



Secular Franciscan Order



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**OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY
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REGIONAL FRATERNITY
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Dear brothers and sisters in St. Francis,

e-Troubadour News includes timely information on a monthly basis from our Regional Fraternity as well as events taking place in our local fraternities.

Every fraternity is strongly encouraged to send upcoming event information for e-publication. Events can include special days of recollection, missions, notice of upcoming professions, fraternity fundraising events, open houses, etc. Let's work together to improve our fraternal communications with one another.

Share the news of this publication with your fraternity members. Anyone wishing to be added to the e-mailing list, kindly send a request with your email address and fraternity name to me at: TroubadourEditor@aol.com

The *e-Troubadour News* is now available online at our regional website: <http://olangels.tripod.com/troubadour.html>

Now, Let Us Begin ...

IN LAST MONTH'S (JANUARY) ISSUE, we informed you of the death of Katherine Tuttle, the mother of our dear Kate Asselin, ofs. Kate was incorrectly listed as Regional Treasurer. She is, of course, our Regional Secretary. Mea Culpa! Apologies for the error, and thanks to Richard Spana, ofs, our current Regional Treasurer, for bringing this to my attention.

AN IMPORTANT SFO COMMUNICATION FROM REGIONAL MINISTER, RON PIHOKKER, OFS, was e-mailed yesterday evening to all fraternity Ministers. (Surface mailed on Friday to those without e-mail access).

It states, As you are probably aware, the USCCB has recently issued a strong condemnation of the action of the Federal government which would force religious institutions to provide contraceptives, abortifacients and sterilization procedures by means of their health insurance coverage for employees in our Catholic schools, hospitals and other Catholic institutions.

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This government ruling represents a violation of Catholics' consciences and a serious erosion of the freedom of religion guaranteed by the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. We join the US Bishops in their strong condemnation of this ruling and urge you and your fraternity members to contact your representatives in Congress to act to overturn this unjust violation of religious liberty.

You may find more information on the issue and Congressional representatives contact information by visiting the USCCB website at: www.usccb.org/conscience.

Attached for your information, was also a copy of a letter sent recently by Archbishop John J. Myers, Archbishop of Newark on this subject, as well as a copy of the letter written by Cardinal-elect Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York which appeared in the Wall Street Journal.

We are urged to raise our voices individually and collectively; to act quickly on this matter, and join together in prayer that this injustice may be overturned.

This information is also available on our regional website at:

http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/minister_pih.html

THE OFFICIAL NAME OF OUR ORDER THE USE AND THE TRANSLATION OF THE NAME OF OUR ORDER

At the October 2011 International Chapter in Brazil, the following document was introduced, voted upon and approved. It is signed by our Minister General.

ORDO FRANCISCANUS SÆCULARIS

XIII. GENERAL CHAPTER

Saõ Paulo, 2011. October 22-29

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THE USE AND THE TRANSLATION OF THE NAME OF THE ORDER

1. **The official name** of the Order is **Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis**.

2. Translations of the name of the Order

2.1 The translation of the name of the Order is already made in the four official languages, and these are the ones to be used in these languages, namely in Italian, in English, in Spanish and in French.

2.2 The name can be translated into local languages only when the literal translation from Latin is easily understandable even by the civil society and does not change its meaning or substance.

2.3 When the translation into the national language distorts the meaning of the name, or is linguistically impossible to transfer the genuine meaning, **Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis** must always be used, which can be followed by expressions to clarify and make more understandable the nature of the Secular Franciscan Order to everyone in the local language.

3. The acronym

The acronym which refers to the name **Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis** is **OFS** and is always to be used regardless of the language. For example, when Secular Franciscans use the acronym after their name, they must use "**OFS**".

Encarnación del Pozo, OFS
General Minister



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LETTER FROM OUR NATIONAL MINISTER
THE OFFICIAL NAME OF OUR ORDER AND OUR NEW ACRONYM



**Our-Lady-of-the-
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Beloved National Family,

At the last International Chapter in October in Brazil, *The Official Name of our Order* document (see above) was introduced, voted upon and approved.

You will see in the official document the words "Secular Franciscan Order" are still used when referring to our Order in English, and "Secular Franciscans" is still used when referring to us.

I also give you these exact words in an email from Doug Clorey, who many of us know from previous (CIOFS) visitations:

"Document on the 'Name of the Order' should be released shortly in a circular from our Minister General. This document was presented to the General Chapter in Brazil, voted and approved.

Doug Clorey, ofs, Vice-Minister General, Secular Franciscan Order

Note that Doug, our Order's Vice-Minister General, is still a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. When we use English, we are still the Secular Franciscan Order, not the Order of Franciscan Seculars or whatever. We remain Secular Franciscans, not Franciscan Seculars, when we use English. What has changed is that Doug is now, in English, when he uses the initials after his name, is Doug Clorey, OFS not SFO.

Again, I am absolutely certain that OFS or SFO does not make me or you or Doug any more or less Franciscan. We are still permanently professed. Our Order is still, in English, the Secular Franciscan Order.

Peace and Love in this New Year with our new language changes! The substance remains.

Tom Bello, OFS
National Minister

LETTER FROM OUR REGIONAL MINISTER
THE OFFICIAL NAME OF OUR ORDER AND OUR NEW ACRONYM

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

I received the following message from our National Minister, Deacon Tom Bello, this morning. It is the clarification of the name of our Order and the post-nomial designation which we are all to use, henceforth.

The discussion came up at our National Chapter as a result of the information received from the recent General Chapter meeting. There was some confusion and a need for clarification which apparently has been received.

The bottom line is we, in English are still called the Secular Franciscan Order. However, the post-nomial "SFO", can no longer be used. Instead, we must all defer to the Latin usage, OFS.

So, henceforth, we must all refer to ourselves in writing our names, as John Smith, OFS or Mary Smith, OFS. "SFO" is no longer to be used.

Fraternally,
Ron Pihokker, OFS
Regional Minister



THE FUN FORMATION WORKSHOP held this past January 20-22 at Mt. Alvernia, Wappinger Falls, NY, was very successful.

A number of participants said that they were "on fire" to get started using the new manual. Although most fraternities were represented at the workshop, those who did not make it should contact the OLTAR Executive Council (OEC) regarding the manual. It is available for purchase at \$20.00.



Future workshops are planned within the Regional Clusters; and they will need the manual. Formation Directors should make every effort to obtain a copy from OEC as soon as possible. Please also note that the presentations on the website will be better understood by those who attended the workshop. Of course, the council members are always available to answer questions.

For Formation workshop pictures and Formation manual resources and presentations given at the workshop go to our region website at:

<http://www.ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/formation.html>

2012 REGIONAL Calendar

*—Mark your calendars—
details will follow when available*

OLTAR Region Retreat

Fri—Sun, April 20-22 * *see details on page 5*

Mount Alvernia Retreat Ctr.

Wappingers Falls, NY

Convivenza

Saturday, June 16

St. Clare's Feastday Celebration

Sponsored by the Manhattan Cluster

Friday, August 10

5:30pm—8:00pm

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Chapter of Ministers

Saturday, November 17



OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGIONAL RETREAT Friday—Sunday, April 20-22.

The beautiful facilities at Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY will again be the location for our 2012 OLTAR Regional Retreat. Registration cost is \$160.00 per attendee.

The retreat will again follow the popular and highly successful “two retreats” formula. The Professed members portion will be led by Jerry and Cricket Aull; and the Candidates portion will be led by Regional Spiritual Assistant, Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM. Both retreats are offered concurrently in order that everyone may experience Franciscan spirituality, prayer and fellowship.

Registration is on a first come, first served basis. We will not have "overflow" accommodations—so don't wait to make your reservations. Our retreat was sold-out last year, don't get turned away! Register now!

If you have not received your Regional Retreat promotion in the mail, please go to our web-site to download the forms and register now:

<http://www.ourladyoftheangelsregion.org>

To read about our guest speakers for the retreat, go to:

<http://jerryandcricketaull.com>

Any questions, contact Richard Spana, OFS via e-mail: rickspanasfo@aol.com or call: 914-478-2010.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

February

A CONVERSATION ON GRIEVING A SUICIDE: How to Cope and How to Support

The Bereavement Program of the Archdiocese of New York is sponsoring a talk for those who have suffered a loss due to suicide and for those who would like to learn how they can be supportive of those individuals.

The talk will be presented by Mary Mittiga and Deacon Paul Hveem, who run a suicide survivor bereavement support group in the Bronx. Both have experienced a suicide in their families. They will discuss the facts and myths of suicide, how families and friends can cope with a suicide, and how you can support someone who is grieving a suicide.

Date: **Saturday, February 4**
Time: **10:00 am- 12:00 noon**
Place: **St. Philip Neri Church –
Parish Center (basement of church)
3020 Grand Concourse, Bronx , NY**

Parking is available (lot is on Villa Ave).

The church is also accessible via the D and 4 trains and Metro North.

For any questions please contact the Bereavement Coordinator:

Christina Aucaylle at (646) 794-3187 or christina.aucaylle@archny.org

February/ March

SHROUD OF TURIN TOUR DISCOVERING JESUS IN HIS HOLY SHROUD

Authentic life-sized replicas of the Holy Shroud are displayed at every presentation, and authentic replicas of the instruments of the Crucifixion are displayed; i.e.: Flagrum, Crown, Nails! Visit their website: www.confraternityofthepassioninternational.org



Presented by Donald H. Nohs, Associate General Director of the 'Confraternity of the Passion International' a worldwide lay organization affiliated with the Passionist Order which promotes the Passion of Jesus. One of the world's leading authorities on the Shroud of Turin and Passion of Jesus, Mr. Nohs has over 40 years of research experience and for the past 5 years has been on the lecturing circuit in two different countries.

Date: February 24, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: St. Joseph Parish
44 Benvenue Avenue
West Orange, NJ 07052
For information call: 973-669-0385

Date: March 3, 2012

Time: 10:00 am
Location: St. Catherine of Siena
1000 N. Broad St., Hillside, NJ
For information call: 908-351-1515

Date: February 29, 2012

Time: 7:00 pm
Location: Holy Family Church
175-20 74th Avenue, Flushing, NY 11366
For information call: 718-969-2448

Date: March 30, 2012

Time: 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Location: Church of St. Bridget
125 Church St., Glassboro, NJ
For information call: 856-863-6738

Date: March 31, 2012

Time: 11:30 am
Location: St. Peter's Church
155 William St., Belleville, NJ
For information call: 973-751-4290

March

O.L.T.A.R. REGION MANHATTAN CLUSTER

LENTEN REFLECTION

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2012
Time: 9:00 am– 3:00 pm
Place: St. Francis of Assisi Church — St. Clare's Room
31st Street (between 6 & 7th Avenues)
New York City:

Guest Speaker:
Deacon Luke Conroy, OFS

SCHEDULE:

9:00 am Registration and Coffee
9:45 am Opening Prayer
10:00 am 1st Talk
11:00 am Holy Mass
11:30 am Brown Bag Lunch (Please bring your lunch).
12:35 pm 2nd Talk and Closing Prayer
1:30 pm Q & A

March

TAU CROSS REGION INVITES US TO SPEND

A DAY WITH SAINT CLARE

Presented by Brother Tom Barton, OSF

Date: Saturday, March 31, 2012

Place: St. Anthony High School

Upstairs in the Padre Pio Conference Room

275 Wolf Hill Rd., Melville, NY

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Reservations required

RSVP & Contact information:

Pete or Alicia D'Amato at damato1@optonline.net

or phone: 631-331-7680



SCHEDULE:

- 9:00 am Mass (in the Chapel)
- 9:30 am Refreshments — Room 330
- 10:15 am 1st Conference
- 12:00 pm BROWN BAG LUNCH
- 1:15 pm 2nd Conference

FOR PUBLICATION OF YOUR EVENT CONTACT:

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**'The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn His face toward you
and give you peace.'
Numbers 6:24-26**