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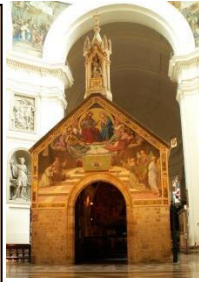
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# SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGIONAL FRATERNITY

February 19, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings of peace and all good to you and your fraternities!

Article 24 of our Rule states that “to foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community...”

Your Regional Executive Council is happy to announce that once again we will gather, in person, for our yearly Chapter of Mats called **CONVIVENZA** on **Saturday, April 30, 2022, in Bishop Manning Hall at St. Bonaventure Parish in Paterson.**

*Convivenza* is the one, true opportunity for all of us to gather as a Regional Family! At *Convivenza* everyone in the Region can come together to pray, learn, share, and socialize. Please share this with everyone in your fraternity so that everyone is offered the opportunity to attend *Convivenza*.

Our theme is **PADRE PIO AND THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS** and we are **blessed and excited to have as our speaker, Fr. John Aurilia, OFM Cap.** In 1967, Fr. John served as **Padre Pio's personal secretary** and will share some wonderful memories with us. Fr. John told us that Padre Pio had love for the Secular Franciscans.

**As we have done in the past, we are asking for a special donation.** Fr. John is pastor at Immaculate Conception Parish in the Bronx. **This year we will accept cash or check donations for the Helping Hands Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry** connected to his parish. **Checks should be made out to Helping Hands.**

This soup kitchen serves food to more than 200 people each day, increasing to almost 400 people each day in the summer and has been doing so for the past 26 years.

A DRAFT agenda follows. For planning and set up logistics at Bishop Manning Hall, please **let us know how many will be attending from your fraternity by April 18<sup>th</sup>.** You may **email or text me using the information at the left side of this letter.**

We look forward to seeing you on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Peace,

Chris Leone, OFS  
Minister, Our Lady of the Angels Region

# CONVIVENZA 2022 - SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

(DRAFT)

9:30 AM Registration and Coffee

10:00 AM Morning Prayer

10:15 AM Welcome and announcements

10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Presentation followed by questions and discussion

***PADRE PIO AND THE SECULAR FRANCISCANS***

**Fr. John Aurilia, OFM Cap, Pastor, Immaculate Conception Parish, Bronx, NY**

11:30 AM Break

11:45 AM Mass

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM Lunch (Brown Bag)

1:15 PM - 2:30 PM Announcements and distribution of informational materials

Small group discussions

Large group sharing

Closing Comments and Final Blessing

## DIRECTIONS

**St. Bonaventure Church (Bishop Manning Hall – across the street from the Church)**

174 Ramsey Street, Paterson, NJ 07501. There is a large parking lot just past the entrance to the Hall plus plenty of street parking.

**NJ Turnpike (I-95):** Take Route 80 West

**From Route 46 East:** Take to Great Notch/Cedar Grove exit. Left off ramp

Follow Rifle Camp Rd thru traffic light and follow "BELOW."

**From Route 46 West:** Take to Great Notch/Cedar Grove exit. Right off ramp

Follow Rifle Camp Rd thru traffic light and follow "BELOW."

**GS Parkway North:** Take exit 155P. Follow signs for Route 80 West

**GS Parkway South:** Take exit 160. Follow signs for Route 80 West

**Route 80 East:** Take exit 56B - Squirrelwood Rd. Follow "BELOW"

**Route 80 West:** Take exit 56 – Squirrelwood Rd. Bear right off ramp.

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**BELOW:** Make the second right after the cloverleaf onto Danforth Avenue. Follow to end of street and around the corner. The Hall is on your right.