"May the love you have in your hearts be shown outwardly in your deeds." (Testament of St. Clare)

For many of us there will come a time when active service will no longer be possible, and our best

practice of living our "Yes. This is what I want!" will be to pray for others, to give thanks for all God has given us, and to be kind to all we encounter. And maybe most importantly, to show Franciscan joy – with a smile!

Peace & JOY!

Caroline

## *Minister's Message Translations*

### *Mensaje del Ministro: Nuevo Lema para la Región – Parte 2*

En la última publicación de la *Alegría de Francisco* se anunció el nuevo lema de la Región de San Francisco: "¡Esto es lo que quiero!" Esto dijeron todos los miembros profesos en respuesta a tres preguntas formuladas durante el ritual de la profesión. La primera pregunta se analizó en esa publicación. Aquí consideraremos la segunda:

"Habéis sido llamados a dar testimonio del Reino de Dios y a construir un mundo más fraterno basado en el Evangelio, en unión con todos los hombres de buena voluntad. ¿Quieres ser fiel a esta vocación y practicar el espíritu de servicio propio de los Franciscanos Seglares?"

¿Cómo damos testimonio del Reino de Dios? ¿Y cómo construimos un mundo más fraterno basado en el Evangelio? Sabemos por la Escritura que estos actos no pueden realizarse sin amor. Mostrando cuidado y compasión, siendo caritativos, y expresando un espíritu alegre son algunas de las maneras en que podemos dar testimonio y construir el Reino de Dios aquí y ahora. Para hacer esto necesitamos poner a Dios en primer lugar y rezar diariamente por la gracia de conocer y hacer la voluntad del Señor.

Esto no siempre es fácil. Tenemos tantas distracciones en nuestras vidas que pueden impedirnos enfocarnos en lo que más importa, que es ser amor y dar amor a todos los que encontramos cada día. Cuanto más nos centremos en Cristo, más fácil será vivir nuestra vocación.

¿Qué significa "practicar el espíritu de servicio propio de los franciscanos seglares"? Esto puede practicarse en diferentes formas. Puede significar la participación en ministerios parroquiales o proyectos de servicio comunitario o practicar un liderazgo de servicio como miembro de un consejo. O puede significar esforzarse por aprender y vivir activamente el aspecto de Justicia, Paz e Integridad de la Creación de nuestra Orden. Para entenderlo mejor, los mejores recursos son las Escrituras y los escritos de San Francisco y Santa Clara.

"El Hijo del Hombre [Jesús] no vino a ser servido, sino a servir". (Mateo 20:28)

"Francisco, el siervo de Dios, despojado de todo lo que es del mundo, está libre para la justicia divina y, despreciando su propia vida, se entrega al servicio divino en todo lo que puede". (La leyenda de los Tres Compañeros, capítulo VII:21)

"Que el amor de vuestro corazón se manifieste exteriormente en vuestras obras". (Testamento de Santa Clara)

Para muchos llegará un momento en que el servicio activo no será posible, y la mejor manera de vivir nuestro "¡Sí, esto es lo que quiero!" será rezar por los demás, dar gracias a Dios por tantas bendiciones y ser amables con quienes nos encontremos. Y quizás lo más importante, mostrar alegría Franciscana - ¡con una sonrisa!

¡Paz Y GOZO!

Caroline

### *Thư ngỏ của Trường Phục Vụ Miền: Chủ đề mới - Phần 2*

Trong bản tin "Niềm vui Phanxicô" vừa qua của Miền Thánh Phanxicô với chủ đề mới "Đây là điều tôi muốn". Đó là những điều tất cả khẩn viên trả lời cho 3 câu hỏi trong nghi thức tuyên khấn. Câu hỏi thứ nhất trong 3 câu đó đã được xét đến trong số báo đó. Bây giờ chúng ta hãy xem lại câu hỏi thứ hai:

"Anh chị đã và đang được gọi để làm chứng nhân cho Nước Chúa và xây dựng một thế giới huynh đệ hơn dựa vào Tin Mừng, cùng với mọi người thiện tâm. Các anh chị có ao ước sống trung thành với ơn gọi này và thực thi tinh thần phục vụ đặc trưng là của người Phan Sinh Tại Thế?"

Chúng ta làm chứng cho Nước Chúa bằng cách nào? Và dựa vào Kinh Thánh chúng ta làm thế nào để xây dựng một thế giới đầy tình huynh đệ hơn? Chúng ta biết rằng Kinh Thánh nói đến 3 hành động không thể thực hiện được nếu không có tình yêu. Lo lắng, yêu thương, làm việc lành và bày tỏ một tinh thần vui tươi là một trong những cách làm chứng và xây dựng Nước Chúa ngay bây giờ và tại đây. Để làm được điều này, chúng ta cần đặt Chúa trên hết và cầu nguyện hàng ngày xin ơn Chúa giúp để biết và làm theo Ý Chúa muốn.

Điều này không phải lúc nào cũng dễ dàng. Có rất nhiều ngoại cảnh trong đời sống làm chúng ta không thể tập trung vào những việc cần làm nhất, đó là được yêu và yêu thương mọi người mà chúng ta gặp hàng ngày. Chúng ta càng tập trung vào Đức Kitô, chúng ta càng dễ dàng sống ơn gọi của mình.

"Sống tinh thần phục vụ đặc trưng của người Phan Sinh Tại Thế" có nghĩa là gì? Có nhiều cách để thể hiện. Có thể tham gia vào các mục vụ của giáo xứ hoặc các dự án sinh phục vụ cộng đồng hoặc nắm vai trò lãnh đạo phục vụ như là một thành viên của hội đồng giáo xứ. Hoặc cố gắng học hỏi và tích cực sống tinh thần Công lý, Hoà bình và kết hợp mọi Tào vật của Dòng. Những tài liệu tốt nhất sau đây để giúp hiểu rõ hơn đó là Kinh Thánh và các tài liệu về Thánh Phanxicô và Clara.

"Con Người [Chúa Giêsu] đến không phải để được phục vụ mà để phục vụ." (Matt 20:28)

"Phanxicô, người tôi tớ Chúa, rũ bỏ hết mọi sự thế gian, hoàn toàn dâng mình cho nền công lý của Thiên Chúa và, khinh chê mạng sống mình, người hiến thân phụng sự Chúa bằng mọi cách có thể được." (Truyện Ba người bạn đồng hành, Chương VII:21)

"Ước gì tình yêu trong trái tim bạn được thể hiện ra bên ngoài bằng hành động." (Di chúc của Thánh Clara)

An bình và Vui tươi

Caroline

## 회장메세지: 지구형제회 새 주제 2부

지난 Joy of Francis 호에서 새로운 지구 주제가 발표되었습니다: “이것이 내가 원하는 바입니다!” 모든 서약한 회원은 서약예절 때 세 질문에 이렇게 답하였습니다. 지난호에서는 첫번째 질문을 살펴보았고, 이번호에서는 두번째 질문을 살펴보겠습니다.

“여러분은 하느님 나라를 증거하고 선의의 사람들과 함께 세상을 더욱 형제적이고 복음적으로 건설하려고 불림받았습니다. 여러분은 이러한 성소에 충실하겠으며 재속 프란치스코회의 고유한 봉사 정신을 실천하기를 원합니까?”

어떻게 하느님의 나라를 증거하나요? 어떻게 복음적이고 더욱 형제적인 세상을 건설할 수 있나요? 우리는 성경을 통해서 이러한 행위들은 사랑 없이는 할 수 없다는 것을 잘 알고 있습니다. 보살핌과 연민을 보이고 친절할 행동을 하고 기쁨의 정신을 드러내는 것이 지금 여기서 하느님의 나라를 증거하고 건설하는 방법입니다. 이렇게 하기 위해서는 하느님께 우선순위를 드리고 우리에게 대한 그분의 뜻을 알고 행할 수 있는 은총을 매일 기도로 청해야 합니다.

이렇게 하는 것이 항상 쉽지만은 않습니다. 우리에게 가장 중요한 것, 사랑받고 매일 삶에서 만나는 모든이들에게 사랑을 주는 것,에 대한 집중을 깨는 많은 것들이 있습니다. 그리스도께 집중할수록 우리의 성소를 사는 것은 쉬워집니다.

“재속 프란치스코회의 고유한 봉사 정신을 실천”하는 것은 무엇을 의미하나요? 여러 형태이겠지만 본당 사목이나 사회 봉사에 참석하는 것, 평의회원으로 참으로 봉사하는 지도자력을 실천하는 것일 수도 있습니다. 우리회에서 추구하는 정의, 평화, 환경보존을 배우고 살고자 노력하는 것일 수도 있습니다. 좀더 이해할 수 있기위한 가장 좋은 자료는 성경과 성 프란치스코와 성녀 클라라의 글입니다.

“사람의 아들도 섬김을 받으러 온 것이 아니라 섬기러 왔고” (마태 20:28)

“이렇게 해서 세상에 속한 모든 것으로부터 알몸이 된 하느님의 종 프란치스코는 하느님의 정의를 실현하기 위하여 자신을 텅 비웠고, 자기의 삶을 천히 여기면서 가능한 모든 방법으로 하느님을 섬기기 위하여 자신을 봉헌하였다” (세 동려들이 쓴 전기 7:21)

“여러분이 안에 지니고 있는 서로 간의 사랑을 행동으로 겉으로 드러내어” (클라라의 유언 59)

언젠가 봉사를 실천하는 것이 가능하지 않을 때가 오면 “이것이 내가 원하는 바입니다”의 가장 좋은 실천은 다른이들을 위해 기도하고 하느님이 주신 모든것에 감사드리고 만나는 이들에게 친절하게 대하는 것입니다. 그리고 어쩌면 가장 중요한 것은 웃음으로 프란치스코의 기쁨을 보여주는 것입니다.

평화와 기쁨!

캐롤라인

## *Reflections of a Formation Director*

Becky Taylor, OFS

Formation Director, Immaculate Conception Fraternity, San Diego

Serving as formation director for Immaculate Conception Fraternity in San Diego has been both a challenging and spiritually enlightening endeavor. My first exposure to the Franciscan Charism came from my mother, who had been educated by the Sisters of St. Francis from Oldenburg, Indiana, and who instilled in us children gratitude for everything we received – big or small -- empathy for people, animals, and nature, living a simple lifestyle, and devotion to God. In my adult years, I discovered John Michael Talbot's music and writings. It was through him I first learned about the Secular Franciscan Order. I was intrigued. Over several years, after much reading and self-examination and prayer, I decided to look for the nearest fraternity. After searching in vain for contact information in the San Diego area, the Minister of a fraternity in Northern California gave me Peggy Botte's phone number. I phoned, we talked, and Peggy invited me to attend the August 2012 celebration of the Centennial of the Immaculate Conception Fraternity, which was being held at Mission San Luis Rey. That glorious day "cinched it," and I knew this was what I wanted. As I have tried to live daily in close harmony with The Rule, I realize how rich my life has grown.

For thirty-five years I taught elementary education in public schools, so I am comfortable teaching children. OFS formation, however, is so much more! Not only does the formation director strive to impart *knowledge* about the Franciscan Charism, but with the help of the Holy Spirit, the formation director also creates an atmosphere so that what is learned moves from the head *into the heart*. In the six years I have served as formation director, I have been blessed with generously supportive, helpful, creative brothers and sisters who aligned the regional standards with *The Franciscan Journey* and volunteered to "guest teach" a particular topic for initial formation classes and ongoing formation. Since Immaculate Conception Fraternity has been accompanying Nuestra Señora de los Angeles Spanish-Speaking Fraternity, several sisters have served as translators for initial formation classes and during ongoing formation. Our whole fraternity plays an active role in suggesting topics for ongoing formation, with our council working together to select which topic is most appropriate for a certain time of the year. Fraternal collaboration has been key.

One of my favorite activities as formation director is researching and preparing how to best engage the brothers and sisters during initial and ongoing formations. Using the Internet to locate sites like NAFRA, the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition, the Franciscan School of Theology, various regional websites, and finding short, Franciscan-based YouTube videos or creating PowerPoint presentations and activities challenges and enlightens me to go outside my own limited gifts to educate and inspire my brothers and sisters. Here again, I am blessed with fraternal brothers and sisters who humbly share their own creativity.

Serving as formation director has deepened my own Franciscan spirituality and peace. I have listened to aspirants' discussion reflections and witnessed generosity, mysticism, and deep love for the Lord and our Franciscan way of life. When problems arise, I am surrounded by holy, wise, generous brothers and sisters who help me practice and grow in seeing all people as reflecting God. Serving as formation director is rewarding, challenging, and such a blessing!

# *Conference of Regional Spiritual Assistants*

## **Rules are Rules; or are they? Is there more to it?**

*Fr. Chris Thiel, OFM Cap*

Long before children even know about ethics or morality, they are very confident about what is fair. I am the youngest in my family, so when I was sent to bed and my big brother got to stay up I complained "It's not fair!"

Rules often feel confining. A boy, frustrated with all the rules he had to follow, asked his father, "Dad, how soon will I be old enough to do as I please?" His father answered, "I don't know. Nobody has ever lived that long."

Sometimes people do not pay attention to the rules, unless they need to use them for their advantage.

The Pharisees said to Jesus, "We hear that your disciples do not follow the law and the tradition of our people. Well, this is a very serious criticism. This is like saying that he is an outsider, that he is not even a Hebrew.

Jesus turns this around to point out that they bend the rules about exterior things to their advantage. They placed so much value on a rule, that they would use the rules to disown Jesus.

How we use the rules can reveal a lot about relationships. There was a sign on the door of a shop that read, "Due to festival Rules, we are not allowed to sell drinks, including water." Right next to that sign was another sign that read, "August Peanut Sale: One Peanut for One Dollar (Shell Included!) 1 FREE Bottle of water comes with purchase of a peanut." They figured out how to get around the law so that they may serve thirsty patrons.

People may be willing to play with the rules when it is to their advantage, but can those same people use the rules to show that they are merciful?

Jesus is asking, "Give me your heart and I will give you my heart. Give me your humanity, yourself, and I will give you my humanity and divinity." Jesus completes and satisfies the Law in a way that reveals its fullness by revealing God's love and mercy.

Rules without love and mercy have the effect of reducing us to the status of law keepers - or law breakers. How we apply the rules reveals who we belong to. Brother Morico came to St Francis with difficult dilemma. If Christmas falls on a Friday, do they fast or do they feast? If they cannot eat meat on Friday, do they celebrate Christmas in a penitential way? If you think about it, it makes sense. Christmas is the celebration of Our Lord who humbled himself to be born in a manger...'

Instead, Francis replied, "You sin, brother, calling the day on which the child is born to us a day of fast. It is my wish: that even the walls should eat meat on such a day; and if they cannot, they should be smeared with meat on the outside."

Our faith is not a matter of following a rule but acting out of love and mercy... if it were not for the rules, maybe the mercy shown to us would be invisible to us. Jesus did not abolish the Law but fulfilled the Law.



August 21, 2024

Dear FST Community,

We are wise if we know who we are before God. We are wise if we know we will never measure up. We depend on God's mercy. First we are grateful, and then we are called to act in the same way as God. The more merciful we are, the closer we come to being God's messenger of hope and healing.

We are saddened to hear that Sr. Rosemary Chinnici, SL, passed away last night, August 20, 2024. She was our Professor of Pastoral Theology for nearly 15 years and educated a generation of our students from 1980-95. She joined the Sisters of Loretto in 1960 and received her doctorate from the Graduate Theological Union in 1980. Paulist Press published her monograph *Can Women Re-Image the Church?* in 1992. Her publications include academic articles in Pastoral Psychology and more popular articles in America. She pioneered an approach to pastoral theology that emphasized both theological reflection and field education.

Sr. Rosemary mentored many students at the doctoral level and continued to work at the Graduate Theological Union for many years. One of her former students, Dan Lackic, OFM, remembers, "her approach was grounding theological reflection in our incarnational reality. This approach was the centerpiece of my theological education at FST and has remained central as I prepare my homilies and discern the pastoral realities of parish life."

May Sr. Rosemary rest in peace and may her family and those close to her experience God's consoling love.

Garrett Galvin, OFM

President



## Season of Creation, 2024

The Season of Creation begins on September 1<sup>st</sup> with the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* and ends on October 4<sup>th</sup> with the feast of St. Francis. It is an ecumenical, world-wide event, with many opportunities to participate. Pope Francis has issued his message, and a prayer (links below.) Perhaps it is time to initiate a new fraternity apostolate, or get more involved at the parish level. It's never too late to start. This year's theme is "Hope and Act with Creation." It's been said that the US Catholic Church has been slow to act in response to *Laudato Si* and *Laudate Deum*. There are clear signs that is changing, and thankfully we have Franciscans to show the way:



The Children are Asking, by Mary Southard

Carolyn Townes' [Season of Creation](https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Franciscan-Season-of-Caring-for-Creation-1.pdf) is a beautiful collection of prayers, readings, and opportunities for reflection: <https://www.secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/Franciscan-Season-of-Caring-for-Creation-1.pdf>



The **Catholic Climate Covenant** has been very busy preparing materials for parish and school use. Their [web site](https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/season-of-creation-2024/) is a rich and essential resource :

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/season-of-creation-2024/>

They also have a nice Liturgical Banner in different formats, languages, etc. at:

<https://catholicclimatecovenant.org/resources/season-creation-liturgical-banner/>



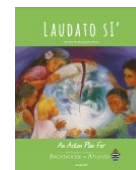
**St. Gabriel Publishing** has free downloadable banners, posters, etc:

<https://www.stgabrielpublishing.com/collections/all-part-of-gods-planet>

**Holy See: The [Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation \[1st September 2024\] is at this link](#)** (In eight languages.) There is also an [Information flyer about the Pope's statement](#) which would make a nice bulletin insert.



**Diocese of Atlanta:** For a good example of a diocesan *Laudato Si* action plan, check out the Diocese of Atlanta's plan here: <https://godsplanet.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/09/laudato-si-action-plan-final-enlinks.pdf>



### Prayer:

O Lord, you sent the Seraph to mark St Francis  
 With Jesus' wounds, a visible sign of your love for us  
 In the mystery of the cross.  
 May your Church today, through our lives and actions  
 Be a visible sign of healing and renewal  
 For all the world.  
 We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
 Who showed to us the meaning of mercy.  
 Amen



Stigmata by Bicci di Lorenzo



**Catholic Climate Covenant and the Association of U. S. Catholic Priests invite you to a free, virtual 2-part workshop series on how to launch the Vatican's LAUDATO SI' ACTION PLATFORM in your diocese, parish, school, ministry, or organization.**

## **The Pathway to Ecological Citizenship and Spirituality**

Wednesday, September 11, 3:30PM Pacific/6:30PM Eastern

Wednesday, September 18, 3:30PM Pacific/6:30PM Eastern

In the last decade, Pope Francis has led the Catholic Church to take unprecedented steps toward solving our current climate crisis. Join us to explore the GOAL of Laudato Si', "to discover what each of us can do about caring for our common home." (Laudato Si' 19)



### **Week One: September 11th, 3:30-5PM Pacific**

Welcome: Fr. Emmet Farrell, Founder Creation Care, Diocese of San Diego

Opening Prayer: Sr. Kathleen Warren, OSF,

Director of the Office of Women Religious for the Diocese of San Diego

Opening Remarks: Dan Misleh, Founding Executive Director, Catholic Climate Covenant

#### **"The Spirituality of Laudato Si and the Challenge to Respond"**

by Dr. Erin Lothes, Senior Manager of the Laudato Si Movement Animators' Program and Visiting Scholar, Center for Earth Ethics

### **Week Two: September 18th, 3:30-5PM Pacific**

Welcome: Fr. Emmet Farrell

Opening Prayer: Fr. Stephen P. Newton, CSC, Executive Director, AUSCP

#### **"A Scientific Perspective of Our Climate Crisis"**

by Dr. Philip Sakimoto, University of Notre Dame Dept. of Physics & Astronomy, Director, Minor in Sustainability

#### **"A Primer on the Vatican's Laudato Si' Action Platform and Planning"**

by Dr. Christina Slentz, Director Creation Care, Diocese of San Diego

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## Franciscan Zoom Lectures

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**Thomas Piolata, OFM, Cap.** - 9/12/24 - 7PM (PDT)  
Assistant Professor of Theology at the Catholic University of America  
**A Meditation on the Holy Spirit and the Stigmata**

St. Bonaventure describes the stigmata of St. Francis in terms that implicitly or explicitly refer to the work of the Holy Spirit. For example, the Holy Spirit is the "finger of God" that impresses the wounds of the Crucified on the Saint. Accordingly, Bonaventure not only deepens the theology of this mystical event in a Christological fashion, but also in terms of the Spirit. This talk explores the pneumatology of the stigmata, and ultimately underscores the role of the Holy Spirit in the life of faith.



**Amanda Quantz** - 10/10/24 - 7PM (PDT)  
Professor of Theology at the University of Saint Mary  
**Copping an Attitude: Resilience as a Pathway to Joy in Dante's Purgatory**

In Christian history, heresy is often defined by the passage of time. True heresy, though, is a conscious adherence to falsehood. Dante's portrayal of hell and purgatory reveals the fine line between stubbornness and tenacity. Love requires persistent effort for the sake of others. Today, many marriages fail due to one spouse's choice: to be right or to be married. Dante's Franciscan worldview emphasizes virtue ethics. Sin is sin, regardless of attitude. This lecture, inspired by Dante, focuses on tenacity as a path to joy.



**John Kruse** - 11/14/24 - 7PM (PST)  
Professor of Theology at Neumann University  
**In the Footsteps of Francis and Clare of Assisi**

Assisi, Italy, is a sacred space within the Franciscan tradition. The natural beauty and social fabric of the city greatly influenced the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare. Pilgrims can personally and powerfully connect with the lives of Francis and Clare by visiting the sites that are important in the Franciscan tradition. By doing so, pilgrims gain profound insight into their own lives and spiritual journeys. This presentation will explore the benefits, both personal and spiritual, of walking in the footsteps of Francis and Clare.



**Keith Warner, OFM** - 12/12/24 - 7PM (PST)  
Associate Professor of Ethics & Spirituality  
**The Moral Vision of Pope Francis: Is He Changing Church Teaching?**

Pope Francis expresses deep moral convictions in words and actions. The tone and emphases of his moral instruction, however, have been so pastoral that critics don't even recognize him as teaching moral theology. This presentation will review his approach and interpret his vision for the moral life of Christians today.



# NATIONAL ZOOM CELEBRATION OF THE STIGMATA CENTENARY

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2024

Time: Noon

Duration: 60-75 minutes

Our plans include a talk on the Stigmata by Dr. Darlene Pryds, Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality and History at the Franciscan School of Theology, and a panel discussion featuring members of our national leadership. This will provide us with multiple perspectives on how Francis' experience connects to our lives as Secular Franciscans today.

*The invitation to register for the Zoom event will be sent out in mid-September. If you would like the registration information to be sent directly to you, please go to [groups.google.com](https://groups.google.com) and request to be added to "NAFRACentenaryContacts".*

We hope to see you there!

Peace and blessings,

Vickie Klick, Chair, NAFFRA Centenary Task Force

## **Important Notice for Fraternity Councils and Spiritual Assistants**

**The 2025 Chapter will be on the first weekend in January**

Saturday the 4th to Sunday the 5th

at Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center in Sierra Madre.

The emphasis will be on council training.

Registration letters will be mailed out mid-October with more information.



# 2024 REGIONAL GATHERING at St. Hedwig Parish, Los Alamitos



Presenter  
Fr. Joseph Chinnici, OFM



Group discussions



Presenter  
Fr. Francis Yongho Lee, OFM



Multi-lingual Closing Prayer





# *Fraternity News*

## *San Juan Capistrano Fraternity*

On June 8, 2024 the San Juan Capistrano fraternity celebrated the liturgy of profession for four of its members at the beautiful San Juan Capistrano Mission Basilica. The liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Marek Sybor, OFM, Conv. and assisted by Deacon Joe Halka, OFS and Deacon David Sire, OFS

Our minister, Cyndie Williams, OFS, council, and fraternity members welcome Marylyn Sooner, OFS, Rosa Kato, OFS, Warren Kato, OFS, and Ryan Williams, OFS to our Franciscan family:



## *Holy Spirit & Padre Pio Fraternities*

On August 11<sup>th</sup> St. Padre Pio Fraternity joined their brothers and sisters from Holy Spirit Fraternity for our Annual District Picnic with guests. This year we held it in one of the local parks. Turns out this gives us more space and its much cooler. Another chance to gather our broader family.



## *Holy Spirit Fraternity*



We gathered for our annual Marian Celebration beginning with praying the Franciscan Crown in front of an Altar with Mary's Statue. We then had a potluck dinner.

One of our members Juanito Garlitos, OFS led a month-long medical mission to the Philippines countryside.



Outreach: We participated in Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Ministry Expo on the parish feast day August 15<sup>th</sup> and at the parish picnic on August 17<sup>th</sup>.







*St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe Fraternity* had a fraternal visit on August 25th.

*San Luis Rey Fraternity* participated in the Procession for the feast of our patron, Saint Louis, at the Old Mission.

Carrying the Crown of Thorns is Eileen Costa, OFS, and carrying the relic is Corinne Helena, OFS.  
Carrying the banner is Bill Lopez, Inquirer.



## *St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity*

On August 11, Regional Minister Caroline Yandell, OFS, led a fraternal visitation with St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity in Silverlake. Also in attendance were members originally from St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity who recently transferred into St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity.



### *Scully Fund Requirements*

The Scully Fund has been set up to encourage fraternities in the St. Francis Region to participate in charitable activities.

When members of a fraternity take an active role in an apostolic activity and use fraternity funds to purchase materials or supplies for the activity, the fraternity may request to be reimbursed by the Scully Fund for half of those expenses by supplying the following:

- A letter detailing the activity, the date it occurred, the number of fraternity members involved, and the amount of expenses incurred.
- Receipts for the purchases or a copy of the check(s) used to pay for the items.
- A request for reimbursement of half of the expenses.

Send the above information to either the Minister or Treasurer of the St. Francis Region.

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