



# Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity

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## A Message from our Regional Minister: Kathleen White, OFS



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"... I promise to live all the days of my life the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its rule of life." How do we **observe** the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order? This is not a rhetorical question. Seriously, how do we? Poorly? Adequately? Emphatically? How often do we read the Rule that we have promised to observe? One article a month at our fraternity gathering? One article a day (Article 1 on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Article 2 on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, etc.)? Deeply delving into the Rule and all its references by using such aids as *Called to Proclaim Christ: Short Reflections on the Secular Franciscan Order Rule* by Benet Fonck OFM 1998; *Called to Follow Christ: Commentary on the Secular Franciscan Rule* by Benet Fonck OFM 1997; *Called to Build a More Fraternal and Evangelical World: Commentary on the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order* by Benet Fonck OFM 2001; *Called to Live the Divine Power of the Gospel: Commentary of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order* by Philip Marquard OFM 1998, or other study



aids? Do we carry a copy of the Rule with us, on our phone digitally or perhaps a hard copy (the little red Rule Book) in our back pocket or purse?

How do we explain to Aspirants that we follow a Rule of life? How do we share what the Rule means to us as professed members? Have we added a copy of the Rule to books we are using for formation so it is available for easy reference? Have we struggled with an article of the Rule, or a certain part of an article? And have we talked that through with our Spiritual Assistant, Formation Director, or a trusted member of our fraternity? Do we think of the Rule as proscriptive or restrictive? Do we follow the Rule – but maybe not *this* one article? (Do we follow only eight of the Ten Commandments?)

We said at our profession - "... I promise to live all the days of my life the gospel of

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### Our Regional Prayer — a Gift from St. Francis

Holy Virgin Mary, among all women born into the world, there is none like you. Daughter and Handmaid of the Most High, sovereign King, the heavenly Father, Mother of our most holy Lord Jesus Christ, Spouse of the Holy Spirit.

Pray for us with St. Michael the archangel and with all the powers of the heavens and with all the saints together with your most

### What We Have Promised to Live . . .

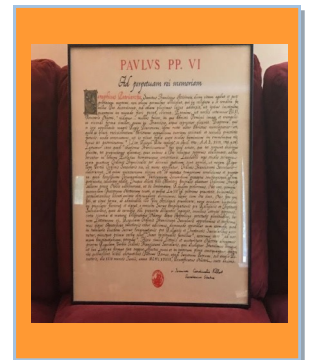
General Constitutions Article 4: "The Holy See has entrusted the pastoral care and spiritual assistance of the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS), because it belongs to same spiritual family, to the Franciscan First Order the Third Order Regular (TOR). These are the "Institutes" who are responsible for the *altius moderamen*, referred to by Canon 303 of the Code of Canon Law.

GC Article 5: The Secular Franciscan Order is a public association in the Church. It is divided into fraternities at various levels: local, re-

gional, national, and international. Each one has its own juridical personality within the Church."

**Editor's Note:** Please see a chart of the Secular Franciscan Order compiled by Sr. Anita Holzmer, OSF, SA for St. Michael the Archangel Fraternity in Hicksville, OH, on page 4. Note also the joyful Franciscan faces of those who are Minister / Servants of the Order.

And please check out the Secular Third Order family tree.



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our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its rule of life." What does making a promise mean to us? Those of us that are or have been married know – for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health. Is there a better or worse regarding our observation of the Rule? *I'll observe it while at my fraternity gathering but when I leave the building, I'm free to do as I please.* Is there a richer or poorer regarding our Rule? *I can't be inconvenienced by assisting the poor or by protecting the environment or by fighting for social justice.* In sickness and in health? *I stubbed my toe so I won't be attending the gathering – or daily Mass – or praying the Office.*

Observing the Rule is something that we all have to work on – daily – and for some of us it is harder than for others. Let us embrace the Rule again – like we did in our initial formation – and strive to live all aspects of it as best we can in our individual circumstances – for all the days of our life. Please pray with me...

### Prayer to St. Francis for Fidelity to the Rule

Holy father, loving and most beloved St. Francis, I beseech you by the holy wounds of our Lord Jesus Christ, which were imprinted on your body, assist me to govern the five senses of my body according to the will and pleasure of almighty God. Intercede for me, so that I may be most faithful in the observance of your Rule of Penance.

Obtain for me contrition and devotion, faith, hope, and charity, patience, and purity of body and soul, together with the grace of persevering in the service of our Lord; so that after this life I may merit to come to you, and with you to enjoy eternal happiness, which I hope through your intercession to obtain from Christ our Lord. Amen.

— From the *Secular Franciscan Companion*.



Dave Dieringer, OFS,  
Regional Formation Director

### Service...Franciscan Style

In Philadelphia's poorest neighborhoods, a Franciscan is the maître d' who meets and greets up to 350 people for a dining facility which only seats 48 at a time. He greets single mothers, senior citizens on fixed income, alcoholics, people who are mentally ill, families who in Fr. Duffy's words are "just plain poor," and drug addicts—some from the suburbs, and once one who had played professional football. This is NOT a cafeteria setting. It is a sit down, real plates, real silverware and real table covering, (made by local school children) dining facility. The Franciscans provide the most human of gifts. The Franciscans provide dignity for their guests.



(One can NOT buy dignity, but they give it away, freely!)

And that is what we are called to do as Franciscans, provide DIGNITY to very one we encounter. The wealthy, the poor, our co-workers, the migrant, the homeless, and even our brothers and sisters. We, like Francis, are CALLED to see the divine in all. That challenge is tough when we do not look for that divine in ourselves also.

My homework for you is to seek the divine in others TODAY. At least, TODAY! That being done, we will be able to serve them with dignity.

Your servant,

Dave

## Street Singer

From "Something  
Like Jasmine" by  
Murray Bodo, OFM,  
Tau-Publications,

"Not wanting to beg for money,  
he asked how he could earn blessing —  
meaning the blessing money.

He insisted and asked to sing  
a favorite hymn. Full throated  
he began, "O Lord my God, when

I in awesome wonder behold . . ."  
and all those walking by looked on  
as if we were happily mad.

He took the money all the while  
quoting accurately the Word  
of God who provides for those who

ask for blessing and sing His praise.  
They get, " he added, "fried chicken, too."

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## A Precious Gift from the Holy Spirit

*The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order as Promulgated on*

*June 24, 1978 by Blessed Paul VI*



*"From the Gospel to life; from life to the Gospel"*

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Sheraton Grand Hotel

Phoenix, AZ

August 18—22, 2021



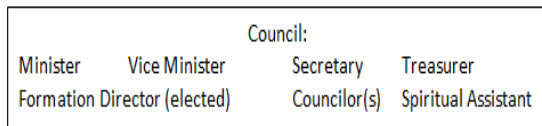
"As the religious brothers and sisters wear a habit, we also shall have a habit that characterizes us, that makes us visible and recognizable. But this habit is not visible in that sense. We do not have a sewn and tailored habit. We have a

habit of our behavior, of the way we live our life in the family, in the Church, in the fraternity, at work, or in our free time. Our habit shall be our kindness, our visible love to God and to one another, our readiness to serve, our simple manner of life, our real freedom of the children of God. Our habit is our prayer, our sacramental life, our commitment to the Order, and thus to the fraternity. Our habit is our Franciscan way of life, that we live "going from gospel to life and life to the gospel." (From letter of Tibor Kauser, OSF, Minister General of the Third Order Secular on the 40th Anniversary of the Promulgation of the Rule, June 24, 1978).



## STRUCTURE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

LOCAL FRATERNITY: All professed members |



REGIONAL FRATERNITY: All professed members of the region

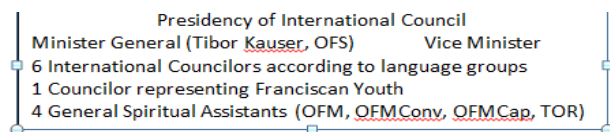


NATIONAL FRATERNITY: All professed members of the country



National Fraternity Internal Commissions: National Fraternity Apostolic Commissions:  
<sup>1</sup>Formation <sup>3</sup>Ecology Family Justice & Peace Work  
<sup>2</sup>Youth/Young Adult

National Fraternity Council:
National Executive Council (NAFRA)
Regional Fraternity Ministers
Conference of National Spiritual Assistants



International Council of the Secular Franciscan Order (CIOFS):	
Presidency (above)	Councilors representing national fraternities
Not members of the council – appointed and having international responsibilities:	
Secretary	
Treasurer	

A Bird's Eye View of the  
Secular Franciscan Order:  
this is **your** Family

*The material on this page may seem self-evident, but it's always good to visually review the structure of our Franciscan Family as it's easy to forget we're bigger than ourselves.*



*The purpose of the structures is to develop unity within the Franciscan family and maintain the vision.*



Our National Executive Council - Summer 2017 NEC Meeting at Marytown in Chicago

*Structures serve the vision: "From the Gospel to life; from life to the Gospel."*



## Reflections from Barb Braley, OFS, Regional Vice-Minister

We, as Secular Franciscans, are blessed with the Rule we received from Pope Paul VI, himself a Third Order Secular Franciscan, in 1978. Some have criticized it because it doesn't look like the expressions of the Rule that came before it (1221, 1289 and 1887). No, it doesn't, but the framework doesn't negate the continuity of its content to its predecessors. The key Franciscan concepts are there, one of the most notable ones being that we are called to be peacemakers. Articles 17 and 19 refer specifically to this.

What does it mean to be a peacemaker? Where does it start? Where does it lead us?

If you ask any number of people what it means to be a peacemaker, you'll probably get more than one answer. For some, it will depend on how they define what peace is: no violence/war, tranquility, contentment, etc. These are nice sentiments, but inadequate. Then what does it mean?



To answer that question, we must start with what it means to be authentically, fully human. For that, we must look at Jesus. Jesus was not only fully God, but also fully human in the way that we were intended to be in the beginning. We were created in the image and likeness of God. God the Son was our prototype, if you will. There was an intrinsic unity that existed within us that was a reflection of the unity of the Trinity. This unity is the foundation for peace because it is inherent. It is our true identity as humans, and it was perfected (completed, fulfilled) in Jesus Christ.

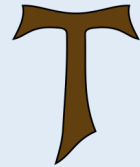
Francis understood this and understood it as a vocation, a calling. Article 17 of our Rule tells us that we "should cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace." Peace isn't just something that "happens" to us; we must work at it, nurture it. We must root out of ourselves the attitudes that cause divisions within ourselves and then extend to others. Isn't it interesting that the Rule uses the word "cultivate" in regard to the spirit of peace? The work our first parents were given was to cultivate the Garden in which God placed them.

After we cultivate the spirit of unity and peace within ourselves, it must then extend to others. We must "seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony" through the "transforming power of love and pardon," according to article 19. When we allow others to come to experience what it is to be fully human through interior unity, when we become invitations to others to this vocation of being authentically and fully human, then we are truly peacemakers.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God (Mt. 5:9).

The true peacemakers are those who preserve peace of mind and body for love of our Lord Jesus Christ, despite what they suffer in this world.

(Admonition XV of St. Francis)







## How Can We Help?

As members of the Regional Executive Council make their Pastoral and Fraternal visitations throughout the Region, the most common question and concern of ministers and their councils is the frequent / habitual absence of brothers and sisters from monthly gatherings: not just occasionally as necessity might demand for everyone, but monthly for months / years on end.

At the time of Profession, each brother and sisters has promised the following: "To live all the days of my life the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Secular Franciscan Order by observing its rule of life . . . (**RITUAL**, p. 24)." Concretely, that means living out Article 22 of the **RULE** which reads, "The local fraternity . . . should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its member." Because this promise is made to God in the presence of the Church, the Franciscan Family, and the local fraternity it is a serious commitment not to be taken lightly or flippantly.

Article 16 and 17 of the **RULE** certainly confirm the importance of family and matrimonial life as signs of a " . . . world already renewed in Christ . . ." and an opportunity to " . . . bear witness in the world to the love of Christ for His Church."

Everyone knows that legitimate extended absences sometimes become necessary. But these can easily be dealt with by requesting a "leave of absence". However, simply not showing up without any explanation is not any more acceptable than parents having their offspring not show up for months on end for family meals, celebrations, and other occasions. Franciscan life is fraternal by its very nature, and since Franciscans " . . . are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about ... (**RULE**, #14)" habitually

absenting oneself from the basic unit where that building begins, is supported and deepens, is contradictory.

No one would contest that attendance at family weddings, baptisms, reunions, etc. are important for the solidarity of the family, but attendance at fraternity gatherings is no less important. During the three years preceding Profession, each candidate was given that time to prayerfully consider whether he / she could make the commitment that made it possible to "juggle" both of these important aspects of their lives. Believing in the sincerity of those professing, the Secular Franciscan Order accepted the request of each brother and sisters to commit themselves to an authentic living out of the **RULE**.

Sometimes only a few months later — what happens to that promise?

This is of grave concern to those of us making Pastoral and Fraternal visits who are charged and commissioned by the

Franciscan Order to " . . . assure fidelity to the charism and to the Rule..." (Statutes for Spiritual and Pastoral Assistance to the SFO, Article 14. 1). To ask ourselves and you some serious questions is both our responsibility and our

fraternal concern as it is yours.

Therefore, it begs some questions for reflection: how can we help our brothers and sisters who are experiencing this difficulty in a pastorally sensitive manner? How can we assist those who have made a promise to God, the Church, and the Franciscan Order to live out what they've promised more fully? How can we help them understand the word "**IN** the Franciscan Order ..." means not just along side, or once in awhile, or when I have nothing better to do, or as a sign of pride to belong to the "Third Order", etc. but as **IN** active communion with and a part of? Is someone from each fraternity assigned to call or email absent members to see if they are well, would appreciate a ride, or need other forms of assistance?

In this 40th Anniversary year celebrating the Rule, how can we help our brothers and sisters improve their living out of the promise to be an active member of their



What happens to that promise?



fraternity?

### PRAYER:

Lord, watch over these, your servants,  
May the Spirit of your love penetrate  
their hearts,  
so that your grace with strengthen them  
to keep their commitment to the  
gospel life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen. (**RITUAL**, p. 23).

*Pastoral Visitations are not all work, and we had a little playfulness with St. Francis and the wolf while visiting LITTLE PORTION FRATERNITY in Valparaiso*

Uh, Francis, I think we have a problem here. Francis, Francis, are you listening ????



Brother Wolf, listen to what he tells you . . .

## News and Views from around the Region: both new and old

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRATERNITY:

One of our brothers, Bill Schmitt, OFS, has had his most recent book published. It is entitled "When Headlines Hurt: Do We Have a Prayer?" It is available through Amazon Kindle and is connected to the World Communications Day message about contemporary use of the media presented by Pope Francis on May 13, 2018. It concludes with an inspiring paraphrase of the famous Peace Prayer.



fore all enjoyed the fruits of participants culinary delights.

The afternoon of fraternal joy was held at Deacon Paul's home. A lovely statue of St. Francis made our Holy Father's presence felt for the joyous occasion.



One participant wrote the following:

God was very gracious to us and thanks to the hospitality of Deacon Paul and his wife Jackie.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES FRATERNITY:** Through the generosity of the brothers and sisters, the fraternity was able to assemble 42 gallon sized bags containing personal hygiene items and socks for girls (25) and boys (17). They were delivered to St. Francis Center at the Franciscan Health Dyer campus. The center is an adolescent residential treatment facility for male and female youths (ages 12-18) who would be unsuccessful unless in a highly structure and controlled environ-



ment. The bags were very gratefully received.

**SACRED HEART FRATERNITY** in Indianapolis sponsored their Annual Patriotic Party and Songfest for the residents at the Meridian Street Nursing and Convalescent Center on July 8. Fraternity members treated the residents with delicious cookies and cool, refreshing lemonade.

Congratulations, also, to their newly elected Council on July 22, 2018: Brian Foust, OFS, Minister; John Mader, OFS, Vice-Minister; Kathy Saucedo, OFS, Secretary; Margaret Foust, OFS, Treasurer, Fred Kidwell, OFS, Formation Director.

**ST. BONIFACE FRATERNITY** collected non-perishable items such as canned good or boxed goods for the Poor Clares in Kokomo. These holy women are always so appreciative.

**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FRATERNITY** is inviting young people (ages 18—40) to join them for a retreat on September 15. It will be an excellent opportunity to show young folks who and what Franciscans are and invite them to consider the Secular Franciscan Order.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRATERNITY** began its yearlong celebration of its 60th Anniversary as a Fraternity on July 21 — one month late. June meeting cancelled because of weather / heat issues but made up for it in July while enjoying a tasty cake after a study of Tibor Kauser's wonderful letter about the 40th Anniversary of the Rule.



### PEOPLE OF PEACE FRATERNITY:



Pictured here at the Profession Ceremony on July 10, 2018 at Marian University in Indianapolis: From left to right: Rosemary Nelson, OFS, Minister Helen Burke, OFS. Dr. John Williams, OFS, Formation Director Jack Hill, OFS. Congratulations from all your Franciscan brothers and sisters of Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity.

**ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY** enjoyed their annual summer picnic at Deacon Paul Krillich's home on Sunday, July 8, 2019. Brothers and sisters from nearby Our Lady of Lourdes Fraternity joined for a prayerful celebration of Mass with Bishop Donald Hying as celebrant be-



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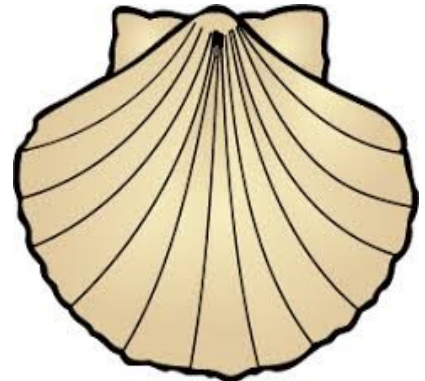
**OUR LADY OF INDIANA REGIONAL FRATERNITY** enjoyed their annual UNITY DAY as a Franciscan family at St. Joan of Arc Church in Kokomo on August 12. Fittingly, it was also the Feast of St. Clare whose spirit was surely felt as Fr. Michael Surufka, OFM, presented two soul-stirring reflections on "Penance, Reconciliation, and Forgiveness". No one walked away untouched by Father's inspiring talks especially the stories about his own powerful story of being able to forgive. And we all enjoyed each others tasty culinary treats as well. What a gift Unity Day is to all of us in this Regional Fraternity!



**ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL SECULAR FRANCISCANS HOST A RETREAT:** This reflection of St. Francis of Assisi on the Holy Eucharist ties in with the Young Adult Retreat that St. Michael the Archangel Secular Fraternity is hosting. It is on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> at Divine Mercy Parish in Paulding, Ohio with registration starting at 9 am. It will conclude with Mass, at 6 pm, celebrated by Father Poggemeyer. They are considering young adults from age 18-40 and couples are welcomed. They are also offering free babysitting service at Divine Mercy Church. The cost is \$10 for singles and \$15 for couples. There are also scholarships offered. If you are interested please call Christopher Bercau at 419-769-2679 or Jean Wonderly at 419-542-8053 if you want an application or have questions. Sister Anita Holzmer will be the presenter and the topic is "**Franciscan Eucharistic Heritage**"

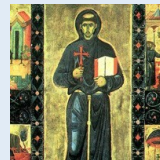


**ASSISI PILGRIMS** met on Sunday, August 29, at St. Francis Convent in Mishawaka as an opportunity to meet each other before the journey begins. Pilgrims were also given some reflections on the difference between tourists and pilgrims as well as some handy guidelines for packing, safety, money issues, etc. They were also given a copy of the "Pilgrims Guide" which will guide Morning and Evening Prayer, the celebration of Eucharist as well as the various holy places to be visited.



*Traditionally, pilgrims carried shells for dipping water to relieve their thirst.*

Some Recommended Considerations for Ongoing Formation from Sharon Roberts, OFS, Formation Director, Muncie



Here is some information on the *Now You Know Media* program we are currently using for ongoing formation at St. Anthony Fraternity. It's "**The Franciscan Intellectual Tradition**", an audio CD series of 12 talks by Br. Bill Short, OFM.

Br. Short organizes the talks around topics, not specific theologians. He gives the Franciscan perspective on these topics by drawing on Francis, Bonaventure, Scotus, and others but in an understandable way. I have listened to about half of the talks now and find them very well done. The fraternity has only heard the first talk so far, but people indicated that they enjoyed it. "I can't wait until they hear the second talk on the 'Communion of the Trinity'". "I don't know that I will ever truly understand the Trinity, but this talk is the best commentary on the Trinity that I have ever heard."

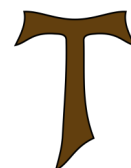
Here is a link to the series:

<https://www.nowyouknowmedia.com/franciscan/the-franciscan-intellectual-tradition.html>

The second recommendation is the radio theater production about Saint Francis that won the 2018 Audi Award for Best Audio Drama. It's called **Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi**. I

haven't heard it yet. Kathy Kindt told me about it. I think it is ten 25 or 30 minute programs with a study guide for discussion. I don't think it is directed to Franciscans per se, so I don't know how in-depth it might be. Here is a link to it: <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/store/title/brother-francis-5-cd-audio-drama-discussion-guide>

*Thanks to both Sharon and Kathy for passing these recommendations on to the rest of us. Blessings on you both!*





From **JACK HILL, OFS**, our  
Regional Justice, Peace, and Integrity  
of Creation Animator

What does the phrase "It all depends on whose ox is being gored" bring to mind? Do you have an image of a time or place in the world where highly valued cattle might be damaged? What role does self-interest play? For most of my life, this phrase has caused me to look for where the hurt was in our world.

For example, while working with young people in the prolife movement, I pointed out the numbers of deaths of the unborn, as well as stories about hurt inflicted upon their families compared to stories about the "inconvenience" of raising children.

Perhaps a few more examples of death or damage help with this concept. How many people on earth, especially children, are dying or suffering from hunger or malnutrition? How many people do not live in anything that you would call a house? How many people, or creatures on God's earth, are having their lives disrupted by climate change such



that they become either refugees, or their populations are decimated or eliminated?

Certainly Secular Franciscans can promote Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) in their fraternities and their lives. Prolife groups, food banks, action groups such as Habitat for Humanity, social justice advocacy groups such as Bread for the World and the Catholic Climate Covenant can help form our thoughts and actions. We are then learning what the hurts are in our world.

In 2017, mental health professionals were coining new terms: "election stress disorder" or "headline stress disorder". While nowhere as serious as the above hurts, I think we must look and listen to, in a Franciscan manner, the pain that our brothers and sisters we disagree with are presenting. This requires us to talk less. Else, we never get to JPIC.



Sister Death has  
called home . . .

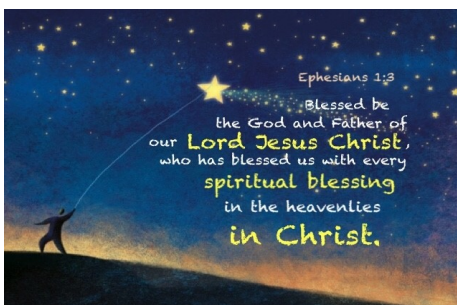
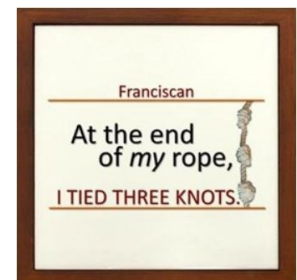
"Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father." (RULE, Article 19)

### ST. BONIFACE FRATERNITY

Dolores Vergari, OFS,  
professed 26 years  
Virginia Marshall, OFS,  
professed 39 years

### LITTLE PORTION FRATERNITY

Joan Pacholke, OFS,  
professed 13 years  
Nancy Walleske, OFS,  
professed 20 years



Larry writes:

We have been asked to send a "short article" describing the blessings in our lives. As Harry Carey would say, "Holy cow!". *Short* and *blessings* just don't

seem to belong in the same sentence.

As far back as I can remember my Irish mother would say, "You wouldn't be able to lift your little finger without God's help" and I recall that as a blessing!

And now I know that everything in my Franciscan life is a blessing from our Lord and I am blest to be thankful — many are not.

Fraternity, family, friends, nature, work, peace, prayer, nourishment, landscape, technology

entertainment, compassion, health, thought, exercise, shelter, conversation music, art, neighbors, warmth, weather, travel, healing, sun and stars, the Gospel, the Church, penance, forgiveness, love, and a good beer . . . it goes on and on . . .

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessings in the heavenly places (Eph 1:3-10)".

*Formerly a member of Little Portion Fraternity in Valparaiso, Larry Hunt is now a resident of the state of New Mexico near to his family.*

## Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity



To join OUR LADY OF INDIANA list-serve  
send a blank email to:

OLI-Region-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

“We, the Secular Franciscans of Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity, are called by virtue of Baptism and Confirmation to holiness. We are committed by our Profession to living the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in our time according to the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi for the rebuilding of the Church.

With the help of Mary our Advocate, Protectress, and Patroness, we will foster prayer, vital fraternities, and communication. We will provide direction, support and resources to local fraternities for understanding and implementing the Rule, the General Constitutions, and the National Statutes of the Secular Franciscan Order, and our Regional Fraternity Guidelines.”

## 2018 Dates to Remember

**September 8:** Candidates Day Away (rescheduled from summer):  
Kokomo, St. Joan of Arc

17 — *Feast of the Stigmata of our Holy Father, St. Francis*

**October 6:** Regional Executive Council: Kokomo

4— *Solemnity of our Holy Father St. Francis*

8—18 Assisi Pilgrimage with Sr. Agnes Marie and Fr. Bob Showers, OFM Conv of  
Angola: Rome, Assisi, Greccio, La Verna

9-14 Na Fra Elective Chapter: St. Louis Regional Minister attends.

**November 10:** Fall Chapter of Mats: Kokomo

17 — *Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Patroness of the Third Order*

29 — *Feast of all Saints of the Seraphic Order*

**December:** No scheduled activities

25: *Solemnity of the Incarnation of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

**2019 Aug 3 UNITY DAY—St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo**

## 2018 Monthly Intentions of Prayer OFS and YOUFRA

**SEPTEMBER: Universal:** That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

**OFS:** For the national fraternities of Great Britain, Oceania Australia (VFP), Angola and Sweden. Our Father . . .

**OCTOBER: Universal:** That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

**OFS:** For the national fraternities of Croatia (VFP), Sri Lanka and India. Our Father . . .

**NOVEMBER: Universal:** That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

**OFS:** For the national fraternities of the United States, Portugal, Vietnam (VFP), Nicaragua (VFP) and for the CIOFS Presidency. Our Father . . .

**DECEMBER: Universal:** That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**OFS:** For all the national fraternities in difficulty. Our Father . . .

