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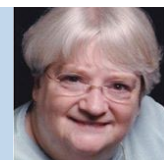
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A Message from our Regional Minister:

Kathleen White, OFS



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How do you define 'service' – 'servant leader' – 'leadership'? I have great concern lately for the number of fraternities in our Regional Fraternity that have reluctant leadership. This is something that has always puzzled me. It is not difficult to serve your fraternity. One must understand that decisions are made by the Council, not one individual. In Council, we greet, we pray, we learn, we discuss, we decide, we act – we serve. With an agenda, it is not difficult for a Minister or a Vice Minister to facilitate a meeting. With a "fill-in-the-blanks" form, it is not difficult to be the Secretary. If you balance your own checkbook, surely you can balance the fraternity's checkbook. And the Formation Director has the joy of watching everyone – Inquirers, Candidates, and the Professed – grow in their love of Jesus by following Francis and Clare and the Franciscan Saints who so greatly inspire us.

Our Regional Executive Council often greets each other with a 'Hello – how can I be of service to you?' whether by phone or text or email. We work together to get things done that serve you, our Franciscan brothers and sisters. There is great joy in coming together, and there is a longing when we are apart. When we visit fraternities, we always ask – how can the Regional Fraternity be of service to you? We rarely get a response.

Each fraternity should have a copy of *Handbook for Secular Franciscan Servant Leadership* (see inside back page of each issue of TAU-USA.) We have held numerous sessions on servant leadership over the years. We are available to come talk to your fraternity/council, if invited. We ache when fraternities suffer for lack of leadership. While Scripture says some are leaders (Ephesians 4:11) we are all called to serve. And our Rule, General Constitutions, and National Statutes state that we lead by service, and we are all servants to each other.

There is joy in servant leadership! Look for the blessings! Your small part in serving on your local council contributes to the big picture of fraternity life. And it should never, ever mean that you do all the work! Tasks are shared, and assistance is given. It is forever a learning experience. Embrace the challenge!

How can we be of service to you? We sincerely want to know.



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 holy beloved Son, Lord and teacher.

What We Have Promised to Live . . .

- (1) "All the faithful are called to holiness and have right to follow their own spiritual way in communion with the Church.
- (2) There are many spiritual families in the Church with different charisms. Among these families, the Franciscan family, which in its various branches recognizes St. Francis of Assisi as its father, inspiration, and model, must be included.

- (3) From the beginning, the Secular Franciscan Order has had its own proper place in the Franciscan family. It is formed by the organic union of all the Catholic fraternities whose members, moved by the Holy Spirit, commit themselves through profession to live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis, in their secular state, following the Rule approve by the Church (Constitution, Article 1: #1-3)."



REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Kathleen White, OFS : Regional Minister

Barb Braley, OFS: Regional Vice-Minister

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JPIC Animator: Jack Hill, OFS



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Fraternal and Pastoral Visitations

In a few short weeks, we will be honored with the presence of Fr. Jerome Wolbert, OFM, and Mary Bittner, OFS, who will be conducting our Pastoral/Fraternal Visitation. It is a graced time for Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity as well as for each brother and sister. What are "Pastoral" and "Fraternal" Visitations?"

Pastoral Visitation: a privileged moment of communion of the 1st Order or the TOR with the Secular Franciscan Order. It is carried out in the name of the Church and serves to revive the evangelical Franciscan spirit, to assure fidelity to the charism and to the Rule, to offer help to fraternity life, to reinforce the bond of unity in the Secular Franciscan Order, and to promote its most effective insertion into the Franciscan family and the Church (Statutes for Spiritual and Pastoral Assistance to the SFO — Article 14).

Fraternal Visitation: the fraternal visitor examines fraternity books, register, financial records, etc. These need to be available and in order, well prepared by council officers.

Both visitations involve brothers and sisters seeking ways to help one another — sharing ideas and issues and dreaming a vision of how to live our Franciscan charism more completely and dynamically.

Visitors may share directives and ideas from the national and or the international councils — thus keeping us abreast of happenings throughout the worldwide Franciscan order.

During the next few weeks, please ask the Holy Spirit's inspiration and guidance on all participants.



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CIOFS FORMATION THE RULE The Challenge

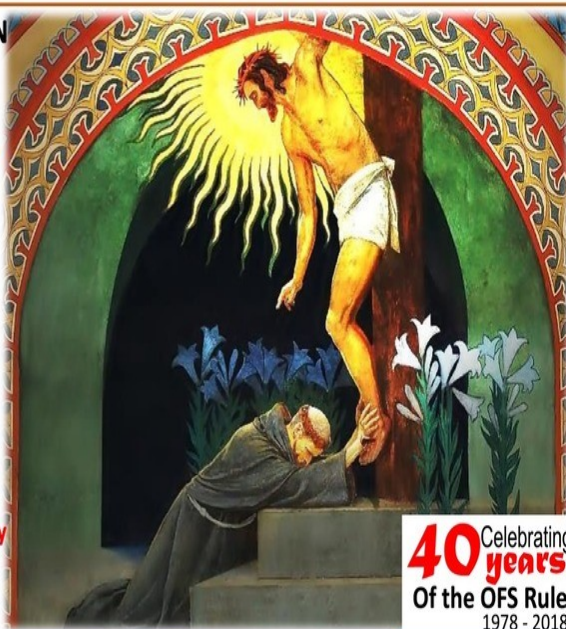
Do I love the Lord?

Mk 12:30

"Christ, the gift of the Father's love, is the way to Him." Art 4

- 1=never;
- 2=rarely;
- 3=sometimes;
- 4=often;
- 5=always

How have I shown my love for the Lord today?



40 Celebrating
years
Of the OFS Rule
1978 - 2018

Reflections from Barb Braley, OFS, Regional Vice-Minster

The Secular Franciscan Order has something called JPIC. It stands for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation. I'd like to take each of these in turn.

Justice. *The Catechism of the Catholic Church defines justice as "the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the 'virtue of religion.' Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good" (article 1807). This definition goes far beyond the common idea of justice as punishment for wrongdoing. It is positive and proactive. It reminds us that we have a God-given responsibility to seek the true good of others. In fact, our Rule tells us that we should be "in the forefront of promoting justice," both as individuals and communally (article 15).*

Peace. *Returning to the Catechism, it defines peace as "the tranquility of order." It goes beyond the mere absence of conflict and/or maintaining a balance of powers. Peace requires respect for others, effective communication and safeguarding the rights and goods of others. It is the practice of fraternity, the work of justice, and the effect of charity (CCC 2304). It must reflect the peace of Christ, work to reconcile broken relationships with God and others (again both individually and communally), and to make us become sacraments of unity in the world (CCC 2305). The Rule speaks of us being signs of a world "already renewed in Christ" (article 17). Further, the Rule calls and challenges us to seek out ways of being peacemakers through dialogue, trust in the innate "divine seed" in everyone,*

and in the "transforming power of love and pardon" (article 19). Jesus himself said that those who are peacemakers will be blessed and called the children of God (Matthew 5:9).

Integrity of Creation. *Scripture contains two narratives of creation. At the end of the sixth day in Genesis 1, God calls everything He has made to be "very good" (1:31). Please take the time to carefully read both of these narratives. The two most important things to remember are 1) that God created everything out of love; and, 2) that all of creation also reflected the Trinitarian community of love itself. In other words, there was an integrity in creation that was lost after the Fall because the relationships instituted "in the beginning" (Genesis 1:1) were broken. The Son of God became incarnate in order to heal brokenness by forgiving sins and, most importantly, reconciling us to God and to each other. Part of our ongoing work of reconciling our brokenness is to remember that we also have a relationship with creation itself. According to Genesis 2, God "took the man and settled him in the garden of Eden, to cultivate and care for it" (2:15). Even after our first parents were exiled from the Garden, God did not rescind the vocation to care for creation. It just got a lot harder because the relationship with creation was broken. Our Rule reminds us that God is reflected in all of creation and that we have a "universal kinship" to it (article 18).*

Where is this all leading? It is leading to a reminder that JPIC is not just another good idea or another committee for which we have to find people who are willing to serve. It is, rather, at its highest level a sacred duty. Within the Order, it is a call within a call to go beyond ourselves to sacrificial and even sacramental involve-



ment.

Jack Hill is our Regional JPIC Coordinator. Each local fraternity should also have a JPIC Coordinator. As the saying goes, many hands make light work (or at least lighter work). Even if individuals are already doing things in this area, let the local coordinators know, and then let Jack know, too. You never know – what one person in one fraternity is doing may be the key for an entire local fraternity, or even for the Regional, National, or International fraternities. That's what fraternity life is all about!

Pace e bene!

Barb

REGIONAL UNITY DAY

August 11, 2018

St. Joan of Arc – Kokomo
Mass, Reflection on "Penance,
and Conversion" Fr Michael

Surufka, OFM, picnic, plenty of hugs
to go around, etc.



Looking forward
to seeing everyone!

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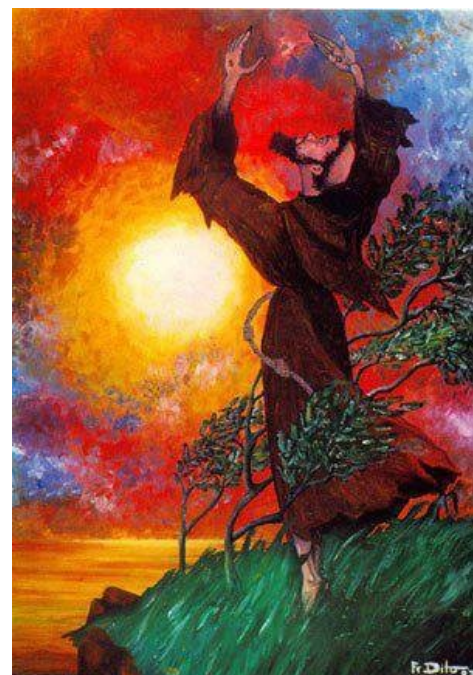
should be accorded . . . to the name
of the Most High."



"...yours are the praise, the glory, and the honor, and all blessing, to You alone, Most high, do they belong, and no human is worthy to mention Your name (The Canticle of the Creatures, op. cit. p. 113)."

Francis' Letter to the Entire Order reminds the friars "When you hear his **name**, the **name** of that Son of the Most High , Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is blessed forever, adore his name with fear and reference, and prostrate on the ground (op. cit. p. 116)."

There are other places in his writings and prayers that St. Francis reminds the friars frequently about the reverence due, not only the Body and Blood of Jesus, but also to God's names — even written and formed by letters on scraps of papers. That's how much it meant to him, it was how seriously he took it, and why he never ceased to remind his brothers about it. As followers in Francis' footsteps, I'd like to invite everyone to do that "word check" and maybe be as daring as Francis was — to remind ourselves and our brothers and sisters of the dignity and honor which



Our Post-Vatican II reflections on the Eucharistic celebration have given us the grace of seeing a more intimate connection between the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist: first when we hear the WORD spoken and then, when we are united with the WORD made flesh under the



Dave Dieringer, OFS,
Regional Formation Director

"Franciscan formation is based on a personal encounter with the Lord, and begins with the call of God and the individual's decision to walk with Saint Francis in the footsteps of the poor and crucified Christ as His disciple under the action of the Holy Spirit. Franciscan formation is a continuous process of growth and conversion involving the whole of a person's life, called to develop his or her own particular human, Christian and Franciscan dimensions, radically living the Holy Gospel, in the spirit of prayer and devotion, in fraternity and minority. The following of Jesus Christ in the manner of St. Francis leads us to commit ourselves to the Church and with her to place ourselves at the service of the men and women of our time as messengers of reconciliation and peace.

The following of Christ was shaped for St. Francis by his encounters with the San Damiano Cross, with the leper, and by his listening to the Gospel. These experiences made St. Francis grow in his passionate love of the poor and crucified Christ, until his

complete conformity with Him on La Verna. The strong experience of God as Father and the Highest Good characterized the life of St. Francis. It moved him to an attitude towards the Creator of gratitude and praise for His wonders and made him a brother to all people and to all creatures. The gift given to St. Francis was that of beginning to do penance. This then involved a process of continuing conversion which changed to sweetness those things which before had seemed bitter. St. Francis was in due course led to forsake the mentality and attitudes of this world, to despoil himself of his possessions and of himself in order to pass from a life centered on himself to a gradual conformity with Christ (cf. Test 1.3-4). The path followed by St. Francis is a model for the life and formation of us Franciscans today, for we too are called to walk along the same road until we achieve the full stature of Christ (cf. Eph 4,13)."

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Regional Fraternity, Formation Director's Manual

ATTENTION

All Ministers and Formation Directors in
Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity

We are inviting you and your Candidates to
the third annual Candidates Day Away

Saturday, July 14, 10:00AM

OLDENBURG HALL - Marian University
Indianapolis, IN

This day is planned for Candidates only.

Inquirers in your care will attend next year
when they are Candidates

Please RSVP with this information:

Fraternity name
Formation Director's Name
Name(s) of each attending Candidate

to: David J. Dieringer...dier736@comcast.net

For information or questions, please call
Dave @ (219)309-4978

Lunch will be provided through the generosity
People of Peace Fraternity.

Words and What They
Mean:
Clarity for Understanding

In this reflection, there isn't any attempt to usurp the workings of our awesome Regional Formation Director Dave Dieringer, OFS. But when sifting through fraternity newsletters, terms used are sometimes baffling. Sometimes in life, it's possible to use words interchangeably. On the other hand that can also be confusing and inaccurate when being specific is important — like in the formation process as given in the **FUN** Manual.

Though speaking to the choir, I'd like to review the three very clear stages of Initial Formation for the sake of directing our thinking:

ORIENTATION: a time for determining a person's interest, eligibility and disposition to enter into the initial formation process.

INQUIRY: a time of seeking and choosing.

CANDIDACY: a period of interiorizing and integration of the Gospel life to prepare the Candidate for a lifetime commitment to live the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Sometimes our fraternities are blest with a gift of those who are interested in the Secular Franciscan Order and would like more information about what that calling means so they attend a "Come and See" event. Fraternally, we invite them to our Gatherings to let them see Franciscan life in action for themselves.

BUT

they ARE NOT Inquirers (2nd phase of Formation), they are **ASPIRANTS** (those who are "seeking"). They are in the stage of asking questions, seeking clarifications, discerning whether the Spirit may be calling them to a more serious pursuit of the Secular Franciscan Order by entering into the threefold Initial Formation Process.

To summarize:

Aspirants

Orientation

Inquiry

Candidacy

Hopefully, these thoughts will provide all of us with some clarification with common terminology.



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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FRATERNITY in Cedar Lake, was treated to a special Day of Prayer and Reflection with Sr. Ruth Luthman, OSF, in February leading the reflections.



Left to right back row: Joy McCullough, OFS, Fr. Michael Surufka, OFM, Sr. Ruth Luthman, OSF, Kathy Dominguez, OFS. Front row: Marian Paskash, OFS, Nancy Fagan, OFS, and Bernardine Barrett, OFS.

On March 19, 2018, they were also blessed to have Bishop Hying of the Gary Diocese as the celebrant for their Profession ceremony at Holy Name Church.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRATERNITY Inquirers, Art Singleton and Michelle Klotz, are seen here working diligently on preparations for carving their own TAU crosses as part of their discernment process for themselves and the members of their Inquiry group. Both expressed the thought that the artistic and creative process brought both of them to a spirit of reflection and prayer as they continued on their pathways to Profession.



LADY CLARE FRATERNITY is happy to present their newly elected Council:



Vice Minister: Deacon Ron Morrow, Formation Director, Linda Grady, Secretary, Katie Svec, Minister, Elaine Stiner, Treasurer, Yolanda Lanson, and Councilor, Marge Sayers.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FRATERNITY in Cedar Lake celebrated the Profession of Gloria Walker, OFS and Joseph Martinez, OFS, in Holy Name Church on March 17, 2018 with the Most Rev. Bishop Donald J. Hying as Celebrant. From everyone in Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity, we promise you our prayer and our fraternal support!



Pictured from L to R: Formation Director -Joy McCullough OFS; Minister-Kathryn Dominguez OFS; newly professed Gloria Walker OFS; the Most Reverend Bishop Donald J. Hying, of the Diocese of Gary IN; newly professed- Joseph Martinez OFS; and, Vice Minister- Nancy Fagen OFS.

RETREAT WITH FR. MICHAEL SURUFKA, OFM from Cedar Lake: Father Michael certainly touched all of our hearts with his reflections on "Penance, Reconciliation, and Conversion". His catchy stories caught us and then inspired us as he turned them into lessons to be remembered about the three



themes of the day. We're all looking forward to his return at some time to speak with us about the "Eucharist in our Franciscan Charism". Despite inclement weather, brothers and sisters from St. Mary of the Angels in St. John joined the fraternity for this special day of prayer and reflection.

ST. BONIFACE FRATERNITY held its bi-annual Bingo Game for the residents of Tippecanoe Villa on May 19th, 2018. Fraternity members share their joyous Franciscan spirit with game-players whose spirits are up-lifted with the melodious sounds of numbers and expectation of being able to shout BINGO!



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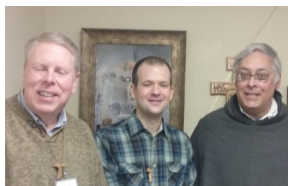
SACRED HEART FRATERNITY and the other fraternities in Indianapolis enjoyed their 2nd Annual Franciscan Family Picnic on May 19th in Garfield Park.



ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS in St. John began their fraternal outreach with the opening of a soup kitchen to serve the Gary community at St. Joseph the Worker Parish with the approval of Bishop Hying. On April 7, the first meal of chicken, mostaccioli, salads and bread was served in the Franciscan fashion of prayer and service. One of the guests was so impressed he stayed afterwards to help clean the eating area with a grateful smile.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FRATERNITY joined the brothers and sisters of **HOLY FAMILY FRATERNITY** in Fort Wayne for a retreat on April 29th. Sr. Anita Holzmer, OSF, was the presenter.

ST. CHARLES FRATERNITY in Fort Wayne welcomed profession of David Frank, OFS, on April 15th. Very special day shared with his wife and little one, Marie. Fr. Bob Showers, OFM Conv from Angola was celebrant at Mass at the University of St. Francis. We are blessed with this newly professed member of our Franciscan Family!



We are also looking forward to learning more about Blessed Solanus Casey at a retreat June 29, 30, and July 1 In Huntington at the St. Felix Friary. To offer more information, Jan Shear from our fraternity shared the flyer. Sr. Mary Govert, our spiritual assistant was asked to do a short talk. The fraternity is not sponsoring the retreat, the Fr. Solanus Guild is sponsoring this event.

ST. ANTHONY FRATERNITY in Muncie had their Pastoral Visit with Sr. Agnes Marie on April 25, 2018, and the evening was filled with sharings from fraternity members on their call to the Secular Franciscan Or-

der and how they serve the local Church with their gifts of service.

PEOPLE OF PEACE FRATERNITY

enjoyed their fraternal visit with Rich Cain on Sunday, May 6th. We meet at Marian University trying to be as centrally located as possible. Our 29 members/formation participants represent 15 different parishes in five different counties! It is such a joy to getting together in one big room. At this particular gathering the



ongoing formation was a talk/slide show on the San Damiano Cross presented by long-time member Joe Stetzel OFS. People in every stage of formation learned something new. We are looking forward to a picnic with the other fraternities in Indianapolis and Terre Haute in May, profession for two members in June and to hosting Candidates' Day Away in July.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES ELECTION:

Congratulations to: Sharon Marmalejo, OFS, Minister; Nancy Fagan, OFS, Vice-Minister; Carol Donner, OFS, Secretary; Bernadine Barrett, OFS, Treasurer; Christine Popiela, OFS, Formation Director. The fraternity is grateful for their accepting the call to minister and pray that the Holy Spirit will always animate and guide them.

Unless the eye catch fire,
God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire
God will be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
God will not be loved
Unless the mind catch fire
God will not be known.

—
William Blake



Thanks to all who submitted info for "News and Views". Your brothers and sisters around the Region love to see what you're doing in your local Fraternity.



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

It's always good to recall some of the reflections on our Common Home given by our Holy Father, Pope Francis as he recalls St. Francis's love and care for creation.

"In calling to mind the figure of Saint Francis of Assisi, we come to realize that a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change. The Australian bishops spoke of the importance of such conversion for achieving reconciliation with creation: "To achieve such reconciliation, we must examine our lives and acknowledge the ways in which we have harmed God's creation through our actions and our failure to act. We need to experience a conversion, or change of heart".

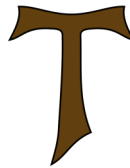
Nevertheless, self-improvement on the part of individuals will not by itself remedy the extremely complex situation facing our world today. Isolated individuals can lose their ability and freedom to escape the utilitarian mindset, and end up prey to an unethical consumerism bereft of social or ecological awareness. Social problems must be addressed by community networks and not simply by the sum of individual good deeds. This task "will make such tremendous demands of man that he could never achieve it by individ-



ual initiative or even by the united effort of men bred in an individualistic way. The work of dominating the world calls for a union of skills and a unity of achievement that can only grow from quite a different attitude."

The ecological conversion needed to bring about lasting change is also a community conversion.

From the Encyclical of Pope Francis, "Laudato si'", 3 281-219.



From **SHARON MARMALEJO, OFS**, Regional Counselor Northwest

Now that spring has finally arrived, we can appreciate all that our Creator has provided for our pleasure with thankful hearts.

Having that first cup of coffee in the early morning looking out at the lush landscape, I can only wonder how anyone can say there isn't a God. From the vibrant green of the grass to the delicate pink of the tulip, no artist could ever improve on all the colors that



God has provided. I came across something that was written by St. Paul of The Cross. (It sounds like

something St. Francis would have written) I'd like to share it as I think it says it all.

"Let all creation help you to praise God. Give yourself the rest you need. When you are walking alone, listen to the sermon preached by the flowers, the trees,



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

Joe Wippel, OFS, 2.19.18

QUEEN OF ALL SAINTS

Eldona Fox, OFS, 5.3.18

ANNIVERSARIES

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Charlene Hulett, OFS, 31years; Deacon
Romeo Munoz, OFS, and John Biegel,
OFS, 28 years

ST. BONIFACE

Arlene Goodman, SFO, 39 years, Robert
Goodman, OFS, 37 years, Betty Price,
OFS, 41 years, Connie Lux, OFS, 39 years

ST. ANTHONY

William Botkin, OFS, 64 years
William Fink, OFS, 65 years

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Fred Kagel, OFS, 34 years
Chris Beiting, OFS, 31 years
Sarah Beiting, OFS, 29 years



the shrubs, the sky, the sun and the whole world. Notice how they preach to you a sermon full of love, of praise of God, and how they invite you to proclaim the greatness of the one who has given them being."

Enjoy!

Pax et Bonum,

Sharon Marmalejo

Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity—Secular Franciscan Order



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"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

June 8, 9, 10: Regional Visitation / REC: University of St. Francis, Fort Wayne
June 24: Anniversary of the Approval of the Secular Franciscan Rule by Pope Paul VI.

June 13: Feast of St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor

July 14: Candidates Day Away: Marian University, Indianapolis

July 15: St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor

July 16: Canonization of St. Francis of Assisi

August 11: Unity Day — Kokomo: St. Joan of Arc

August 2: Feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula

August 12: Feast of St. Clare, Virgin

September 8: Fall Formation Directors / Team Members Workshop: Kokomo

September 17: Feast of the Stigmata of our Holy Father, St. Francis

October 4: Feast of our Holy Father, St. Francis

October 13: Regional Executive Council: Kokomo

8—18 Assisi Pilgrimage with Sr. Agnes Marie and Fr. Bob Showers, OFM Conv of

Angola: Rome, Assisi, Greccio, La Verna

23—29 NaFra Elective Chapter: St. Louis

November 10: Fall Chapter of Mats: Kokomo

2018 Monthly Intentions of Prayer OFS and YOUFRA

June:

Universal: That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

OFS: For the national fraternities, of Haiti, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, El Salvador, Austria, Malawi and Puerto Rico. Our Father . . .

JULY:

Universal: That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and friendships with their brother priests.

OFS: For the national fraternities of Rwanda and for the Pan-African Congress. Our Father . . .

AUGUST:

Universal: That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

OFS: For the national fraternities of Paraguay (VFP), Ireland, Brazil and the European Congress. Our Father . . .

If you love being
Franciscan — show
it!

