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CELEBRATING THE 800th anniversary of Memoriale Propositi

Mary, Did You Know?



Artwork Madonna and Child by Giovanni Battista Salvi da Sassoferrato (Italy 1609–1685)

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
 would one day walk on water?
 Mary, did you know that your baby boy
 would save our sons and daughters?
 Did you know that your baby boy
 has come to make you new?
 This child that you've delivered,
 will soon deliver you
 Mary, did you know that your baby boy
 will give sight to a blind man?
 Mary, did you know that your baby boy
 will calm the storm with his hand?
 Did you know that your baby boy
 has walked where angels trod?
 When you kiss your little baby,
 you kiss the face of God

Mary, did you know?
 The blind will see, the deaf will hear,
 the dead will live again
 The lame will leap, the dumb will speak
 the praises of the lamb!
 Mary, did you know that your baby boy
 is Lord of all creation?
 Mary, did you know that your baby boy
 would one day rule the nations?
 Did you know that your baby boy
 is Heaven's perfect Lamb?
 That sleeping child you're holding
 is the great I am
 Mary, did you know? (Mary, did you know?)



SONGWRITERS: MARK ALAN LOWRY, BUDDY GREENE
 It took singer-songwriter Mark Lowry nearly 7 years
 to perfect the above words to 'Mary Did You Know?'
 The idea for the song came to Mark when he began
 pondering what he would ask Mary if she was sitting
 right in front of him. He put together the questions that
 eventually became the lyrics. In 1991, once the lyrics
 were complete, Mark asked his friend, and fellow musician,
 Buddy Greene to write the music to accompany his
 words. It only took 30 minutes for Buddy to compose
 the iconic music.

LETTER FROM THE REGIONAL MINISTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

MAY THE LORD GIVE YOU PEACE!

As I thought about my first column as Regional Minister, many topics came to mind. Upon further reflection, those topics all related to our Rule and since 2021 is the 800th anniversary of *Memoriale Propositi*, a document that inspired the earliest Brothers and Sisters of Penance, I decided to reflect on our Rule, our way of life.

As Article 3 of our Rule states: “The present rule, succeeding *Memoriale Propositi* and the rules approved by the Supreme Pontiffs Nicholas IV and Leo XIII, adapts the Secular Franciscan Order to the needs and expectations of the Holy Church in the conditions of changing times...”

As a side note, Pope Nicholas IV was the first Franciscan Pope and was the Minister General of the First Order from 1274-1279.

The *Memoriale Propositi*, which roughly translates to “a document for a project of life,” laid out a good foundation for the first Brothers and Sisters of Penance. As Raffaele Pazzelli, TOR says in his book, *St. Francis and the Third Order*, “the increase in the number of penitents following the preaching of St. Francis and his early companions in the period between 1210 and 1220 must have been enormous.” That growth made legislation necessary. Fr. Pazzelli goes on to say that “the Third Order is the ‘school of the Gospel’ and demands adherence to it of thought and action.”

As Article 4 reminds us,

“...Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the gospel, going from gospel to life and life to gospel.”

Our worldwide Secular Franciscan Order is making the 800th anniversary of *Memoriale Propositi* a year long celebration extending into 2022 due to COVID. Why not consider making the Rule a focus of your ongoing formation next year? As our National Minister, Jan Parker, OFS writes in her letter in the current (Fall 2021) issue of the *TAU-USA* newsletter there are many ways to celebrate this anniversary.

HER SUGGESTIONS INCLUDE:

1) READ, STUDY, AND LIVE THE RULE.

Begin with the Prologue, for there we hear from Francis himself. Francis was meticulous in avoiding distractions. Let's focus on who we are called to be and be careful about making excuses.

2) ONGOING FORMATION.

There are at least six different “ready to go” exercises on the OFS Rule posted on our national website – secularfranciscansusa.org/formation-spirituality.

Excellent advice from our National Minister!

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There are also wonderful resources on our International website – ciofs.info – including YouTube videos focused on the various themes of *Memoriale Propositi*.

You can access them at these links:

https://youtu.be/_Y2rhkGpyw - Theme 1 Fraternity

<https://youtu.be/IMw1-UBOGE> - Theme 2 Simplicity

https://youtu.be/MxPCPNJpp_Y - Theme 3 Family

https://youtu.be/_LboVmCh5el - Theme 4 Reconciliation

<https://youtu.be/TB3AlwDbh80> - Theme 5 Prayer

<https://youtu.be/nzTPWh2jXH0> - Theme 6 Peace

LIVE A LIFE WORTHY OF YOUR CALL !

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Leone', written in a cursive style.

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MAY YOUR LIFE PREACH MORE LOUDLY THAN YOUR LIPS!



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"Seized by Beauty"

In preparation to celebrate the Feast Day of our holy father, St. Francis of Assisi this year, I signed up for a mini-retreat at St. Francis Retreat House in Easton, PA. This mini-retreat ran from October 1st to October 3rd and the presenter was Sister Mary Beth Ingham, C.S.J., PhD., from Orange, CA.

Her Doctorate is in Medieval Philosophy with a concentration in the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition. Thus her focus that weekend came from the writings of St. Bonaventure and Blessed John Duns Scotus, both of whom were outstanding scholars and spiritual writers within the Franciscan School of Theology. Needless to say, I was intrigued by the title of her presentation, "**Seized by Beauty**"; a subtitle for her presentation could easily be: 'Creation and God's Extravagant Love.'

As we all know, St. John the Evangelist teaches us that "God is Love." However, the Franciscan School built on this concept by saying 'God is Extravagant Love' meaning that the love among the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit is so rich and all-consuming that it bursts forth in the very act of creation! When we read the story of creation in the Book of Genesis, we need to remember that at the end of each day, God looked at what He created and pronounced it 'good.' Finally, on the seventh day, God looked at all He had created and pronounced it 'very good.'

As Sister Mary Beth spoke about beauty, I had a revelation. So often when thinking or speaking about beauty, both you and I might remember the saying "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder." I've always understood that expression to mean what you see as beautiful, I may not see it the same way, and that's just the way it is. In other words, the emphasis in that expression is on the "beholder." It's very subjective. However, if the emphasis is moved to the "eye", it takes on a whole new spiritual meaning if we strive 'to see as God sees.' WHOA! I never thought of that expression in that way! To be able to see both the outer beauty and the inner beauty of the world around us! We also need to look for the hidden beauty in creation that so often we fail to see.

This new insight helped me to see all of creation as a **pure gift from God**. For a moment, it took my breath away! As Franciscans, may we be seized by the beauty all around us in the coming days and weeks ahead. For now, I can say, this mini-retreat was God's **pure gift** to me!
May this article be God's **pure gift** to you!

2021-24 Regional Executive Council

CHAPTER OF MINISTERS



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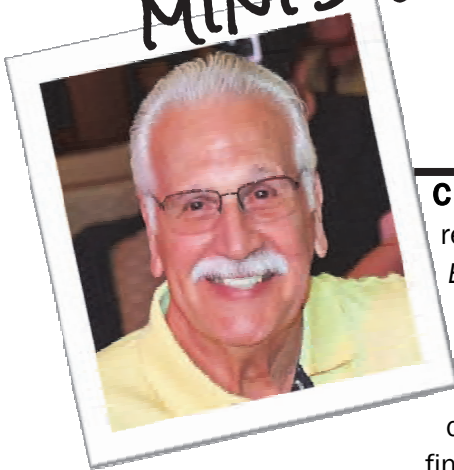
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CHRIS LEONE

retired from *American Express* on March 1, 2021, after a long career where he spent his entire career working in financial services.

Chris is married to his wife, Susan, and lives in Parsippany, NJ. They have 2 children, Scott and Alison.

Chris is a member of the Pastoral Staff at his parish, St. Peter the Apostle in Parsippany, where he leads the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* program for adults needing any of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation.

Chris also coordinates the lector schedule at the parish and is an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion.

Chris attended Catholic school from elementary to college and was educated by the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn at the elementary, high school, and college levels. That is where his affinity for St. Francis was formed and nurtured.

Chris has been a professed Secular Franciscan since 2004 and was professed in Las Vegas with the St. Margaret of Cortona fraternity, part of the St. Thomas More region.

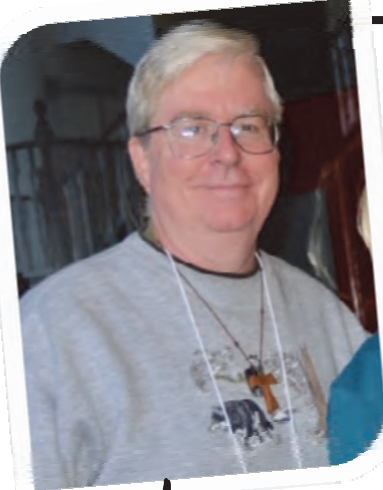
He is the former Minister of the Porziuncola fraternity in East Hanover, NJ, and its current Director of Formation.

He has been a Regional Councilor for Central New Jersey–Staten Island, and the Regional Animator for *Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC)*.

He has a Certificate in Franciscan Studies from St. Francis University in Joliet, IL.

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Know You



VICE MINISTER

Hi! I'm **ED WOJCIECHOWSKI** and I am the Vice Minister for Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity.

This is my first term as Regional Vice-Minister, so this is a new role for me on the Regional Executive Council. Previously I served two terms as the Regional Formation Director.

I am a member of St. Anthony's fraternity in Butler, NJ, where I serve as the Formation Director. I am also celebrating the 20th anniversary of my profession this year!

Over the years, I have been blessed to meet many of my brothers and sisters throughout the region and I look forward to visiting the local fraternities during my term as Vice Minister.

I love my life as a Secular Franciscan and look forward to serving the region for the next three years.

MARY-FRANCES REAVEY

I have been a Secular Franciscan coming up on 18 years. I'm originally from Brooklyn, NY, now living in Somerset, NJ. I have 5 children and 14 grandchildren. I'm a quilter and a crocheter. I'm teaching my older grandchildren to sew on a sewing machine, and they've made their own quilts.

I've been a parishioner of St. Matthias Church for 35 years and am a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, and have been on the RCIA team for 14 years. I get so much joy from seeing people open their hearts and their minds to finding Jesus in their lives. Their journeys have enriched my own.

As a Secular Franciscan, I was Minister of my fraternity, St Peter Fraternity, for 3 terms and am now its Formation Director. On the Regional level, I was the Councilor for Central New Jersey–Staten Island for 6 years, and am now the Regional Secretary of the Council.

I find such joy working with and for the wonderful people in our Region – we are a diverse group of people who genuinely love one another, love St Francis, and through him find a larger love of Jesus. I am honored to be on the Council again.



SECRETARY

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DEBBIE WICKHAM

My husband, Joe, and I were professed on June 13, 1980.

We are members of the Most Holy Name Fraternity in Little Falls, NJ. Joe is currently the Minister, and

I am the Vice Minister.

After 22 years, I retired from the Boy Scouts in 2017, and in May, 2021, after 26 years, I retired from my parish as DRE.

Currently I'm working as an Administrative Assistant for the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception (SMIC). Our son was recently married and lives in Los Angeles as a producer, director, and writer.

One of my favorite activities is dancing. I've been ballroom dancing for over 50 years, and line dancing for the past six.

When I'm not dancing, I'm involved with the Columbiettes (*female auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus*), and enjoy reading.

I look forward to serving as Regional Treasurer for the next three years.

FORMATION DIRECTOR

DIANE F. MENDITTO

My vocation as a Secular Franciscan was most likely decided from birth. I was born on October 4th. My baptismal name is Frances, my godmother was Frances and my parish is St. Francis Church in Hackensack, NJ.

I was professed in 1979 and have served on the local, (provincial) regional, and national levels. It was my privilege to serve as Regional Minister of Our Lady of the Angels Region from 2014 to 2021.

Many of you know that I am the Chair of the National Formation Commission. Therefore, I am anxiously looking forward to serving as Regional Formation Director so that our region can benefit from all the latest ideas from the National and International fraternities. The Holy Spirit has already been planting some seeds, and I would love to hear ideas and questions from our local formation directors. Are you ready?



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Know You

COUNCILOR

JIM ANDREANO is thrilled and honored to be a member of the Regional Council. He is a retired business executive whose current pursuits include grandchild-care and various volunteer activities. Paramount among these is his role as a Secular Franciscan. Jim is relatively new to the Order, having professed in January 2018. He is a member of the Most Holy Name Fraternity in Little Falls, NJ, where he has been recently elected Treasurer. His involvement there also includes coordination of different formation and charitable activities.

At the regional level, Jim is the newly-elected North Jersey Councilor. He has also been appointed to the role of JPIC Animator, replacing our new Regional Minister Chris Leone.

Nationally, Jim is a member of the JPIC Focus Group on Immigration.

That group has recently released a Toolkit to assist fraternities in supporting local immigrants. Other volunteer activities include: President of a local nonprofit committed to the support of refugees to North Jersey. Participation in several organizations committed to environmental protection and the fight against climate change. Free tax preparation services for seniors and low/middle-income taxpayers. Training of other volunteer tax preparers.

Jim looks forward to serving his regional sisters and brothers in both of his new roles! He asks for your much-needed prayers and support in this effort.



COUNCILOR

My name is **DAWN RUSINKO** and next year I will be celebrating my 20th anniversary as a professed Secular Franciscan and 12 years as Lay Ecclesial Minister in the Diocese of Trenton. I am a contributing writer in the spiritual section for Link2Us magazine and the NJ Director for Downey Side Adoption Agency, doing missionary work, placing homeless foster kids with forever families. I am in the process of editing a bible study book I've written called "Women in the Shadows: God Called, they Answered."

I have three children, three grandchildren, two dogs, and a husband of 34 years. I look forward to working on the Regional Council as the Central New Jersey-Staten Island Councilor, meeting and serving you all.



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THE IMPORTANCE OF PERMANENT (ONGOING) FORMATION

When we talk about “formation” many Secular Franciscans immediately think about the period new members spend learning about the Secular Franciscan Order and how we live our Rule.

It is true that initial formation is indispensable if a person is to become a part of the Order. However, we need to keep in mind that **permanent (ongoing) formation is crucial to keeping our vocations strong and our fraternities healthy and growing.**

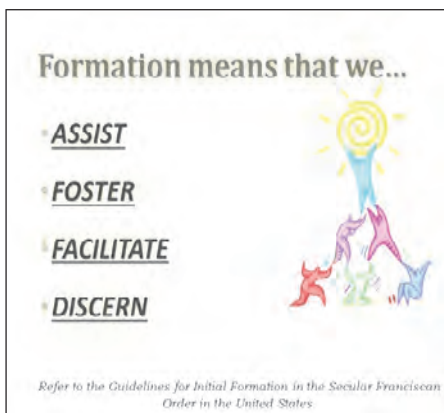
Article 44.1 of the **General Constitutions** tells us:

*“Begun by the preceding stages, the formation of the brothers and sisters takes place in a **permanent and continuous way**. It should be understood as an aid in the conversion of each and everyone, and in the fulfillment of their proper mission in the Church and in society.”*

Article 44.3 speaks of how permanent (ongoing) formation is to be accomplished:

“...by means of courses, gatherings, and the sharing of experience – aims to assist the brothers and sisters:

- in listening to and meditating on the Word of God, “going from Gospel to life and from life to Gospel”;*
- in reflecting on events in the Church and in society in the light of faith and with the help of the documents of the Magisterium (Church teachings) consequently taking consistent positions;*
- in updating and deepening their Franciscan vocation by studying the writings of Saint Francis, Saint Clare, and Franciscan authors.”*



As you can see, **formation does not end with Profession.**

Our permanent commitment to the gospel way of life marks the beginning of a lifetime of strengthening our vocation by continuing to learn and put into practice what we find in Scripture, the teachings of the Church, and the writings of Francis, Clare, Bonaventure, and the many other authors and theologians who are part of our Franciscan family.

When choosing topics for ongoing formation, we should keep in mind that the teachings and spirituality of Franciscans will help us know the charism of our Seraphic Father better.

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It is also important to understand that just as with initial formation, the **AGENTS OF FORMATION** are:

- The Holy Spirit; • the member him or herself; • the entire local fraternity; • the fraternity council;
- the formation director and formation team; • the spiritual assistant; • sponsors assigned to new members; • higher levels of fraternity.

This means that we are responsible to keep ourselves up-to-date and to help keep the members of our fraternities well-versed in the Franciscan charism. **We are responsible for forming ourselves AND forming one another.**

In September the new leadership team of Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity was elected. Although I believed that my time on the council was finished, the Holy Spirit and the Regional Fraternity Council thought otherwise. As your new Regional Formation Director, I've been praying a lot about how the Spirit would like us to move forward formation-wise in our region.

The first things that always come to my mind are **relationships, collaboration, and cooperation**. I am hoping that through the magic of Zoom, our regional formation team will be able to meet often. But, I would also love it if our **local formation directors** could meet with us on occasion to let us know their wants and needs. Perhaps they would like us to plan some **workshops** for them?

The Constitutions ask us to consider **joint initial formation classes**. We have already had a few in-person initial formation sessions in the past. We might try a few more virtually. **How wonderful if inquirers and candidates could get to know one another.** After all, they are the future of our region!

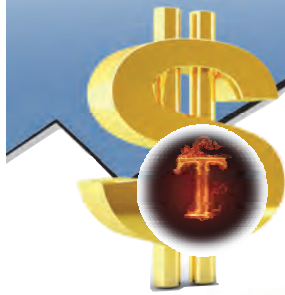
Perhaps we could also gather *anyone* interested to discuss some of the **Formation Friday** topics on Zoom. That seems like a “painless” way to get to know other members of our region without having to travel long distances.

In any event, you will be hearing from the Regional Formation team. We would also love to hear from you, and **we hope that you will ask the Holy Spirit to inspire us in our service to the region.**



Diane F. Menditto, OFS

TREASURER'S REPORT



Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity Budget Worksheet for the Year 2022

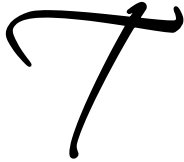
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1110	Per Capita Income*	\$ 33,120	2110	Per Capita Expense (NAFRA)**	\$ 12,512
1120	Interest Income		2120	Spiritual Assistant	\$ 2,500
1160	Chapter Income		2130	Regional Minister	\$ 300
1170	Miscellaneous Income		2140	Regional Council	\$ 1,251
1190	From Savings		2150	Office Operating Expenses	\$ 160
			2170	Meeting Place/Storage Space	\$ 500
	Based on 736 Professed and Candidates		2180	Newsletter	\$ 3,000
	*Per Capita Income:		2190	Retreat	\$ 1,500
	\$45.00 x 736 = \$33,120		2200	Convivenza	\$ 1,000
			2210	JPIC Committee	\$ 200
	**Per Capita Expenses (NAFRA)		2220	National Visitation/Election	\$ 2,617
	\$17.00 x 736 = \$12,512		2230	YOUFRA - FYYA	\$ 100
			2300	Formation	\$ 500
			2400	Vocations/Retired Friars	\$ 105
			2600	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 100
			2800	Contributions	\$ 2,775
			2900	Travel	\$ 4,000
	Total Income	\$ 33,120		Total Expenses	\$ 33,120

2021 Regional Retreat

THE FIVE FEASTS OF THE CHILD JESUS

by

ED WOJCIECHOWSKI, OFS



HIS PAST AUGUST, WE GATHERED TOGETHER FOR THE ANNUAL REGIONAL RETREAT. SINCE WE WERE STILL IN THE MIDDLE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC, WE GATHERED TOGETHER VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM.

The retreat began on Friday with Evening Prayer and a small group sharing to reflect on our lives this past year. It continued on Saturday with a presentation by Fr. André Cirino, OFM, entitled “Bringing Forth Christ, Five Feasts of the Child Jesus” by St. Bonaventure.

Fr. André is a renowned Franciscan author who has written many books on Franciscan spirituality. He is also the Spiritual Assistant for Little Portion Fraternity in Mt. Vernon, NY. It was a great honor and pleasure to have Fr. André lead our retreat this year. The theme for this year’s retreat was “The Five Feasts of the Child Jesus.”

“The Five Feasts of the Child Jesus” is a reflective work by St. Bonaventure that he wrote in 1259. The Five Feasts emphasizes the “spiritual motherhood” of every Christian to bring to fruition the graces we have been given by God, doing what Mary herself did as the Mother of God.

In the first feast, the “Annunciation” Mary gave her “yes” to become the mother of Jesus. Although she didn’t fully realize what that meant at the time, she was blessed with special graces from God to help her on her life journey.

Fr. André spoke about the special graces he has received and asked us to reflect upon the graces of God in our lives. How has God called us and how have we responded to His call?

The second feast, the “Nativity” Bonaventure reminds us that once someone has received a grace from God, that person needs to bring that grace to birth by following God’s will.

Fr. André spoke about his own call to enter the religious life as a Franciscan Friar and asked us to reflect upon how we have put into practice the graces God has given us.

The third feast, the “Feast of the Holy Name” Bonaventure reflects upon the name of Jesus, meaning “One who saves.” Just like a parent names their child, we too, need to name the graces given to us by God. Fr. André provided a name for his grace from God and called it “vocation” We also have been given a grace from God to become Secular Franciscans. What name do we give to our calling?

The fourth feast, the “Epiphany” is the story of the Magi who seek out Jesus to adore Him and bring Him gifts. Fr. André reminded us that we must also seek out Jesus every day and bring Him our gifts of thanks, praise, and joy.

In the fifth feast, the “Presentation” Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the Temple to be offered up to God, returning to God the highest good of all creation. In our lives, we too must offer up to God the goodness we have experienced in our lives. We must let our goodness flow to all those around us.

Fr. André concluded his presentation by asking us to reflect on the graces we’ve received, birthed, named, sought out, and returned to God. By living our Rule, we have become Spiritual Mothers to everyone we encounter and we make Jesus present in the world.

Treasures OF THE CHURCH



Photo credit: TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

RELICS PRESENTATION BY FATHER CARLOS MARTINS, CC by MARY-FRANCES REAVEY, OFS

On October 19th 2021, I went to see the *Treasures of the Church* display at Mary Mother of God Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey. I knew ahead of time that there would be over 150 Relics on display and was interested to hear explanations of what makes something a relic and how they are verified as genuine.

I wasn't disappointed!

There was a presentation by Fr. Carlos Martins about how something becomes a relic and why we honor this item; he told the story of St. Maria Goretti, the youngest Saint in the church, having died when she was 11 years old. I was interested in St. Pope John Paul II's relics which seem to be abundant, having so recently died there are many articles that he touched, and I was interested in St. Francis and St. Clare – for obvious reasons.

The most amazing relics were Mary's Veil and a piece of the True Cross. Fr. Martins explained the history behind the True Cross and why we can be sure it is the TRUE CROSS even after 2000 years.

Constantine the Great was the first Roman Emperor (*reigned 306-337*) to convert to Christianity in 312. He convoked the First Council of Nicaea in 325, which produced the statement of Christian belief known as the Nicene Creed. Constantine then sent his mother, Helena, (*later St. Helena of the Cross*) to Jerusalem to find the "Relics of Christian Tradition."



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The story, as told by Fr. Martins, is that Helena found the area believed to have been Golgotha – the place all hangings took place in that area. She had all the crosses they could find dug up, believing the True Cross was among the pieces.

With the help of a local Bishop, she had a severely ill woman brought to the site and when the woman touched the first of the crosses her condition remained the same. When she touched the last cross, her condition immediately improved. Helena declared that this must be the True Cross because it had miraculous powers that only the wood that touched Our Lord would have. A piece of that True Cross was on display. *see below, left.*

It was an amazing display and Fr. Martins suggested we go around the room to see

if one relic, in particular, speaks to us. It might be a saint we've never heard of or a saint we already love & admire. I had one speak to me, but that's a topic for another article!



True Cross

Please enjoy the photos and go to the website to see if the Treasures of the Church display will be near you soon.



Fragment of Mary's Veil

<https://treasuresofthechurch.com>



Relics of Saints and Blesseds on display at the Treasures of the Church Exposition (www.treasuresofthechurch.com)

NOTE: For ease of identifying which saints are present, their relics are listed on this sheet in alphabetical order. However, they are in random order on the tables. Locating a specific relic will require searching.

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| 1 Agnes of Rome | 59 James the Great, Apostle | 117 Nicholas of Myra (i.e., Santa Claus) |
| 2 Alphonsis Liguori | 60 James the Less, Apostle (12Ap) | 118 Oliver Plunket |
| 3 André Bessette of Montreal | 61 Jane Frances de Chantal | 119 Padre Pio |
| 4 Andrew, Apostle (12Ap) | 62 Januarius | 120 Patrick |
| 5 Angela Foligno | 63 Jean Brébeuf (North American Martyr) | 121 Paul, Apostle |
| 6 Anna Maria Taigi (Bl.) | 64 Jean de Lalande (North American Martyr) | 122 Paul Miki |
| 7 Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin | 65 Jean-Théophane Vénard | 123 Paul of the Cross |
| 8 Anthony Padua | 66 Jerome | 124 Peregrine |
| 9 Anthony the Abbott | 67 Joan of Arc | 125 Peter, Apostle |
| 10 Apollonia | 68 John, Apostle | 126 Peter Chrysologus |
| 11 Athanasius | 69 John Berchmans | 127 Peter Damian |
| 12 Augustine | 70 John Bosco | 128 Philip, Apostle (12Ap) |
| 13 Benedict | 71 John Neumann | 129 Philomena |
| 14 Bartholomew, Apostle (12Ap) | 72 John of the Cross | 130 Pier Giorgio Frassati (Bl.) |
| 15 Bartolo Longo (Bl.) | 73 John Paul II (Pope) | 131 Pius V (Pope) |
| 16 Bernadette of Lourdes | 74 John the Baptist | 132 Pius X (Pope) |
| 17 Bernard of Clairvaux | 75 John Vianney (Cure D'Ars) | 133 Polycarp |
| 18 Blaise | 76 John XXIII (Pope) | 134 René Goupil (North American Martyr) |
| 19 Catherine Labouré | 77 Josaphata Hordashevskia (Bl.) | 135 Rose of Lima |
| 20 Catherine of Siena | 78 Josemaria Escriva | 136 Rita of Cascia |
| 21 Cecilia | 79 Joseph Cupertino | 137 Sebastian |
| 22 Charbel Makhlouf | 80 Joseph, Spouse of the Virgin Mary | 138 Simon the Apostle (12Ap) |
| 23 Charles Borromeo | 81 Josaphat | 139 Solanus Casey (Bl.) |
| 24 Charles Garnier (North American Martyr) | 82 Josephine Bakita | 140 Stanislaus Papczynski |
| 25 Charles Lwanga | 83 Jude, Apostle | 141 Stephen, King of Hungary |
| 26 Christina the Astonishing (Bl.) | 84 Junipero Serra | 142 Tarsykia Matskiv (Bl.) |
| 27 Clare of Assisi | 85 Justin Martyr | 143 Teresa of Avila |
| 28 Conrad of Parzham | 86 Kateri Tekakwitha | 144 Teresa of the Andes |
| 29 Contardo Ferrini (Bl.) | 87 Lawrence | 145 Teresa of Calcutta, Mother |
| 30 Cosmos | 88 Lawrence of Brindisi | 146 Thérèse of Lisieux |
| 31 Crib of Our Lord | 89 Leo the Great (Pope) | 147 Thomas Beckett |
| 32 Damian | 90 Longinus | 148 Thomas Aquinas |
| 33 Damian of Molokai | 91 Louis de Montfort | 149 Thomas More |
| 34 Dismas | 92 Louis Martin (Father of St. Thérèse) | 150 Thomas, Apostle (12Ap) |
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| 42 Francis de Sales | 100 Maria Goretti | |
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| 44 Francis Xavier | 102 Martha | |
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| 47 Gabriel of the Sorrowful Mother | 105 Mary Magdalene | |
| 48 Gemma Galgani | 106 Mary of Jesus Crucified | |
| 49 Gerard Majella | 107 Mary of Jesus the Good Shepherd | |
| 50 Gertrude the Great | 108 Mary, Mother of God (portion of her Veil) | |
| 51 Gianna Molla | 109 Matthew, Apostle (12Ap) | |
| 52 Helen (Mother of Constantine) | 110 Matthias, Apostle (12Ap) | |
| 53 Holy Crown of Thorns, Fragment of the | 111 Maurice the Legionary | |
| 54 Holy Lance, Fragment of the | 112 Maximilian Kolbe | |
| 55 Ignatius Loyola | 113 Michael the Archangel (rock from apparition site) | |
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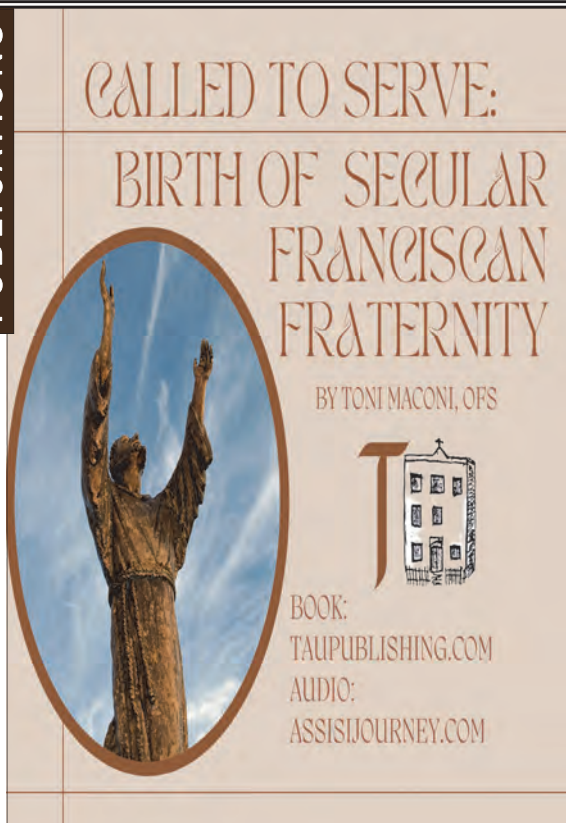
The 11 Martyrs of Novogradok:

(all 11 Blesseds are contained in the same reliquary)

- 155 Maria Stella (Bl.)
- 156 Anna Kukulowicz (Bl.)
- 157 Eleanor Juzwik (Bl.)
- 158 Eugenia Mackiewicz (Bl.)
- 159 Helena Cierpka (Bl.)
- 160 Jadwiga Zak (Bl.)
- 161 Jozefa Chrobot (Bl.)
- 162 Julia Rapięg (Bl.)
- 163 Leokadia Matustzewska (Bl.)
- 164 Paulina Borowik (Bl.)
- 165 Veronika Narmuntowicz (Bl.)


LEGEND:


Bl. = Blessed (i.e., not yet canonized)
12Ap = This relic located in the reliquary containing the 12 Apostles and St. Paul.



“THIS IS THE STORY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE LITTLE PORTION SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY, OF HOW A GROUP OF LAY PEOPLE CAME TOGETHER TO HELP A FRIEND WHO HAD A DREAM TO HELP THE POOR. IN DOING SO, THEY TRANSFORMED A CRUMBLING BUILDING IN THE SOUTH BRONX INTO A THRIVING RETREAT HOUSE, HELPED RUN THAT RETREAT HOUSE, AND FORMED THE FRATERNITY THAT LIVES ON TODAY.”

**“CALLED TO SERVE:
BIRTH OF A SECULAR FRANCISCAN
FRATERNITY”** by Toni Maconi, OFS

Secular Franciscan fraternities often come from humble beginnings. Such was the case for one particular fraternity that set down roots in a crumbling building in the South Bronx in 1982. The founding members were an unlikely group, of all ages, but with the same burning zeal in their hearts. They had come together to renovate a building, which eventually became a retreat house in the South Bronx. They began working together and then realized that they wanted something more permanent. Such austere beginnings are seldom documented, but this one is, in “Called to Serve: The Birth of a Secular Franciscan Fraternity” by Toni Maconi, OFS, (taupublishing.com). Not only that, it stands as a testament to the strength of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order. 


The book, which is now available on audio (*available at* assisijourney.com), details how the retreat house began as a dream. It also tells how that dream became a reality, and how it served the communities and people of the South Bronx. How the fraternity takes shape is no less interesting – from the moment this group of volunteers comes together, it is apparent they are of one heart, and within that heart burns a Franciscan flame. 

There was no fraternity at first. As the volunteers got together to renovate the building, they simply tackled the task at hand: shoring up the structure, making the inside livable, begging for donations of furniture, appliances, bedding, and dishes. They didn’t realize it, but they were living the Franciscan Rule long before any of them knew what the Rule was, or what it required. It was only in looking back did they see they had been living and working as Franciscans long before they knew it.

“Birth of a Secular Franciscan Fraternity” – both book and audio – takes a look at how the fraternity came to be, and how it was embraced by many, many people. It is an enduring fraternity - as active today (although the retreat house is now closed) as it was so many years ago. The OFS rule is a living, breathing thing, but it needs God’s people to breathe life into it. And that is exactly what the founding members did - and continue to do today.

“Birth of a Secular Franciscan Fraternity” is not a how-to book for those looking to form a fraternity, but rather it is a promise of what could be, if those who want it are willing to work and sacrifice.

It is available for purchase at taupublishing.com for \$14.95.

An audio version can be heard at assisijourney.com for free. 

THE BLESSINGS OF FRATERNITY

by ANNA ANGELA ZIELSKI, OFS

The executive Council of the St. John Vianney fraternity in Colonia, NJ decided to hold its' 2021 September meeting "live" and to honor the Year of St Joseph. Our last "live" gathering had been in September 2020, where we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our fraternity at Merrill Park in Colonia, NJ.

On September 19th the Fraternity gathered at the Shrine of Saint Joseph in Stirling, NJ, and celebrated the 51st SJV Fraternity anniversary as well as the 90th birthday of Minister, Dolores Jules, OFS. With God's Grace, they enjoyed a safe trip, beautiful weather with panoramic views, and the joy of fellowship. The day included sharing a celebratory picnic lunch, which included a delicious cake that Paul DiLena bought from an Italian bakery. They prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m. and enjoyed shopping at the Shrine's Gift Shop which held an amazing variety of products. Some members went to Confession. **IT WAS GOOD TO BE TOGETHER AGAIN!**



Photo credit: ST. JOHN VIANNEY FRATERNITY

Formation director, Paul DiLena, commented that this visit to the St. Joseph shrine was a reminder of the necessity to find time in our busy lives to slow down and connect with nature to deepen our understanding, love, and union with the Creator. As St. Joseph did in his earthly existence, let God rejuvenate our body and mind at His fountain of peace and mercy. Minister, Dolores Jules added that "It was so peaceful and quiet! You could feel the sacredness of St Joseph's Shrine." Member Paul Blasco felt this was a "very good trip and liked it", member John Sewing agreed stating that, "It was exciting and thrilling! Such a true blessing to be with such an outstanding Fraternity!" Member Mely Francesca Manalo commented that she "enjoyed very much the outing at St Joseph's Shrine in Stirling, NJ, and especially the caring shown by everyone, adding that Paul DiLena was great in taking care of everyone's needs."

Information on the Shrine for those who may be interested. Shrine of Saint Joseph | 1050 Long Hill Rd. | Stirling, NJ 07980
908-647- 0208 Shrine | 908-647-2766 Gift Shop | <https://www.shrineofsaintjoseph.com>



Photo credit: DOLORES JULES, OFS

Celebrating her 90th birthday this past July 12th, **DOLORES JULES, OFS**, from St. John Vianney fraternity of Colonia, NJ, gathered with her entire family in PA. for a festive reunion.

Opposite photo shows joyful Dolores surrounded by her 13 great-grandchildren!



MEMORIAM

WRITTEN BY MEMBERS OF ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY, NEW YORK CITY

A Memorial Mass Service for **JULIA McCANTS**, was held

Saturday, May 22, 2021, at the Holy Name—St Gregory Church. Fr. Matthew Pravetz, OFM, the St. Mary of the Angels fraternity's former Spiritual Assistant was the celebrant. Julia had died on March 19, 2021, the feastday of St Joseph.

SOME BRIEF COMMENTS AT THE MEMORIAL MASS FOR JULIA:

Julia loved the OFS and her OFS brothers and sisters. She was firm, generous, committed, caring, funny, hard-working, moved things along, and made things happen for the good of the members, the fraternities, and the Order. She was dear to both individuals and fraternities from Manhattan to New Jersey.

"Julia will be missed dearly. She was certainly most faithful to the OFS and the Holy Name Parish. She will be missed.

How fortunate she was to die on the Feast day of St. Joseph, Julia certainly imitated Joseph's faith, hard work, and devotion to Jesus and Mary. Now she rejoices in their wonderful presence."

Paraphrasing Fr. Matthew Pravetz, "Julia didn't simply bring refreshments to any OFS gathering, she was Refreshment."

In response to a question Julia was asked many years ago about the Manhattan Cluster, Julia responded in her typical matter-of-fact way,

"I am the Manhattan Cluster."
(We'd all laugh).

I think it fitting to close these comments with one of Julia's signature statements:

"TAKE IT ONE DAY AT A TIME."

It was with deep sorrow that we learned the sad news of the loss of our Secular Franciscan brother, **MICHAEL F. BRADY**, of Brewster, NY, who died peacefully at his home on May 2, 2021, after a valiant battle against ALS. He was 62 years old. He will be dearly missed as a Franciscan officer and leader. A courageous holy man that inspired many. His life held many challenges, but he remained strong as he carried the cross of Christ.

Born on June 29, 1958, in Laurelton, Queens, NY, Michael received his bachelor's degree in Computer Sciences from Iona College in New Rochelle. He was an Information Architect with IBM in Armonk for 12 years. A devoted Catholic and faithful servant of the Lord. Michael was a lifelong parishioner of St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster where he served as Eucharistic Minister, leader of their Men's Ministry, and was active with the youth ministry in prior years. He was a member and past Grand Knight with the Knights of Columbus council #1495, leading his family and community in faith and service.

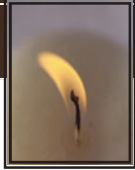
Michael was a Minister for the Servants of God Fraternity in Yonkers, NY, always helping people in their faith journey. He was a Stephen's Minister, providing Christ's love and care to people in difficult times.

thoughts & prayers

"We remember Michael Brady with great love and acknowledge his spiritual presence with us as he is free now and fully in the embrace of our Lord, His Blessed Mother, and Sts. Francis & Clare.

SISTER DEATH

2020 2021



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Kevin Bent
Michael F. Brady
Sunny Brennan
Tom Brown
Josephine Bushey
Rosalie Cauceglia
Andrew Cignarella
Irene D'Arco
Ruth Dowling
Joan Ferrary
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Columba Hong
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Helena Miller
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ORD, WE PRAY FOR
OUR FAMILY
OF
FRANCISCAN
BROTHERS
AND SISTERS
WHO HAVE ENTERED
INTO
ETERNAL LIFE.

WITH THE ARRIVAL
OF SISTER DEATH,
THE LIFE WE KNOW
IS CHANGED,
NOT ENDED.

SADNESS GIVES WAY
TO THE
BRIGHT PROMISE
OF IMMORTALITY.

OUR DEPARTED BROTHERS
AND SISTERS REMAIN A
PART
OF THE
COMMUNION OF SAINTS
AS WELL AS OUR
FRATERNITIES.

PLEASE KEEP THEM
LOVINGLY IN
YOUR PRAYERS.
AMEN.

IT'S TIME TO SAY *Thank You*

by

PHILIP HEERY, OFS
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY
FRATERNITY 153, NYC

S O MANY FRANCISCANS HAVE PASSED ON OVER THE YEARS FOR VARIOUS REASONS WITHOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE THANKED, OR TO EXPRESS WORDS OF APPRECIATION FOR THEIR KINDNESS, HARD WORK, AND DEDICATION THEY GAVE TO THE FRANCISCAN ORDER.

I was professed in May of 1960 at St John the Baptist Church, in New York City, the St. Louis Fraternity. I remember the month and year because I was married the following month. We were all young, carefree, and about the same age, however, it didn't last. In a very short time, we merged with an older fraternity, St. Elizabeth. With the new fraternity – St. Louis & St. Elizabeth became a baby-sitting program to help married couples attend the monthly meeting. This was very successful and our children still remember the fun and games they played in the auditorium while the parents were in Church.

Now I realize it also exposed them to our Franciscan lifestyle. Our oldest daughter joined the Carmelite Order, I'll never figure that one out. As our family and the obligation continued to grow, I transferred to the St. Monica Fraternity in Queens. It was here that the Third Order of St. Francis officially became the Secular Franciscan Order. I know that a lot of hard work went into the changeover and we as Secular Franciscans received many blessings from it.

My family responsibilities continued to grow at St. Monica's fraternity and I was seriously considering leaving the Fraternity. However, at a pastoral visit the priest in his homily mentioned that we were chosen for the Secular Franciscan Order, not the other way around. I never forgot that, and when difficulties arose, I reminded myself, *It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you*, Jn. 15:9-17.

Secular Franciscan Monthly Pledge

I think of my Franciscan calling as a covenant relationship. In the early years of 2000, I transferred back to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity. In July of 2019, I received a pacemaker, and medically speaking, the doctors told me Sister Death has been postponed. My concern now is to use time wisely. I am hoping for a late-September farewell so when St. Francis on his annual trip to Purgatory takes all the souls of the Orders to Heaven, I'll be included.* God willing, I'll make it to the 20th OFS Quinquennial Congress next year.

MANY THANKS TO ALL MY FRANCISCAN BROTHERS AND SISTERS FOR THE SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND BLESSINGS RECEIVED OVER THE YEARS.

*FROM THE "LITTLE FLOWERS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI."

"Knowest thou," said Christ, ... "I grant to thee that every year on the anniversary of thy death thou mayest go to Purgatory and take with thee to the glory of Paradise all the souls of thy three Orders, the Friars Minor, the Sisters, and the Penitents, and likewise all others whom thou shalt find there, who have been especially devoted to thee; that so thou mayest be conformed to me in death as thou hast been like to me in life."

Love's Forgiveness

by **JOSEPHINE O'ROURKE**
SAN DAMIANO FRATERNITY 139
NEWTON, NJ

Were my words a bit harsh,
Tearing your heart in two?
Did I lack the patience
That for you was due?
Did I make you a promise
And not follow through?
Did I take our relationship
For granted too?

Please forgive me and I forgive you!

Was there inner pain
And I didn't have a clue?
Did you face some problems
Alone to work through?
Did I not understand
That to walk in your shoes
Would express the love
That I assumed you knew?

Please forgive me and I forgive you!

Did I fail to give you space
And unconditionally accept you,
Remembering that God
Gave us each a different hue?

Did I lack sensitivity,
Forgetting what's true,
Our spirits entwined,

Gold threads holding me to you?

Please forgive me and I forgive you!

Forgiveness builds the bridge,
And does all it can do.

Forgiveness scales the walls
To mend anew.

Forgiveness smells so sweet;
It's pure and refreshing like dew,

Forgiveness remembers,
God says it's what we must do.

So please forgive me and I forgive you!

F R A T E R N I T A S

C O N G R A T U L A T I O N S

On October 17th, 2021, we welcomed **ELIZABETH ALFONSO** (center) in front of Fr. Julian

to the **ST. THOMAS MORE FRATERNITY 115, NYC**, where she will begin her formation journey with Teodora Reyes, her formation guide.



THE BACK ROW — L-TO-R:
Vanessa (guest), Stacey Antine, Teodora Reyes, Fr. Julian, Michael (guest), Sui San Mui, Diana (guest),

FIRST ROW:
Laurie (guest), Carol Elmsworth, Elizabeth Alfonso, Florence Permanand.

Photo credits: ST. THOMAS MORE FRATERNITY

ADMISSIONS

ST. THOMAS MORE FRATERNITY 115, NYC, Rite of Admission was held for **SUI SAN MUI** to the fraternity. Fr. Julian, center, is the Spiritual Assistant.

TO HIS LEFT are Carol Elmsworth, Stacey Antine, and Teodora Reyes. **CENTER:** Florence Permanand and

TO HIS RIGHT are: Sui San Mui, guest, and visitor Elizabeth Alfonso. It was a **JOYOUS CELEBRATION.**



PROFESSIONS

On October 14, 2021, St. FRANCIS FRATERNITY 137, HACKENSACK, NJ,

celebrated the Rite of Profession of

(PICTURED L-TO-R) :

ALESSANDRA PANUCCIO,

VIVIAN ISAAC, and

ROSELLINA IACONO.

They are the fraternity's "Zoom babies." Many months of their candidacy had to be carried out on Zoom during Covid.

They were faithful to every session and also met with the Director of Formation once a week on Zoom to pray Evening Prayers.



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PICTURED BACK ROW, L-TO-R: Deacon Sal Bonfiglio, OFS, Joe McKenna, OFS, Marty Gleeson, OFS, Penny Gleeson, OFS, Kay Francis, OFS, Debbie Kubeck OFS.

FRONT ROW: Frank Cryan, OFS, Marilyn Harmyk, OFS, Carl Westover, OFS, Mary-Frances Reavey, OFS, Michael Seiler, OFS, Evelyn Lehr, OFS.

MISSING FROM PHOTO: Darryl Dubois, OFS.



Photos credit: St. PETER FRATERNITY

THE ST. PETER FRATERNITY 113, SOMERSET, NJ, welcomed **CARL WESTOVER** and **MARILYN HARMYK** as its newest professed members on August 14, 2021. Msgr. William Benwell, (above right) who is also a Secular Franciscan, served as Celebrant of the Profession Mass assisted by Deacon Sal Bonfiglio, a Secular Franciscan. The Mass was celebrated at St. Mathias Church in Somerset, NJ.

Attending the Mass were the members of St. Peter Fraternity together with family members and friends of both Marilyn and Carl. Music was provided by Debra Kubeck, OFS, on guitar and Mary Frances Chavez, vocalist.

PROFESSIONS

On Wednesday, September 29, 2021, Tom Scheuring, OFS Minister, SERVANTS OF GOD FRATERNITY 168, YONKERS, NY, received the Permanent Profession of **SUSAN LEYDEN, OFS**. Mass was celebrated by Fr. Stephen Marie Dufrene, CFR, and concelebrated by Fr. Peter Frangie, OFS; Fr. Bryan Adamcik, OFS; and Fr. Ignatius Mary Shin, CFR at St. Adalbert Church, Bronx, NY.

Fraternity confreres, family, and friends received an inspiring “Franciscan” homily given from the heart by Fr. Stephen. Susan received her San Damiano Cross, Gospels, and Lighted Candle with the same joy and gratitude as felt by her OFS brothers and sisters gathered together face-to-face—heart-to-heart, after a year and a half of initial and ongoing formation Fraternity meetings, via Zoom Internet.



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PICTURED L-TO-R:

Fr. Peter Frangie; Marise Frangie, OFS, Formation Director; Susan Upshur, OFS; Tom Scheuring, OFS, Minister; Susan Leyden, OFS; Tom Upshur, OFS; Regina Marino, OFS; Fr. Bryan Adamcik.
They are pictured holding a photo of their beloved departed Michael Brady, Angela Scannapieco, and Lyn Scheuring.

ELECTIONS

ELECTION RESULTS of August 2, 2021

MOST HOLY NAME FRATERNITY 112, LITTLE FALLS, NJ



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**NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL
PICTURED L-TO-R:**

Fr. Frank McHugh, OFM was the friar witness.

PICTURED L-TO-R ARE:

- SR. JANICE JOLIN, SMIC**
Spiritual Assistant
- JOE WICKHAM, OFS**
Minister
- DEBBIE WICKHAM, OFS**
Vice Mnister
- JIM ANDREANO, OFS**
Treasurer
- IRENE DE BERNARDO, OFS**
Secretary
- REV. SAM MONACO, OFS**
Formation Director

ELECTION RESULTS of April 24, 2021

PORZIUNCOLA FRATERNITY 136, EAST HANOVER, NJ



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NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL PICTURED L-TO-R:

FR. KERWIN GAZA, Spiritual Assistant; CHRIS LEONE, OFS, Formation Director;
LINDA PASQUALE, OFS, Minister; HYACINTH LAWRENCE, OFS, Treasurer;

ELECTION RESULTS of October 24, 2021

SACRED HEART FRATERNITY 146, YONKERS, NY



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NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL PICTURED L-TO-R:

CHERYL JENKINS, Vice Minister; BENEDICTA FONACIER, Director of Formation; FRANCES ACOSTA, Minister;
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—EDITOR

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