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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 also available online at our regional website: <http://olangels.tripod.com/troubadour.html>

Now, Let Us Begin ...



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**ONGOING FORMATION
PROJECT
CIOFS Monthly
Dossiers for March
2012**

Now available on the
CIOFS website
[http://
www.ciofs.org/
en.htm](http://www.ciofs.org/en.htm)

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LENTEN VESPERS SERIES

St. Mary of the Angels Chapel, Holy Name of Jesus Church,
96th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Manhattan.

Tuesday Evenings

6:30pm Vespers (Evening Prayer)

7:00pm Simple Supper

7:30pm Reflection

"Where's that in the Bible?"

March 6

"Prayer Yes...well, sure but...how much?", Linda Baltzer, OFS

March 13

"Fasting? I already tried that...it didn't work." Elizabeth Meier
Utt

March 20

"Almsgiving? Oh no...not money again!" Michael Archer

March 27

"Turn away from sin...that's a tough one." Lawrence Ford, OFM
Reconciliation Service with the opportunity for individual
confession follows this reflection.

Holy Week and Easter are fast approaching. In our preparations for these days we can get lost in the details and planning.

The Sacred Heart Fraternity of Yonkers, NY, invite all to come and enter deeply into the liturgical celebrations through prayers and contemplations. This will provide a rich spiritual words and actions that will prepare us for the coming of God's Kingdom.

The Sacred Heart Fraternity, Yonkers, NY

Lenten Day of Recollection

with Father Senan Taylor OFM, Cap.

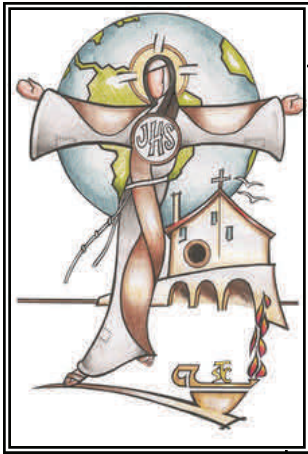
Sunday, March 25, 2012

1:00 to 3:00 pm in the Sacred Heart Church hall.

110 Shonnard Place, Yonkers, NY 10703

914-963-4205

All are welcome to join.



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

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and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn His face toward you
and give you peace.'
Numbers 6:24-26**

2012 REGIONAL Calendar

—Mark your calendars—
details will follow when available

OLTAR Region Retreat

For further details and registration forms go to our website at:

<http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org/announcements.html>

Fri—Sun, April 20-22
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 10 **note-corrected date**



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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: ricksphanasfo@aol.com
or call: 914-478-2010.



Quinquennial CONGRESS
Why Francis? Claim the Gift!
July 3-8, 2012
Holiday Inn North Shore
Skokie, IL (near Chicago)

Registration info:
<http://www.nafra-sfo.org/>

**Your Franciscan gift?
Kick it up a notch.**

Come to the Q!

- *Discover the passion. Capture the spirit.*
- *Meet brothers and sisters who'll help you take your Secular Franciscan vocation beyond what you imagined.*
- *Help take the Order to the next level.*

*Don't miss this opportunity.
REGISTER TODAY.*

*And prepare yourself for the experience of the decade.
It's spiritual. It's social. It's for the mind, for the soul,
for the person you are yet to be!*

Speakers include nationally renowned authors and theologians,
Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF, and Br. Bill Short, OFM,
plus our own Ed Shirley, OFS, and Pat Brandwein-Ball, OFS.

*Prayer for
Quinquennial
2012*

Dear and gracious, loving Lord and Father,
we bring to You the upcoming Quinquennial.
We thank You for the gift of our vocation to the
Secular Franciscan Order, and for our brothers and sisters
whom You have also called. Thank You for the example and
inspiration of Francis and Clare, and grant us a new
understanding and vision of their calling, and ours.
Prepare our hearts to hear Your call anew, and enkindle in us
a new spirit of conversion and dedication.

Bless those who will share with us, bless those who will attend in person,
bless those who will attend in spirit.

Let Your Holy Spirit be poured out on our entire National Fraternity,
that through this Congress we may together discern Your heart, and become all
that You want us to be, in order "to bring about a more fraternal and evangelical
world," bringing to life more fully the Kingdom of God.

We pray in the Holy and Blessed Name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.

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