

*Bearing good fruit with Franciscan JOY!*

*Dando buenos frutos con ALEGRIA Franciscana*

# *Joy of Francis*

*프란치스칸 기쁨의 좋은 열매 맺기*

*Nảy sinh hoa trái tốt lành với niềm vui Phan Sinh!*

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## *St. Francis Region News!*

### *Minister's Message*

Recently I had a phone conversation with a person who was inquiring into our Order. After sharing a little bit about the OFS, I asked a few questions about background, Church participation, and lifestyle. It became clear that this person was one of many I know who are considered “Cafeteria Catholics.” Just in case any of you are not familiar with the expression, Cafeteria Catholics pick and choose which doctrines and directions of the Church they will choose to follow, and disregard or reject the rest.

When we are professed into the Secular Franciscan Order, we are asked: “Do you wish to embrace the gospel way of life by following the example and words of St. Francis of Assisi, which are at the heart of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order?” And we reply, “Yes, this is what I want.” By doing so, we state that we will strive to live our rule every day for the rest of our lives. And not just some of the articles, but all of them. We don’t pick and choose which ones we like and leave out the difficult ones.

At profession we are also asked: “Do you wish to bind yourself more closely to the Church and to work intently to rebuild the ecclesial community and fulfill its mission among all people?” And again, we reply, “Yes, this is what I want.” And by our emphatic “yes,” we are agreeing to align ourselves with the teachings of the Church – all of its doctrines, encyclicals, and directions. We are called to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, who showed us by his example of approaching Pope Innocent III for approval of his Rule, that we are to live and work within the confines of the Catholic Church. For without it, Franciscans would not exist.

So, what did I say to the person on the phone who wanted to know about the Secular Franciscan Order? I said that Secular Franciscans are not Cafeteria Catholics. And I respectfully suggested a different organization that would be a much better fit for someone who loves St. Francis but lives a very different lifestyle than what our Rule prescribes.

We who are professed members of the Secular Franciscan Order have accepted the Rule as our guide of life, and by doing so, are to “devote [our]selves energetically to living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests, fostering an open and trusting dialogue of apostolic

effectiveness and creativity.” (From Article VI) So may we go forward - Bearing good fruit with Franciscan JOY!

Peace and JOY!

Caroline Yandell, ofs



*On this Christmas Day and throughout the New Year,  
may the Lord bless you,  
may the Lord keep you,  
may He show His face to you and give you peace.*

# *Minister's Message Translations*

Recientemente tube una conversación por teléfono con una persona que preguntaba acerca de nuestra Orden. Después de compartir un poco acerca de la OFS, le pregunté acerca de sus antecedentes, participación en la Iglesia, y estilo de vida. Estaba claro que ésta persona era una de muchas que yo conozco quienes son consideradas “Católicos de Cafetería.” Por si acaso alguien no está familiarizado con la expresión, Los Católicos de Cafetería eligen cuáles doctrinas y mandamientos de la Iglesia les gustaría seguir, e ignoran o rechazan el resto.

Cuando nosotros profesamos en la Orden Franciscana de Seglares, nos preguntan: “Quieren abrazar el estilo de vida del evangelio siguiendo el ejemplo y palabras de San Francisco de Asís, las cuales son el corazón de la Regla de la Orden Franciscana Seglar?” Y contestamos, “Sí, esto es lo que quiero.” Al hacerlo, prometemos que trataremos de vivir nuestra Regla todos los días por el resto de nuestras vidas. Y no solamente algunos de los artículos, sino todos. No escogemos los que nos gustan y dejamos los difíciles.

Durante la profesión nos preguntan además: “Quieren unirse mas estrechamente a la Iglesia y trabajar intensamente para re-edificar la comunidad eclesial y cumplir su misión entre todos los hombres?” y nuevamente, contestamos, “Sí, esto es lo que quiero.” Y con nuestro enfático “sí,” aceptamos estar en sintonía con las enseñanzas de la Iglesia – todas sus doctrinas, encíclicas, y mandamientos. Nosotros estamos llamados a seguir las huellas de San Francisco, quien nos enseñó con su ejemplo al acercarse al Papa Inocente III para pedir la aprobación de la Regla, que debemos vivir y trabajar dentro de las estructuras de la Iglesia Católica. Porque sin ella, los Franciscanos no existirían.

Por tanto, qué le dije a la persona en el teléfono que quería saber acerca de la Orden Franciscana Seglar? Le dije que los Franciscanos Seglares no son Católicos de Cafetería. Y con todo respeto le sugerí una organización diferente que se adapte mejor con alguien que ama a San Francisco pero que vive un estilo de vida diferente al prescrito por nuestra Regla.

Nosotros, quienes somos miembros profesos de la Orden Franciscana Seglar hemos aceptado la Regla como nuestro patrón de vida, y al hacelo, estamos “comprometidos con nosotros mismos a vivir plenamente en comunión con el papa, obispos, y sacerdotes, fomentando un diálogo abierto y sincero de apostolado efectivo y creativo.” (Del Artículo VI) Que sigamos Adelante – Dando buen fruto con Gozo Franciscano!

Paz y Gozo!

Caroline Yandell, ofs

## Thư Ngỏ của Trưởng Phục Vụ

Mới đây, tôi được nói chuyện qua điện thoại với một người đang tìm hiểu về Dòng của chúng ta. Sau khi chia sẻ một chút về Dòng Phan Sinh Tại Thế, tôi hỏi một vài câu về lý lịch, lối sống và sự cộng tác trong sinh hoạt của giáo hội. Rõ ràng người này là một trong số nhiều người tôi từng biết, những người được coi là "Người Công Giáo theo kiểu quán ăn." trong trường hợp bạn không quen thuộc với cách diễn đạt này, thì những người Công Giáo theo kiểu quán ăn chỉ chọn những tín lý và giáo huấn của hội thánh họ muốn theo, và gạt bỏ những điều còn lại.

Khi tuyên khấn vào Dòng Phan sinh Tại thế, chúng ta đều được hỏi: "anh/chị có muốn sống lối phúc âm mà Thánh Phanxicô Assisi đã nêu gương, đã dạy và được trình bày trong Luật Dòng Phan Sinh Tại thế không?" Và chúng ta trả lời, "Vâng, đây là điều tôi muốn." Bằng cách này, chúng ta tuyên bố rằng mình sẽ cố gắng sống theo Luật Dòng mỗi ngày trong suốt phần đời còn lại của chúng ta. Và không chỉ một vài điều, mà tất cả mọi điều. Chúng ta không chỉ chọn điều nào chúng ta thích và bỏ đi những điều khó thực hiện.

Khi tuyên khấn, chúng ta cũng được hỏi: "anh/chị có muốn kết hiệp mật thiết hơn với Hội Thánh, ra sức xây dựng Hội Thánh và cộng tác vào sứ vụ của Hội Thánh giữa loài người không?" Và một lần nữa, chúng ta trả lời, "Vâng, đây là điều tôi muốn." Và bằng lời thưa "vâng" mạnh mẽ của chúng ta, chúng ta quyết tâm tu chỉnh con người mình cho phù hợp với giáo huấn của hội thánh - tất cả các tín điều, thông điệp và hướng dẫn của Giáo hội. Chúng ta được mời gọi theo Chúa Kitô theo dấu chân của Thánh Phanxicô, ngài đã cho chúng ta thấy bằng gương sáng của ngài khi đến xin Đức Giáo Hoàng Innocent III phê chuẩn bản Luật Dòng của ngài, thế nên chúng ta phải sống và hoạt động trong Giáo Hội Công giáo. Vì ngoài Giáo Hội, Phan Sinh không thể tồn tại.

Vậy, tôi đã nói gì với người qua điện thoại muốn biết về Dòng Phan Sinh Tại Thế? Tôi nói rằng, người Phan Sinh Tại Thế không phải là những người Công Giáo theo kiểu quán ăn. Và tôi kính cần đề nghị một hiệp hội khác phù hợp hơn cho những người mến yêu Thánh Phanxicô nhưng lại sống một lối sống khác biệt với những gì Luật Dòng của chúng ta quy định.

Là những khấn viên của Dòng Phan Sinh Tại Thế, chúng ta đã nhận Luật Dòng làm mẫu mực cho đời sống của mình, và như vậy, là để [ta] quyết tâm sống hiệp thông trọn vẹn với Đức Thánh Cha, các Đức Giám Mục và các Linh Mục, tin tưởng và cởi mở đối thoại để có được những sáng kiến hữu hiệu trong hoạt động tông đồ. (Từ Điều VI)

Vậy, chúng ta hãy tiến bước – Nảy sinh hoa trái tốt lành với NIỀM VUI Phan Sinh!

Vui Tươi và An Bình!

Caroline Yandell, ofs

## 지구회장 메시지

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그러면 재속프란치스코회에 대해 알고 싶어서 전화를 해온 사람에게 제가 뭐라고 답했겠습니까? 재속프란치스코 회원은 ‘카페테리아 가톨릭신자’가 아니라고 말했습니다. 그리고 성 프란치스코를 사랑하지만, 우리 회칙이 규정하는 것과는 매우 다른 생활 방식을 사는 사람에게 훨씬 더 적합한 다른 수도회를 정중하게 추천했습니다.

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(회칙 6 조)

앞으로 전진합시다 - 프란치스칸 기쁨의 좋은 열매를 맺으며!

평화와 기쁨!

캐롤라인 안텔, OFS

## CHAPTER 2022

The registration packets for our Chapter to be held **January 14 – 16, 2022**, were mailed out the first week of November. Due to Covid we need to keep the number of attendees to a minimum and therefore there will be no observers. Only Regional Executive Council members, Fraternity Ministers or their delegates, Spiritual Assistants, and those assisting with Liturgies will be in attendance during the weekend. Also, those attending will need to submit proof of Covid vaccination.

The due date for submitting registrations is **December 15**. The sooner they arrive the easier it is for preparations to be made with the hotel. So please submit them as soon as possible. If you have questions or concerns, contact Terri Greene Foster or Caroline Yandell.

# Conference of Regional Spiritual Assistants

## LIVING THE GOSPEL

From the Regional Conference of Spiritual Assistants

As Secular Franciscans, we are committed to living the Gospel, but how do we do that? Very simply stated, we do as Francis did: we follow Jesus. But I suspect that most of us would agree that is easier said than done. Still, let us take a look at what following Jesus and His Gospel really means in this day and age.

Our Rule tells us a lot about how to follow Jesus. Article 4 tells us to devote ourselves to “careful reading of the Gospel.” It is difficult to follow what you don’t know, and simply listening to the readings at Sunday Mass, or even to daily Mass, does not qualify as “careful reading”. Do you know how many sayings of Jesus were taken directly out of the Old Testament? Do you understand the context in which His teachings were given? How can you comply with what Article 4 tells us to do? One way is to actually *study* the Scriptures, by attending a Bible study class, reading a book on a particular scriptural subject or a particular book of the Bible written by an expert, listening to on-line presentations of scriptural passages, and many other similar things available to us in this age of technology.

We are told in Article 5 of our Rule to see Jesus in every *thing* and every *person*. That is not an easy thing to do. Article 6 tells us we should go forth “as witnesses and instruments” of the Church’s mission, “proclaiming Christ by their life and words.” Article 9 tells us we should imitate the complete self-giving of Mary. Article 10 reminds us to witness to Jesus “even in difficulties and persecutions.” For some, one of the most difficult tasks is given us in Article 11 which instructs us to be completely detached from temporal goods and to purify our hearts from all desires for earthly possessions and power.

These are just a few of tasks given us in our Rule. To help us comply, we need something else: time alone with Our Lord – prayer time in solitude. Article 8 of our Rule tells us we should “let prayer and contemplation be the soul” of all we are and do. Reflect on how often Jesus went aside from the crowds and from his disciples to spend time alone with His Father. Can we do any less? Let us use this preparation time of Advent to spend more time with Jesus, listening to Him as well as speaking to Him. With more time spent in prayer – not in “saying prayers” but in talking to Jesus as we would to any beloved friend, and in listening with an open heart and mind as He speaks to us, in the many ways in which He does that.

Peace and all good!

Sylvia Paoli, OFS

*President in Turn, Conference of Regional Spiritual Assistants*

# *JUSTICE, PEACE, AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION*

## *Regional J.P.I.C. Animator Patricia Grace, OFS*

### *Where There's Despair, Let Us Bring Hope*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

When you receive this edition of the Joy of Francis, we will already be in the first week of this wonderful season of Advent, a season of Hope. As the liturgical year begins, may we hold Hope in our hearts, and take divine hope into the ailing world. Let hope be a balm and a beacon for the darkness around us.

I have a strong memory of Thanksgiving Day 2008. I was celebrating Thanksgiving with my family in Pennsylvania. We were gathered in a large country kitchen, eating, laughing, joking, many of us seeing each other for the first time in a year. I walked through the family room to retrieve something, and the television was turned on. I froze as I walked in front of the screen. There had been some profound violence in some part of the world and a hotel was on fire. People were jumping from windows, screaming, running in terror. I recoiled and sobbed. Then looked again. There were almost as many people running into the burning building as were leaving it. They were running in to save. God had sent his comforters. Now, thirteen years later that image remains with me and has, in many ways, become an iconic symbol for me and our work for JPIC – God sends His comforters to be His hands, feet, and heart.

Of course, we are not called to run into burning buildings. In fact, we should leave that to the experts and stay out of their way. But, as we prayed together this year for Haiti, we witnessed many running in after the earthquakes and hurricanes, to clear the rubble, bring food, clothing, temporary shelter, and God's love to the injured and grieving. When we prayed with the people in Bolivia, we saw many sacrifice the comfort and security of their homes in the U.S. to be in solidarity with the suffering children and their families there. As we traveled through pictures, songs, and prayers to the two-thousand-mile southern border, we saw many leaving the ease of their living rooms to bring welcome to the stranger. Many of our acts of kindness and mercy were quieter, but equally as powerful in bringing hope and healing into a hurting world – cooking food for the hungry, taking meals to the homeless, carrying Eucharist to the homebound, advocating for cleaner air and water, better childcare, support for veterans. I could go on but then would not be able to stop. Our Franciscan love is everywhere.

So, sisters and brothers, as we begin this new year with Hope in our hearts, let us be in deep prayer for all who suffer. Let us be in solidarity with them and with those who serve them, praying for their safety, offering our support and encouragement, and let us continue to serve. May our Franciscan vision of justice, peace, and care for creation serve as a beacon of hope to the world.

Let us live in Franciscan joy.

Peace and All Good, Patricia Grace, OFS, JPIC Animator

# FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF FORMATION LUCY IBARRA

Merry Christmas my Brothers and Sisters!

It is awesome to know that our Fraternity families are growing in wisdom and knowledge. I would like to thank David De Genito, OFS, John Murphy and Fr Ray Tintle, OFM for their presentation; Reflections on the Lectures of Richard Rohr on "Spiritual Growth." This was given to St. Francis Fraternity via Zoom. Caroline Yandell and I were invited. It was a lot to digest but was full of wonderful examples of what our spiritual growth is as Secular Franciscans. I am planning to meet with the team and discuss how we can bring it to other fraternities within our region.

As we approach 2022, the REC is working hard planning our upcoming Chapter in January 2022. We ask that you keep us in prayer that the Holy Spirit guides us in our planning.



I would like to share a story on St Francis and the Christmas Creche. St. Bonaventure (d. 1274) in his *Life of St. Francis of Assisi* tells the story the best:

*"It happened in the third year before his death, that in order to excite the inhabitants of Grecio to commemorate the nativity of the Infant Jesus with great devotion, [St. Francis] determined to keep it with all possible solemnity; and lest he should be accused of lightness or novelty, he asked and obtained the permission of the sovereign Pontiff. Then he prepared a manger, and brought hay, and an ox and an ass to the place appointed. The brethren were summoned, the people ran together, the forest resounded with their voices, and that venerable night was made glorious by many and brilliant lights and sonorous psalms of praise. The man of God [St. Francis] stood before the manger, full of devotion and piety, bathed in tears and radiant with joy; the Holy Gospel was chanted by Francis, the Levite of Christ. Then he preached to the people around the nativity of the poor King; and being unable to utter His name for the tenderness of His love, He called Him the Babe*

*of Bethlehem. A certain valiant and veracious soldier, Master John of Grecio, who, for the love of Christ, had left the warfare of this world, and become a dear friend of this holy man, affirmed that he beheld an Infant marvelously beautiful, sleeping in the manger, Whom the blessed Father Francis embraced with both his arms, as if he would awake Him from sleep. This vision of the devout soldier is credible, not only by reason of the sanctity of him that saw it, but by reason of the miracles which afterwards confirmed its truth. For example, of Francis, if it be considered by the world, is doubtless sufficient to excite all hearts which are negligent in the faith of Christ; and the hay of that manger, being preserved by the people, miraculously cured all diseases of cattle, and many other pestilences; God thus in all things glorifying his servant and witnessing to the great efficacy of his holy prayers by manifest prodigies and miracles.”*

I have decided this year not to stress over shopping but stress over getting my daily meditations in during this season of Advent. I am always trying to fit in prayer. Doesn't that sound terrible. It should be the other way around, prayer should be number one on my list of things to do and in my calendar of events. Why is it that I have my calendar full of things to do but nothing scheduled for Jesus' time? How can I begin to grow in spirit if I don't take the time? This summer I had a garden, it took a lot of work and time, what I put into it produced great vegetables and herbs. It had me thinking: "What do I put into prayer and what growth do I see?"

As I setup my manger for Christmas this year, I pray that each day of this Advent season I produce a spirit of love, knowledge and understanding. We don't only grow in spirit by prayer but by our actions, reaching out to the homeless and our family members who are sick and need help with everyday chores.

Another great reflection is to put your whole mind and spirit in celebrating the Mass. Get there early and stay awhile after Mass to sit and just listen to what God wants to tell you. It is in those quiet times in front of the tabernacle He speaks to us.

Today during Mass there was a 5-year-old singing her heart out, she did not wait till it was our turn to sing but sang along with Father, he had the biggest grin on his face. That is true joy to feel her spirit reach out to my spirit. I left there skipping to my car. We should all want to bring the spirit of joy to others.

When you set up your Christmas decorations and move day by day during this season of Advent, take the time to pray and meditate on what an awesome gift our God has given us in Jesus Christ and to love and share your spirit of joy with others. Imagine yourself with the people of Grecio and see Francis bathed in tears and radiant with joy by the manger on that beautiful Christmas Eve. I am filled with hope and can't wait for Christmas Day to celebrate!

Blessing,

Lucy Ibarra, Formation Director

# *Regional Gatherings: Regional Picnic*





*Playing Giant Jenga*



# News from our Fraternities

## Holy Spirit Fraternity



We held an in-person pre-Profession Retreat for **Chris Figueroa** in September. He professed on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at Mission San Luis Rey along with candidates from three other Fraternities. We have two new people just entering Orientation.

*Members of the Fraternity attended the Regional Picnic as well.*



Members of our Fraternity renewed their Profession a week later at St Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Chino. This also served as an outreach to this parish.



Members of our Fraternity assisted Our Lady of the Assumptions Parish in two Blessing of Animals. One was for the general parish and a second was for the parish school. We gave out medals for the animals and prayer cards for the people, which had information about the Fraternity.

We continue to meet via ZOOM for both monthly Fraternity Meetings and a monthly informal gathering.

## *Immaculate Conception Fraternity*



*Immaculate Conception Fraternity at their annual Day of Reflection.*

On September 12, Dr. Darleen Pryds, an Associate Professor of Christian Spirituality and History at The Franciscan School of Theology, presented Immaculate Conception Fraternity's Day of Reflection topic, "Laitly as Co-Creators of The Franciscan Tradition."



*Dia de los Muertos altar set up at Immaculate Conception Fraternity's November gathering.*



## *Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity*



Actividad de nuestra Fraternidad para promoción de la Orden.  
Nuestro Párroco nos acompaña

“Come and See” Event at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.  
Accompanied by our Pastor, Rev. David Vuelvas-Arias



Fraternidad de Inmaculado Corazón de María celebrando el Tránsito de San Francisco

Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity gathered to celebrate St. Francis Transitus

## *Saint Anthony of Padua Fraternity*

Saint Anthony of Padua Fraternity elected a new council on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at the Vietnamese Community Center in San Diego. Presider Tinh Le, OFS and Church Witness Fr. Chris Thiel, OFM cap.

The newly elected council members are:

Marie Huynh, Minister  
Uan Cong Nguyen, Vice-minister  
Dinh Van Le, Formation Director  
Minh Thi Do, Secretary  
Nu Thi Tran, Treasurer  
Tuyet Thi Tran, Councilor # 1  
Mem Thi Tran, Councilor # 2



## *Saint Clare Fraternity (V)*

On September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Saint Clare Fraternity elected a new council.

Caroline Yandell, OFS, Regional Minister, Presider.

Tinh Van Le, OFS, delegate from CRSA, Ecclesiastical Witness.



Saint Clare Fraternity Newly Elected Council:

Sitting: Anthony Ton Nguyen, Formation Director

Front row from left: Canh Nguyen, Minister, Buom Vu, Treasurer, Thanh Nguyen, Councilor, Lynn Tong, Vice-Minister,

Back row from left: Peter Hanh Nguyen, Councilor, Hao Duong, Councilor, Tinh Le, Spiritual Assistant, Bach Nguyen, Secretary.

## *St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity - LA*

Election held outdoors on 10/17/2021– first in person meeting since early 2020.



Left to right, foreground only: Gil Bernal, Vice Minister; Mike Roy, Formation Director; Renee Stampolis, Minister; Elenita Lesperance, Councilor; Barbara Courtois, Secretary; Betsy McGowen, Treasurer.

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## *Saint Louis the King Fraternity*

Saint Louis the King Fraternity in Santa Barbara had two big milestones back-to-back! On October 12, we had the grace of an outdoor profession of six candidates.



(seated l-r) Lawrence Nichols, Valerie Watson, Michele Hoffman, Carole Kenzel, Barbara Delgado, and Kimberly McCarthy

On November 13, we held an outdoor election thanks to the generous gift of the use of our sister Nancy Gillett's back patio and installed a new slate of officers: Minister-Gregg Garrison, Vice-Minister-Sandy Hornick, Formation Director-Linda Whitman, Secretary-Nancy Gillett, Treasurer-Nancy Schooler, Councilor #1-Aida Cordero, and Councilor #2-Maria Keagan. It is Nancy Schooler and Aida Cordero's first time for each to be on Council.



*Br. Kip Ledger OFM Cap, Nancy Gillett, Nancy Schooler, Linda Whitman, Aida Cordero, Gregg Garrison, and Sandy Hornick.*

Also, just prior to the Profession, some of the Candidates went with professed members Sandy Hornick and Linda Whitman, to the Basilica San Buenaventura and went through the Holy Doors.



*Pictured are Sandy Hornick, Valerie Watson, Carole Kenzel, Barbara Delgado, and Michele Hoffman.  
Linda Whitman is in the shadows in the back... hard to see.*

# Important Announcements

## 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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## Last Will and Testament

Each of us can play a vital role in preserving and extending our Secular Franciscan way of life, in our own fraternity, and at the regional level.

This can be accomplished in many ways, including a bequest in your will.

Suggested beneficiaries:

- Your FRATERNITY
- Your REGION

Suggested wording for your bequests:

1. A BEQUEST FOR GENERAL PURPOSES:

*"I give and bequeath the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_% of my disposable estate) to: (name and address of fraternity, or region).*

2. A RESIDUARY BEQUEST OF INDEFINITE

AMOUNT:

*"After payment of expenses, debts and specific bequests, I direct that the residue of my estate be given to: (name and address)*

or

*"I bequeath to (name and address) any part of my estate that other beneficiaries are unable to receive because of death or other reasons."*