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# SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS REGIONAL FRATERNITY

February 15, 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings of peace to you and to your fraternity!

Gathering in fraternity is the hallmark of Franciscan life. On **Saturday, March 23, 2019**, we will once again have the opportunity to gather with our brothers and sisters at our yearly Chapter of Mats called **CONVIVENZA**.

Although we meet regularly with our local fraternities, in our Clusters and on Retreat, 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**. It should be the highlight of our year as members of Our Lady of the Angels Region.

You should have already received a “**Save the Date**” card reminding you about this year’s gathering. (We thank Dolores Jules, OFS, for always offering her talents to create these invitations for us!) Please share this information with *everyone* in your fraternity. It is important that each member be made aware so that **everyone is offered the opportunity to attend Convivenza**.

Our gathering will be held on **Saturday, March 23, 2019, at St. Bonaventure Church – Bishop Manning Hall, 174 Ramsey Street, Paterson, NJ**. We will begin with **coffee and registration at 9:00 AM**. As always, we ask that you bring along a **“brown bag” lunch**. Please see below for the day’s schedule and directions to St. Bonaventure Church. We thank **St. John Vianney/St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity** for hosting the day.

As we have done in the past, we are asking for a **special donation**. This year the **Fr. English Center in Paterson, NJ**, is in need of **items for babies**. This includes diapers, baby food, formula, baby wipes and any other basic baby items.

Out of **courtesy to our host fraternities**, please let us know **how many will be attending** from your fraternity **by March 12<sup>th</sup>**. You may **e-mail or call me** using the information at the left-hand side of this letter.

Thank you for your service to the Order. I look forward to seeing you on March 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Blessings,

Diane F. Menditto, OFS  
Minister, Our Lady of the Angels Region

Schedule for Convivenza 2019 |

## CONVIVENZA 2019

### Schedule of the Day

9 AM Registration and Coffee

9:30 - Morning Prayer

9:45 - Welcome and announcements

**Guest Speaker:** Justin Carisio, OFS – Member, National Formation Commission

### 10 AM-11:30 Morning Presentation and discussion

**Theme:** *"The Secular Franciscan Rule as seen through the Lens of the Prologue: Identity and Conversion."*

- **Morning Presentation** – “The Prologue: Lens of Our Rule”
- Small group discussions

11:30 - Break

11:45 - Mass

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

1:15 - 2:30 **Afternoon Presentation** – “Francis of Assisi, Penitent”

Discussion--small groups

- Large group wrap-up

2:30 - 3:00 Final items

*(Please note that times may need to be adjusted as the day progresses.)*

## **DIRECTIONS**

St. Bonaventure Church (Bishop Manning Hall)

174 Ramsey Street, Paterson, New Jersey 07501

973-279-1016

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Route 80 East:** Take exit 56 B (Squirrelwood Rd, Paterson). Follow "Below".

**Route 80 West:** Take exit 56 (Squirrelwood Rd., Paterson). Bear right off ramp.

Make second right onto Danforth Avenue. Church is at the end of the street on the left.

**"Below":** Make second right after cloverleaf onto Danforth Ave.

Church is at the end of the street on the left.