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Come and gather with other Franciscans to observe, participate and celebrate together.

If your fraternity or church has planned a gathering or special event, please send me your information for e-publication by the 25th of the preceding month.

**DEADLINE FOR THE
JUNE 2018 ISSUE
IS MAY 25th**

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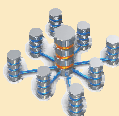
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

PEACE AND ALL GOOD!

A FEW NEW ITEMS OF INTEREST:

1- The new **NATIONAL WEBSITE** is up and running. Please visit the link below to explore. At some point in the near future, our regional newsletter, *The Troubadour*, will be one of the featured newsletters posted on the site. Please be sure to bookmark the new web address:

<http://secularfranciscansusa.org>

2- **CIOFS** (the International Fraternity) is putting out weekly cards for the 40th Anniversary of the Rule called "**Celebrating the Rule.**" The first week can be found on *page 11* of this newsletter or at the link below. We will e-mail you each week as the cards are available.

[http://secularfranciscansusa.org/2018/05/02/celebrate-the-
rule-cards-week-1/](http://secularfranciscansusa.org/2018/05/02/celebrate-the-rule-cards-week-1/)

3- Be sure to subscribe to our new **REGIONAL YOUTUBE CHANNEL.** (Let's see how quickly we can get to 100 subscribers!)

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/
UCbcNNcccQuh5gOANJAEr8Gg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbcNNcccQuh5gOANJAEr8Gg)

4- **NORTH JERSEY CLUSTER ON VOCATION** will be held on Saturday, June 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Bonaventure in Paterson. See *page 3*. Even if you are not from the North Jersey Cluster, you can sign up to attend. Please RSVP Ron Pihokker and let him know you are coming. rlpihokker@aol.com

Warm weather has finally arrived. Let us rejoice in God's creation—new leaves, new flowers and baby birds of all kinds. God is so good to us!

Peace and blessings,

Diane F. Menditto, OFS

Minister

Our Lady of the Angels Region

**THE SECULAR
FRANCISCAN ORDER
NORTH JERSEY
CLUSTER MEETING**

SATURDAY, JUNE 2ND, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. — Noon
- All are Welcome
- RSVP is required



TOPIC: VOCATION

CONTACT: RONALD L. PIHOKKER, OFS
COUNCILOR — NORTH JERSEY
Please RSVP to: rlpihokker@aol.com



LOCATION: St. Bonaventure Church Hall
174 Ramsey Street, Paterson, NJ



2018 REGION RETREAT

At the beautiful retreat house of Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center in Wappingers Falls, NY, July 27-29, 2018.

Arrival: Friday between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.
Dinner is between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Departure: After lunch, Sunday.

Cost is \$185.00 payable with registration.
Includes presentations, double room, private bath and Six full meals.
Please note there are a limited number of individual rooms.

There are a limited number of partial scholarships available.
For additional information contact Richard Spana, OFS | Rickspanasfo@aol.com

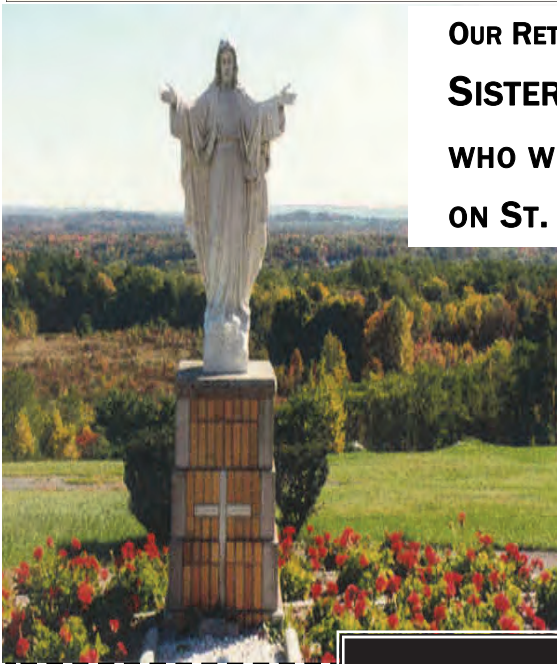


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**OUR RETREAT WILL BE LED BY
SISTER KATHLEEN OSBELT, OSF
WHO WILL BE SPEAKING THIS WEEKEND
ON ST. CLARE OF ASSISI.**



Sr. Kathleen has given retreats, days of reflection and numerous lectures on prayer, solitude, the Franciscan way of life, mystics and spirituality.

Come join your Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters at our annual region retreat where you will share time in prayer, fellowship and spiritual growth.

2018 REGION RETREAT REGISTRATION FORM

Please check one Professed Candidate

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Fraternity: _____ Single room Double room

Special Needs: _____ Room with: _____

Send completed registration form with \$185.00 check, payable to "Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity"
to: RICHARD SPANA, OFS • 170 E Hartsdale Avenue, Apt. 1-F, Hartsdale, NY 10530 • Phone: 914-478-2010.

The Registration Form will be available on our region website at: <http://ourladyoftheangelsregion.org> 

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

A few weeks ago, our region was contacted through our website by Anne Kadet, a columnist from the *Wall Street Journal*.

She was interested in finding out about Secular Franciscans in the NY-NJ metropolitan area for an article she planned to write for the NY-Metro edition of the paper.

We discussed a lot of background information about the Order. She also wanted to speak to some of our members and perhaps attend a fraternity gathering. She mentioned knowing about St. Francis on 31st Street in Manhattan.

With that connection in mind, Pat Clayton, Minister of the St. Benedict the Moor Fraternity which meets on 31st Street, gathered some professed members and candidates to sit down for coffee with Anne, who also spoke separately with Chris Leone our JPIC animator.

(Thank you, Pat, Chris and all those who participated in and facilitated the interviews.)

The result of those conversations is this article which appeared on April 4th in the print metro edition and online.

I hope you will read it and share it with your fraternity members and any others who might be interested in finding out about the OFS.

Peace and blessings,



Diane Menditto, OFS
Regional Minister
Our Lady of the Angels

HEEDING THE CALL OF ST. FRANCIS



Article by: Anne Kadet | Photo Credit: Peter Ryan

IN THE NEW YORK METRO-AREA

When Zubair Simonson converted to Catholicism and got confirmed in 2012, he wasn't satisfied. "Ok, I'm Catholic now," the former Muslim thought. "Now how can I be even more Catholic?"

Zubair, who is 35 years old, does a lot of religious reading and had fallen in love with the story of St. Francis of Assisi, the 13th century friar venerated for quitting a life of privilege to serve the poor. While Mr. Simonson wanted to model his life on his medieval hero, the former marketing professional had little interest in becoming a Franciscan friar.

Instead, he joined the Order of Franciscan Seculars—an International fraternity of men and woman who often work, marry and raise families, but vow to follow the "Way of Life" outlined by St. Francis in 1221.

Following a three-year formation period, Mr. Simonson pledged to place himself on an equal basis with all people, "especially with the lowly," as the saint's directives prescribe and to purify his heart "from every tendency and yearning for possession and power."

Phew! It's a tall order for anyone in New York City, the global capital of self advancement. But Mr. Simonson has company. There are about 400,000 Secular Franciscans worldwide and more than 1,250 live in the New York metro area.

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“We’re out in the world,” says Patricia Clayton, a volunteer minister serving a 30-member fraternity based at the Church of Saint Francis of Assisi in Manhattan.

“We’re in a very unique position to bring Franciscan spirituality to the workplace and to the marketplace.”

Members pare their possessions, commit to regular volunteer work and recite Psalms twice a day. Most wear a Tau cross around their neck—which they refer to as their habit. They also meet to discuss applying Franciscan principles to daily life.

Mr. Simonson says he’s content to share a Queens apartment with roommates and wait tables at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co., a Times Square restaurant popular with tourists. The job leaves plenty of time for volunteer work and for writing fiction and essays about religion and politics.

While some servers get frustrated with patrons from abroad who don’t tip, Mr. Simonson remembers that every person was created in the image of God and deserves reverence. “It’s one of those attitudes that helps you get through life,” he says.

For some, the Order supports a lifestyle they’ve already adopted. By the time he discovered the fraternity several years ago, candidate to be professed Artie Hasegawa, now 51, had ditched a successful corporate career and big house in the New York City suburbs for a spare one-bedroom Manhattan apartment and work as a freelance business strategist doing pro-bono work for nonprofits.

These days, he says he enjoys learning from a supportive community of like-minded people who share his guiding principals.

“We have different backgrounds, but the same outlook,” Mr. Hasegawa notes.

Some are less extreme. Chris Leone, a 67-year-old lifelong Catholic who joined the order in 2004, is a director at American Express, lives in a four-bedroom house with his wife and children in Parsippany, N.J. and drives a Jeep Compass. Still, his faith influences every facet of life including his political views. Mr. Leone, who leans toward the conservative side, says his initial impulse was to keep Syrian refugees out of the U.S., for example. But after careful thinking, he brought his feelings in line with what he believes is the Franciscan position. “We need to welcome these people,” he concluded.

To join the order, candidates undergo a three-year formation process that includes classes and fraternity-meeting attendance. It culminates in a ceremony at a Mass where they publicly profess a lifelong commitment to follow the Way of Life.

Not everyone makes the finish line, says Nancy Conroy, a nurse and volunteer formation facilitator for the Franciscan Seculars. Some leave when they realize it’s a bigger commitment than joining a prayer group, or discern that God has other plans for them. Those seeking free group therapy, meanwhile, are encouraged to explore alternatives.

“Their neediness gets in the way,” Ms. Conroy says. “They are not really called to fraternity.”

The process is lengthy but gentle, says candidate to be professed Francesca Ciolino-Volano. The 68-year-old retired English teacher, now an adjunct professor at Queens College, is volunteering at a women’s shelter and giving away unneeded possessions. “I’m a little more attuned to people, a little more sensitive to what they’re going through,” she says. The feeling that something was missing has eased, Ms. Ciolino-Volano says. When out shopping these days, she often finds herself reshelving an item before leaving the store. “I’m proud of myself,” she says. “I’m learning that I don’t need a lot.”

André Cirino OFM has worked in parishes, formation, education, and the Little Portion Retreat House for the poor. His books include *Teens Encounter Christ, In the Womb of the Cave*, and *The Cross Was Their Book*. Since 1984 André has conducted pilgrimages to Italy, Prague, England, Mallorca, France, Germany and California for FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE PROGRAMS. He taught at the Franciscan International Study Centre, Canterbury, England.

Josef Raischl, OFS, a native of Germany, lives with his wife Bernadette, in Dachau and works with Hospice in Munich. He studied theology in Germany and at the Franciscan International Study Centre, Canterbury. Josef also studied in Rome at the Capuchin Franciscan Institute where he met André and developed this retreat.

André and Josef have published: *Franciscan Solitude; Journey into God; A Forty-Day Journey into God; My Heart's Quest: Collected Writings of Eric Doyle; Three Heroes of Assisi in World War II; A Pilgrimage through the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition; Bringing Forth Christ*. André and Laurent Gallant OFM published *St. Francis' Office of the Passion: The Geste of the Great King*. Josef produced the CDs for the *Office of the Passion and Love Holding Love*—mantras drawn from the writings of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi. See our website: www.assisiourney.com

Registration and Event Information

Starts:
Thursday evening, August 9 2018
to
Friday August 17, 2018, after lunch.

Registration Is Open !

Please send registration and check made out to :

Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center

and mailed to :

P.O. Box 858

Wappinger Falls, N.Y. 12590.

Fees (8 days, all options include 24 meals):

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| Single occupancy room | \$800 |
| Double occupancy room, each person | \$700 |
| Commuter | \$500 |

Early Bird registration:

Pay in full by March 1, 2018 and save \$50.

After March 1, 2018 :

Pay \$200 with registration, non-refundable.
Balance due by July 23, 2018
Initial registration payment applies to total.

Cancellation :

Prior to July 23rd, \$200 non-refundable,
anything over will be refunded.
After July 23rd, no refunds.
Emergency cancellation on individual basis.

Saint Bonaventure's Journey into God



A Centennial Franciscan Retreat Experience

August 9-17, 2018

**Mount Alvernia Retreat House
Wappingers Falls, New York**

Within the present decade of this new millennium, the eighth centenary of the birth of one of the most distinguished friars of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition has occurred: Giovanni di Fidanza, later known as St. Bonaventure. Although scholars have different opinions concerning the actual date of St. Bonaventure's birth, many have settled on 1217. While we are within this decade of the new millennium, we invite you to celebrate the eighth centenary of the birth of the Seraphic Doctor, St. Bonaventure, by attending a retreat on his masterpiece, *Itinerarium Mentis in Deum*, his *Journey into God*.

Jean Gerson (+ 1429), chancellor at the University of Paris, St. Bonaventure's alma mater, said that the *Itinerarium* is "more valuable than all literature which had ever been written," and confessed that he made the *Itinerarium* his "chosen reading for 30 years, without ever ceasing to obtain great fruit from it." And more recently, Lawrence Landini OFM (+ 2005) called this writing "a religious classic, theology rooted in experience!" And Zachary Hayes OFM (+ 2014), a Bonaventurian scholar himself, said that "virtually the whole of Bonaventure's theology is present in the few compact pages of the *Itinerarium*."

In 1259, St. Bonaventure, wanted "to satisfy the desire of (his) spirit for peace." So around the time of the thirty-third anniversary of the death of the saint, he wrote: "I was moved by a divine inspiration and withdrew to Mount LaVerna since it was a place of quiet." And there he experienced his *JOURNEY INTO GOD*.

The retreat opens with a presentation on the life of Bonaventure in order to provide a context for reflection on his work. Each of the eight days of the retreat is then dedicated to one of the chapters of *THE JOURNEY*. Each day is a balance of instruction on the text, periods for reading and personal and communal participation in eucharist, morning and evening prayer. The liturgical and para-liturgical prayer is especially designed by the presenters to disclose the profound themes in a contemporary experience.

A typical day would be spent in the following manner. After morning prayer, time is provided for reading the chapter of *THE JOURNEY* under consideration, then, an input session on the same chapter followed by quiet time. Only the Eucharist is celebrated in the afternoon, the remaining time for reflection and quiet. Evening prayer is followed by optional sharing on the chapter of the day.



Each retreatant will need two books: *Journey into God*, Raischl & Cirino; and the songbook, *Love Holding Love*, both available from Tau Publishing, Phoenix, AZ.

Former retreatants have said:

"This is the most holistic, inclusive, all-encompassing retreat I have ever experienced, incorporating body, mind, spirit, movement, the arts, visuals, audio, symbols and rituals."

Christelle Watercott, OSF, Minnesota

"A spiritual experience of a lifetime. I have studied Bonaventure's Journey, but this time I experienced it."

Paula Scraba, OFS, New York

"I came to this retreat wondering if I would ever understand Bonaventure. I left with a sense of peace in my search for God."

Barbara Goergen, OSF, California

"The Journey into God retreat was a true journey within my soul as well as a journey with others."

Celestine Giertych, CSSF, Italy

"The finest retreat I've ever made!"

Joseph Schwab, OFM, Arizona

"The retreat is a living experience that immerses the retreatant in the teaching of the Seraphic Doctor. You might think of it as theology for the non-theologian."

Paul Perkins, OFS, California

"It reconnected me to the Word of God who walks in our skin."

Jan Kilian, OSF, Minnesota

"A life-transforming experience! It has opened up new horizons for my own journey."

Clare Ruva, OSC, England



Dear OFS Community,

Peace and all good!

Today, global migration is one of the most controversial and polarizing issues all over the world. In the United States, this can be seen in the Trump administration's anti-immigration sentiments and policies. As predicted, 2018 has already seen renewed calls for a border wall, threats to the futures and safety of DACA recipients (Dreamers) and TPS holders, and an increase in ICE enforcement actions (raids).

These developments have resulted in threats of detention and deportation for vulnerable individuals and have inflicted harm and trauma on their families and communities. It must be a horrifying feeling to think of one's life as indeterminate due to a lack of legal status. Likewise, it is a tormenting thought to be called an alien and a stranger in a country founded on the lives of countless immigrants!

As Christians, and as followers of Francis and Clare of Assisi, we cannot remain silent and indifferent about this burning issue. We are inspired by Pope Francis' example, who reminded us that "every stranger who knocks at our door is an opportunity for an encounter with Jesus Christ, who identifies with the welcomed and rejected strangers of every age." We must reclaim our voice in the conversation on migration!

FRANCISCAN COMMON GROUND 2018 hopes to facilitate that. This year's conference theme is: "Finding a *Franciscan Voice to Migration*." The Keynote speaker is: David B. Couturier, OFM Cap., Executive Director of the Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University. This will be a day of reflection, sharing and networking that will aspire to find concrete ways to put Pope Francis' four mileposts of action (*welcoming, protecting, promoting, and integrating*) into reality.

FRANCISCAN COMMON GROUND 2018 will be held on
Saturday, May 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m.
San Damiano Hall, 127 West 31st Street, New York, NY 10001

Register via email: jjagudilla@stfrancisnyc.org
or call 212-736-8500 ext. 328



Please RSVP as soon as possible.

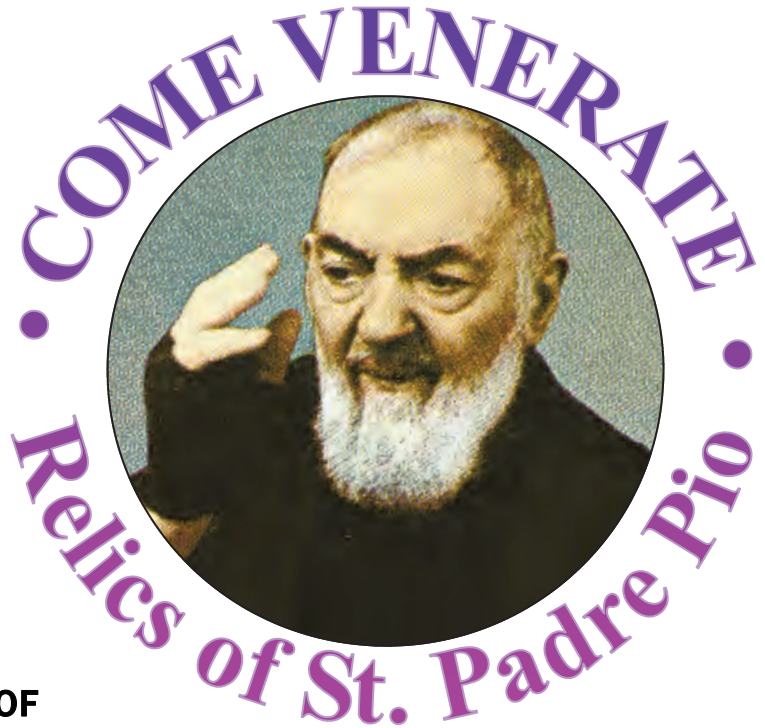
Please do not hesitate to write or call with your questions.

Fraternally,

Julian S. Jagudilla, OFM


For the Franciscan Common Ground

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
RELICS OF
ST. PADRE PIO**



**THE PORZIUNCOLA FRATERNITY OF
EAST HANOVER, NEW JERSEY
AND THE PADRE PIO PRAYER GROUP
INVITE YOU TO COME**

VENERATE THE OFFICIAL RELICS OF ST. PADRE PIO OF PIETRELCINA.

- The relics will be on display at St. Peter the Apostle Parish
179 Baldwin Road, Parsippany, NJ 07054
973 - 334-2090
- Veneration begins in the Church at
8:30 a.m. and concludes at 6:30 p.m.
- Mass will be celebrated in the Church at 7:00 p.m.
with Monsignor Herbert Tillyer, Pastor of
St. Peter the Apostle, is the main celebrant.
- For more information, please contact St. Peter's
at stpeterpar@optonline.net 



Celebrating The Rule

40 Years
1978–2018

Celebrate the Rule Cards – Week 1

CIOFS is publishing a series of weekly cards to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of our Rule. The cards are available in English, Spanish, French and Italian. Please let me know your language preference if other than English. Please share these with fraternity members without Internet access.

Anna Geraci—Editor

CIOFS FORMATION THE RULE The Challenge

Do I love the Lord?
Mk 12:30

*"Christ, the gift of the
Father's love, is the
way to Him." Art 4*

- 1=never;
- 2=rarely;
- 3=sometimes;
- 4=often;
- 5=always

**How have I shown my
love for the Lord
today?**



40 Celebrating
years
Of the OFS Rule
1978 - 2018

FORMACION CIOFS
LA REGLA
El Desafío

Amo al Señor?
Mc 12:30
"Cristo, don del amor del Padre, es el camino hacia Él." Art 4

- 1=Nunca;
- 2=Raramente;
- 3=A veces;
- 4=A menudo;
- 5=Siempre

Cómo he mostrado mi amor para El Señor hoy?



CIOFS FORMATION
LA RÈGLE
Le Dèfi

Est-ce que j'aime le Seigneur? Mc 12:30
"Le Christ, don de l'amour du Père, est le chemin vers le Père."

- Art 4
- 1=Jamais;
 - 2=Rarement;
 - 3=Quelquefois;
 - 4=Souvent;
 - 5=Toujours

Comment ai-je montré mon amour pour le Seigneur aujourd'hui?



FORMAZIONE CIOFS
LA REGOLA
La Sfida

Amo il Signore?
Mc 12:30
"Cristo, dono dell'Amore del Padre, è la via a Lui." Art 4

- 1=Mai;
- 2=Raramente;
- 3=A volte;
- 4=Spesso;
- 5=Sempre

Come ho mostrato il mio amore per il Signore oggi?



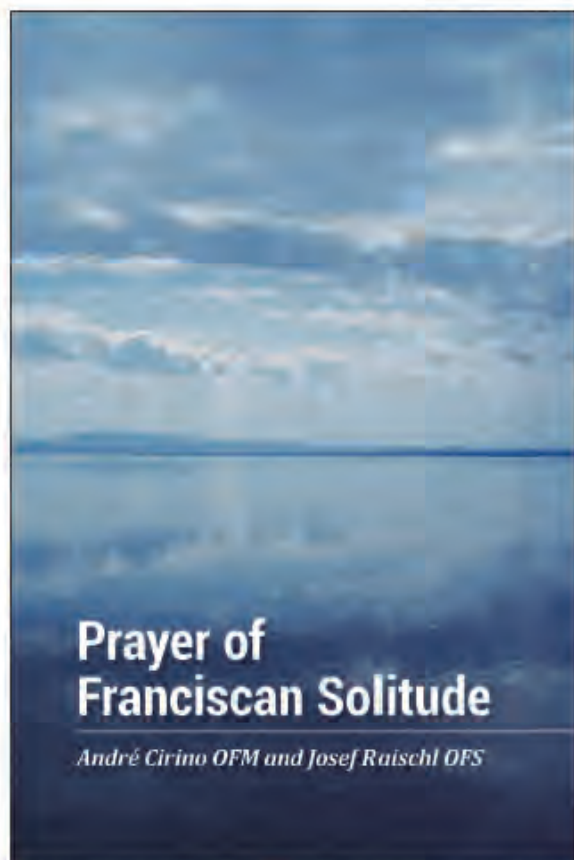
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Since the publication of our first volume, *Franciscan Solitude*, in 1995, we have encountered several people who have taken St. Francis' *Document on Solitude* personally into the fabric their lives, and we have invited them to share their experiences in a collection of essays that comprise a new anthology called *Franciscan Prayer of Solitude*. Solitude has been embraced by the Church since its beginning, but solitude that is called by the name "Franciscan" has the unique vision of its founder, St. Francis, stamped upon it. And simply being *in a religious way* in solitude is prayer. So, we offer these essays to all lovers of Franciscan solitude

The followers of Francis and Clare today continue to discover ways to adapt a thirteenth-century document on solitude to the lives of people in the twenty-first century. The essays of this volume demonstrate the ongoing vitality of the Franciscan spiritual tradition of solitude in our day. And the inspiring words and example of these authors comprise an invitation to the readers of this book to discover the riches of this tradition for themselves.

Brother William Short OFM from his Introduction to this new anthology

Preface: André Cirino OFM and Josef Raischl OFS

Introduction: William J. Short OFM

St. Francis' Document on Solitude: André Cirino OFM

What's in a Name: André Cirino OFM

St. Clare and the Document on Solitude: Frances Teresa Downing OSC

Into the Silence: A Meditation: Murray Bodo OFM

From the Board Room to the Hermitage: John-Allen Green OFM

Reflection on Solitude: Anna Marie Covely OSC

Sit Apart from Leaping, Experiencing a Day of Solitude: Clare D'Auria OSF

Hermitages in a Spiritual Center Setting: A Franciscan Experience: Helen Budzik OSF

Living the Document on Solitude While in Full-Time Ministry, The Franciscan Hermitage: Kathleen Osbelt OSF

A Deliberate Life Little Brothers of Francis: Brothers Wayne, Howard, Geoffrey

The Solitude Group: Louise Beesley

The Gift of Solitude: Mary Esther Stewart OFS

Mountain Mysticism, The Spiritual Experience of Walking and Climbing: Bernadette and Josef Raischl OFS



The Franciscan Institute St. Bonaventure University

Summer/Fall 2018 Programs



The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University is offering a number of programs over the Summer of 2018. For further information on any of the programs, please contact Jill Smith at 716-375-2062 or jmsmith@sbu.edu



Master Class 1: Understanding John Duns Scotus

Dates: June 25-29, 2018 • *Registration capped at 20*

Master Teacher: Sr. Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ, Ph.D.

Classes available in ground and online formats, call for cost.

TOPIC

This weeklong session will explain and build upon Ingham's 2017 publication, "Understanding John Duns Scotus: Of Reality the Rarest-veined Unraveller," to unpack the Franciscan vision of Blessed John Duns Scotus. Special emphasis will be placed on pedagogical approaches to presenting Scotus's Franciscan vision (in its philosophical and theological contours) to undergraduates and non-specialists. One of this country's foremost experts on this Franciscan's increasingly popular theology of beauty, Ingham is a renowned teacher of the Franciscan tradition.

Master Class 2: Exploring Bonaventure's Collationes in Hexaemeron

Dates: July 9-13, 2018 • *Registration capped at 20*

Master Teacher: Dr. Jay Hammond, St. Louis University

Classes available in ground and online formats, call for cost.

TOPIC — This Master Class leads participants through what has been called St. Bonaventure's most important theological introduction to Christianity. Using his soon-to-be published translation and commentary of the Hexaemeron (Franciscan Institute Publications, 2018), Dr. Hammond will explain the historical context of this work and summarize how Bonaventure meditates on the six days of creation in Genesis to explain how we come to knowledge, wisdom and understanding on our faith journey. This course is open to all, especially those who want to deepen their understanding of Bonaventure's theology.

FRANCISCAN INSTITUTE WORKSHOPS

The Path & Practice of Mindfulness in the Christian Contemplative Tradition

Date: July 21, 2018

Location: St. Elizabeth Motherhouse

Franciscan Sisters of Allegany (near SBU campus)

Professor: Br. Richard Hendricks, O.F.M., Cap.

The price for this workshop is \$10, which includes lunch.

TOPIC — Mindfulness seems to be everywhere today, but where does it fit in the Christian contemplative tradition? Many are surprised to discover that since the earliest days of the Church the practices of centered attention or mindfulness have been a central pillar of the contemplative path. This workshop will look at what mindfulness is, where it came from and its practical place in our prayer life as a discipline for deepening our awareness of the Divine Presence.

SECULAR FRANCISCAN CONFERENCE

Becoming Prayer, Becoming Presence:

A Workshop for Secular Franciscans

Dates: July 13–15, 2018

Location: SBU campus

Facilitator: Br. Richard Hendricks, O.F.M., Cap.

Conference fee: **\$185.00**

All meals: **\$80.00**

Housing for the night of Thursday, July 12th through the morning of Sunday, July 15th, 2018: **\$92.00**

TOPIC

St. Francis is often described as one who not so much prayed as became prayer! Following this path is to walk the way of transformation through prayer as taught by Francis, Clare and so many of the Franciscan saints.

This workshop will look at renewing our sense of the Divine Presence in our lives and practical methods for establishing contemplative space as Franciscans today.



9th Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscans July 12-15, 2018



“Francis the Troubadour: How Can I Keep From Singing?”

Presenters



Jerry and Cricket Aull, OFS: Jerry and Cricket are in their 46th year of marriage with six children and eight grandchildren. Both have degrees in theology, including Jerry’s Doctorate in Ministry. They have been doing Catholic retreats, conferences and parish missions for over 20 years on customized themes across the US and Canada. Cricket is a professed Secular Franciscan since 2000; she is a published author of four books, has served as a retreat leader and conference speaker for Franciscans and parishes, and has been a Spiritual Director for many years, including Spiritual Direction for the Deacons in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Jerry is a liturgical musician and recording artist who has performed in concert for a number of notable occasions, such as in the Sanctuary of Martin Luther King’s church, for the President of the US, and with John Michael Talbot. A singer/songwriter with 10 CDs, which include the

beautiful voices of the Aulls’ five daughters, Jerry is also a jazz and big band musician and singer in Atlanta. Additionally, Jerry has been a conference and workshop speaker for Stephen Covey for over 25 years, and also teaches Theology at The Marist School. Together, the Aulls promote the Catholic tradition through interactive teaching and music.

Br. Bob Herrick, OFM Cap: Br. Bob Herrick, OFM Cap. is a friar of St. Augustine Province, headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA. He presently resides at Capuchin College in Washington, DC and is a formator for young friars who are in studies at Catholic University. Originally from Imperial, PA, Br. Bob is one of six sons, and likes to say that he was born into ‘community life’ by living with five other brothers! He was taught by the Franciscan Sisters from Millvale, who were very instrumental in encouraging his Franciscan vocation. Br. Bob attended St. Fidelis High School and College in Herman, PA. In 1977, Br. Bob became a novice with the Capuchins and moved to Annapolis, MD for novitiate, where he professed simple vows on July 15, 1978. He professed final vows at St. Augustine Church on August 22, 1981. Br. Bob has served in many Capuchin parishes, including those in Cleveland and Dover, OH, at York, PA, and at the Hermitage in Herman, PA. Br. Bob served as guardian of the Hermitage in Wheeling, WV for twelve years, where he also served as spiritual assistant for St. Alphonsus Secular Franciscan Fraternity, as regional spiritual assistant for Lady Poverty Region, and as assistant director at the Paul VI Pastoral Center in Wheeling, WV. He later served on the interprovincial novitiate staff in Santa Ynez, CA for four years. He is now in his second stint as formator at Capuchin College. Wherever Br. Bob has served, music has been a large part of his ministry, whether as music director in parishes and retreat centers, or as part of his formation work with the young friars. This year, Br. Bob will celebrate forty years as a Capuchin friar.



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TO EMPHASIZE COMMUNION WITH THE POPE, WE OFFER THE HOLY FATHER'S MONTHLY INTENTION AND AN OFS INTENTION, BASED ON THE LIFE AND MAJOR EVENTS OF THE ORDER.
LOCAL FRATERNITIES ARE ASKED TO PRAY FOR BOTH.

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| January | <p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian Countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Togo, Mozambique, and Korea.</p> |
| February | <p><u>Universal:</u> That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of RD Congo (VP), and Cyprus (VFP).</p> |
| March | <p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Brazil (VFP), Switzerland, Russia and Japan.</p> |
| April | <p><u>Universal:</u> That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Mauritius, Cuba, Latvia, Taiwan and for the CIOFS Presidency.</p> |
| May | <p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Canada, Costa Rica and New Zealand (VFP).</p> |
| June | <p><u>Universal:</u> That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Haiti, Czech Republic, Germany, Denmark, El Salvador, Austria, Malawi and Puerto Rico.</p> |
| July | <p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Rwanda and for the Pan-African Congress.</p> |
| August | <p><u>Universal:</u> That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Paraguay (VFP), Ireland, Brazil and the European Congress.</p> |
| September | <p><u>Universal:</u> That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Great Britain, Oceania Australia (VFP), Angola and Sweden.</p> |
| October | <p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of Croatia (VFP), Sri Lanka and India.</p> |
| November | <p><u>Universal:</u> That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For the national fraternities of the United States, Portugal, Vietnam (VFP), Nicaragua (VFP) and for the CIOFS Presidency.</p> |
| December | <p><u>For the Evangelization:</u> That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.</p> <p><u>OFS:</u> For all the national fraternities in difficulty.</p> |