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Celebrating 40 Years of the Approval of the 1978 Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

“Lord, make me
an instrument
of your peace;
where there is
hatred, let me
sow love;
where there is
injury, pardon;
where there is
doubt, faith;
where there is
despair, hope;
where there is
darkness, light;
and where
there is
sadness, joy.”



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
OCTOBER 2018 ISSUE
IS SEPTEMBER 25th**

Send event listings to:

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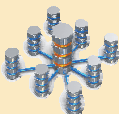
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**2018 REGION CALENDAR
GENERAL MEETINGS**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and all good!

As you have already heard or read a number of times, we will be having a **Servant Leadership Workshop** on Saturday, September 29th. There are more details below.

Please RSVP directly to me at: dianefmdfm@aol.com by **September 22** so that the team and the host fraternity will be able to prepare.



- **WHAT: Servant Leadership**
(Everyone serving in leadership or contemplating service should attend)
- **WHERE: St. Bonaventure Church - Bishop Manning Hall**
174 Ramsey Street, Paterson, NJ
(Hosted by St. John Vianney/St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity)
[Directions on our website](#)
- **WHEN: Saturday, September 29, 2018**
Registration at 9:00 a.m. with Prayer promptly at 9:30 a.m.
○ ("Coffee and" provided – **Brown bag for lunch**)
- **NEEDED: If anyone from your fraternity can arrive early (by 8:00 a.m.) to help set up the tables in Bishop Manning Hall, we would appreciate the help**
- **PROGRAM:**
 - **Morning:** Keynote and Panel Discussion on aspects of Servant Leadership - followed by small group reflections & dialogue
 - **Afternoon:** Second Panel Discussion on Servant Leadership - followed by large group reflections and dialogue
- **RSVP:** Your number attending by September 22 to Diane Menditto, OFS (Include the names of those who can come early to help)



We have planned an exciting, informative day during which you will get **six different perspectives on various aspects of Servant Leadership** with plenty of time for interaction. Please plan on attending.

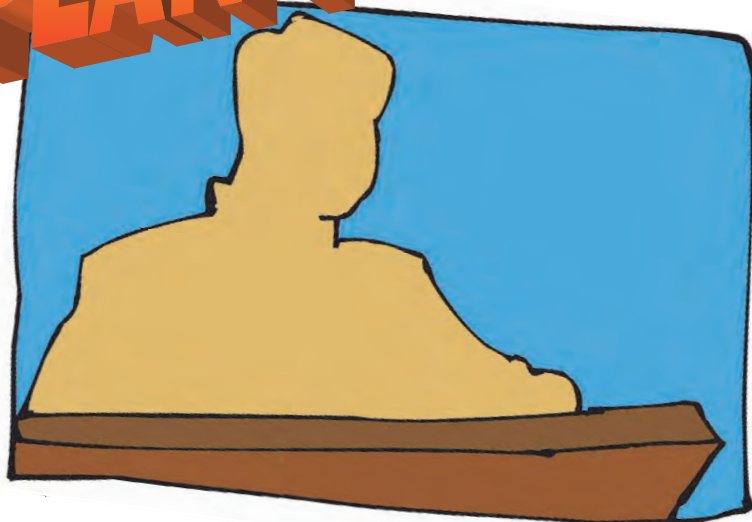
With prayers to the Holy Spirit for you and your fraternities,

Diane F. Menditto, OFS

Minister

Our Lady of the Angels Region

PLAN TO ATTEND



**THE OFS
SERVANT
LEADERSHIP
WORKSHOP**



Servant Leadership and the Making of a Vibrant Council

- **KEYNOTE**
- **PANEL DISCUSSIONS**
- **GROUP SHARING**

WHO IS INVITED?

All those who are presently serving; those discerning a nomination and those who have an interest in serving in the future.

DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

PLACE: St. Bonaventure Church Hall

174 Ramsey Street, Paterson, NJ

TIME: 9:00 a.m. — 2:30 p.m.



September 2018

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peace and all good in our Lord Jesus Christ and His Mother Mary.

We received the following statement from the National Executive Council of the Secular Franciscan Order regarding the abuse scandal in our Church. As you will see, it comes from the heart of those who serve our Order. (The statement is also on our national website.

This is the shortened link: <https://goo.gl/iqRRNM>



Please share this with everyone in your fraternities and use it as an additional source of prayer, meditation and discussion.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to comfort and strengthen us in our words, actions and reactions during this most difficult time.

(The statement is also on our national website. See shortened link below.)

<https://goo.gl/iqRRNM>



For those of us in the North Jersey area, we are asked to save **September 14th** on our calendars. Cardinal Tobin has invited the Archdiocese to a **Service of Prayer and Penance at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart at 7:30 p.m.** on that evening.

If you choose to attend, please wear your TAU so that others may see that we are present.

Peace and blessings,

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

A MESSAGE TO SECULAR FRANCISCANS REGARDING THE RECENT SCANDAL IN THE CHURCHES OF PENNSYLVANIA

Sisters and Brothers of the Secular Franciscan Order, United States:

The release of the Grand Jury report in Pennsylvania is a cause of sorrow, pain and agonizing self-scrutiny for the Catholic Church in the United States. We are again face to face with the tragic reality of sinful abuse perpetrated on the most vulnerable of our faith family. How, we ask, can we trust those shepherds with our lives, our children and our faith? Can the victims find peace and healing in the Church that betrayed their innocence? Can we, as professed Secular Franciscans, stand as mere bystanders watching this tragic play unfold before us? What are we to do? What can we do?

It saddens all of us that a small minority of men who made a commitment to serve the Church betrayed the promises they made to serve, and used their positions of being an authority figure to aid predatory behavior; truly we have wolves in sheep's clothing. (Mt 7:15) If it were only a case of a few parish priests, the trust of Church leaders may more easily be re-established; but when it is demonstrated that our chief shepherds, the bishops, were involved in secrecy, cover ups and pay outs, the trust, respect and moral authority of the Church as an institution suffers great damage. We must all face the truth and make no excuse for those who are guilty of these crimes against the living stones of the Church, the mystical body of Christ; those who have been unfaithful spouses to the Church as the Bride of Christ!

St John Chrysostom, a fourth century bishop, described pastors as the "salt of the earth".(Mt 5:13) He said of pastors, "If others lose their savor, then your ministry will help them regain it. *But if you yourselves suffer that loss, you will drag others down with you.*" Sisters and brothers, we have witnessed many being dragged down by those shepherds who have lost their savor as salt of the earth.

As a Secular Order, we are in a unique position to help those who feel abandoned, threatened and fearful of the clerical hierarchy that betrayed their trust. We are an order of people in the pew. As people in the pew we can listen to our broken sisters and brothers. We can listen without judging, without trying to immediately heal them of their pain. We can listen to them and acknowledge their pain without defending or making excuses for the institution that betrayed them. We can "with a gentle and courteous spirit accept them all as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ" (OFS Rule, Art.13). We can make contributions to support the counselors who will help heal the wounds of those suffering souls.

We were founded as the Brothers and Sisters of Penance. All of us in our individual life, in our fraternities, in our regions and our national fraternity must do penance for this great sin. Some demons can only be cast out through prayer and fasting. (Mark 9:29) *This is our call to action!* Our Lord asked St. Francis to rebuild the Church which was falling into ruin. Are we called to do anything less as followers of Francis? Francis lived his vocation authentically as a living example of Gospel Life. We must do the same. Only by living an authentic Gospel life will our light shine and the Church be rebuilt.

We must also stand with our brothers and sisters who have and are serving the Church as good and faithful servants. These men and women who are faithful to their call are now called to be suffering servants. They are guilty by association with the Church institution that has betrayed their trust. How difficult it will be for them to preach the Gospel as representatives of a Church that has lost its moral authority in the public square and in the pew. We must stand by those faithful servants and help them continue to look after the well-being of others.

Sisters and Brothers of the Secular Franciscan Order, we stand in support of the victims and in favor of holding those responsible for these crimes accountable for their actions. We pray for healing, forgiveness, peace, reconciliation and a Church that will be rebuilt and with God's grace, and the movement of Holy Spirit, one day, will once again be a beacon of light, hope and refuge. Let us go forth and witness to the light of Christ and rebuild the Church so that it may once again be full of grace and truth.

The National Executive Council of the Secular Franciscan Order USA (OFS-USA)
August 26, 2018

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI FRATERNITY

HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY

INVITES YOU TO THEIR

ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS BRUNCH

The brunch is prepared and served by the Secular Franciscans.

RSVP is required.

Please contact Diane Menditto, OFS at dianefmdfm@aol.com



PLACE: St. Francis Church Hall
50 Lodi Street
Hackensack, NJ 07601

DATE: Sunday, September 9th, 2018

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

TICKETS: \$18.00 per person

GUEST SPEAKER: Bro. Miguel Ramirez, OFM Cap.

If you attend please bring some school supplies or a gift card to Target, Staples or Walmart for the Southwest Indian Mission schools.



2018 DATES: OCTOBER 6; NOVEMBER 3; DECEMBER 1

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH

PLACE: OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL CHURCH

230 East 90th Street (between 2nd & 3rd Avenues), New York, NY 10128

WHEN: 7:30 p.m.— Holy Hour | 9:00 p.m.— Performance

CONTACT: catholicunderground@gmail.com 

COST: Free admission all are welcome.

PARKING: Discounted Parking at GGMC Parking garage located at **245 East 90th Street**, (directly across the street from the church, for \$10 with Catholic Underground parking validation sticker. (Valid from 5:00 p.m. — 1:00 a.m.) Additional charge for SUVs.



Catholic Underground is an apostolate of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. It is a direct response to a call that began with Pope John Paul II. He said that because the Gospel lives in conversation with culture, we must be fearless in crossing the cultural threshold of the communication and information revolution now taking place.

THE FIRST PART OF THE EVENING IS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION and begins with Vespers (Evening Prayer). This is the universal prayer of the Church — prayed by the Catholics throughout the world in every time zone and in every language. After Vespers, there is a time of simple praise. This provides a window for each person to personally encounter Jesus Christ. The beauty of the darkened Church illumined by candles helps us enter the mystery of our Lord’s presence in the Eucharist. Holy Hour ends with solemn Benediction.

THE SECOND PART OF THE EVENING SHOWCASES PERFORMANCE BY CATHOLIC ARTISTS. Here you’ll experience the “new evangelization”. This includes music, poetry, visual art, dancers, film, drama, etc.

WE END OUR EVENING as we began, with the prayer of the Church.

COMPLINE: (Night Prayer) is simple and beautiful. It concludes with a hymn to Our Lady.

“ One of the most successful gatherings we have in the Archdiocese happens on Saturday evenings in a midtown parish and attracts a thousand or more young adults who come for prayer before the Eucharist. Confession, song and especially good company with those who share deep Catholic values in a culture and city that can indeed be at times antagonistic. The name of their gathering is revealing — Catholic Underground! That’s the new minority who give their bishop so much hope! May their tribe increase!

TIMOTHY CARDINAL DOLAN ”
(Catholic New York)

SAINT PIO COMES TO THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON



ST. PETER THE APOSTLE CHURCH

179 BALDWIN RD
PARSIPPANY, NJ 07054

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2018
(FROM 8:30 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.)

For information about the public
veneration, please call (973) 334-2090
or send an email to
stpeterpar@optonline.net

Come and venerate the official relics of
Saint Pio of Pietrelcina, on the occasion
of the 50th commemoration anniver-
sary of his passing.

A mass in honor of Saint Padre Pio will
be celebrated at 7:00 P.M. by **Msgr.
Herbert K. Tillyer, P.A.**, Pastor of the
St. Peter the Apostle Church



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OCTOBER 2018 RELICS OF ST. ANTHONY



This coming October from 4 to 14, Fr. Mario Conte, executive editor of the *Messenger of Saint Anthony* magazine, will bring to the United States two precious relics of our Saint from the Basilica in Padua. One of these reliquaries contains the **Saint's floating rib**. This is the very same reliquary that was used by Pope Francis (then **Archbishop Bergoglio**) to bless the faithful after the Solemn Mass at the Cathedral Metropolitana in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on April 30, 2000.

The same reliquary had been kissed five years earlier by **Sister Lucia of Fatima** when it was taken to the nuns at the Monastery of Carmelite sisters in Coimbra, Portugal, in January 1995, during the commemorations for the 800th anniversary of the Saint's birth.

NEW JERSEY SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 4
St Anthony of Padua Church
65 Bartholdi Avenue
Butler, NJ 07405
Veneration: 10AM to 1:30PM
and from 6PM to 8PM
Masses: 12:10PM & 7PM

Friday October 5
Saint Anthony of Padua Church
436 Port Reading Avenue
Port Reading, NJ 07064
Veneration: 10AM to 8PM
Mass: 12:15PM

Wednesday, October 10
Co-Cathedral of
St. Robert Bellarmine
61 Georgia Road
Freehold, NJ 07728
Veneration all day with Masses

Friday, October 12
The Monastery of Saint Clare
Abbess: Sister Etta Patton OSC
150 White Pine Road
Chesterfield, NJ
Veneration from
9AM to 12:30PM

Friday, October 12
St. Thomas Syro-Malabar
Catholic Forane Church
508 Elizabeth Avenue
Somerset, NJ 08873
Veneration: from 3PM to 9PM
Mass: 7:30PM

Saturday, October 13
Saint Anthony of Padua
276 Diamond Bridge Avenue
Hawthorne, NJ
Veneration: from 9AM to 1PM
Mass: 10AM

Saturday, October 13
Saint Vincent de Paul
250 Bebout Avenue
Stirling, NJ 07980
Veneration:
from 3PM to 7PM
Vigil Mass: 5PM

Sunday, October 14
Our Lady Queen of Peace
209 Route 206
Branchville, NJ 07826
Masses: 8AM; 9:30AM; 11AM

Sunday, October 14
Sacred Heart of Jesus
63 E. Main Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866
Veneration: from 3PM to 7PM
Mass: 3PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT TOM MUSCATELLO AT:

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UPCOMING	COURSE
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Registration
Is Now Open

for the
September 16st
Class

Canticle Campus — Fall 2018

Canticle Campus is a joint collaboration effort within the Franciscan family, both Catholic and Protestant, to establish a central location for education and dialog around the role of prophetic voice in Franciscan Faith Life. The intention is to build a non-profit collaboration of Franciscan Family members and Franciscan-hearted people. The collaboration was initiated around the ecumenical efforts of the Franciscan Action Network (FAN), current administrator of the Program. Our goal is to establish a free online college where knowledge, understanding, and dialog in civility, tolerance and religious freedom (in the spirit of Francis and Clare of Assisi) are primary. The classes are offered in the spirit of Francis and Clare.

AS ALWAYS, THERE IS NO CHARGE TO JOIN THE GROUP. THE ONLY COST IS THE PURCHASE OF THE BOOK.

THIS SEASON WE WILL BE STUDYING:

TEN EVENINGS WITH GOD BY ILIA DELIO, OSF.

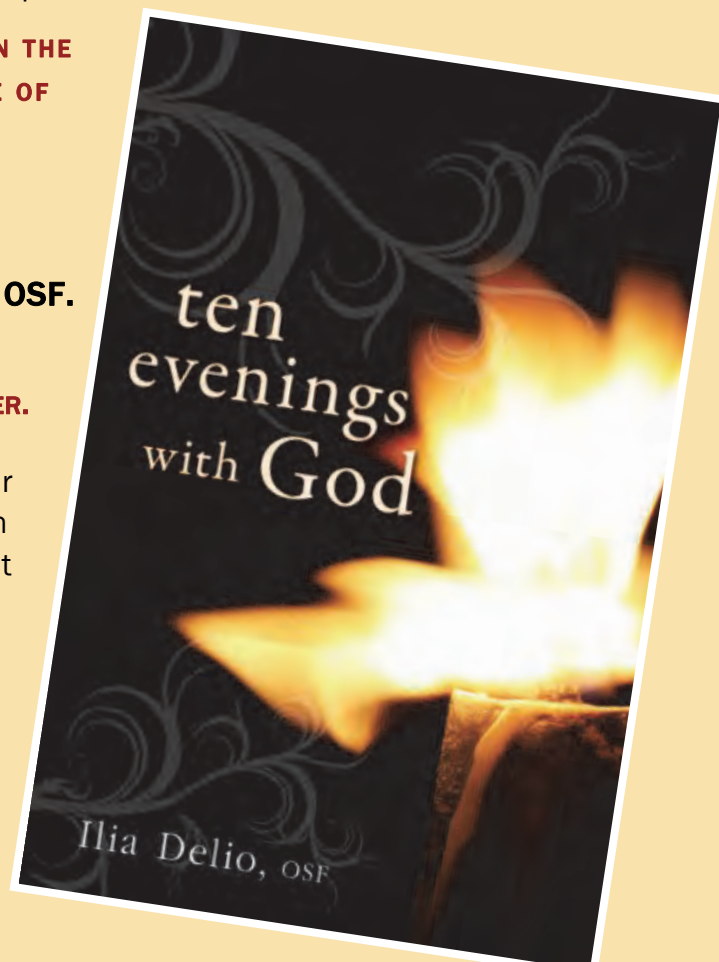
CLASSES WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16 AND WILL END IN MID-DECEMBER.

Our goal is to read the book and share our answers online. We learn very much when we all share our ideas. Responding to what others have written draws us deeper into our studies.

FACILITATOR: Francesca Wigle, TSSF and FAN Action Commissioner.

To register for the class, or to learn more, please e-mail Francesca at

fwigle@gmail.com



FRANCISCAN FALL 2018 PROGRAM FEDERATION

IMMIGRATION/REFUGEES: *Embracing our Brothers and Sisters*



IMMIGRATION/REFUGEES: *A Franciscan Perspective*

Saturday, October 20, 2018 Martin de Porres Village, Paterson, NJ

9:30 a.m. -- Day will end with Liturgy at 4:00 p.m.

Please join us for a day on Embracing Our Immigrant Brothers and Sisters.

At our AFC 2018, we learned about Francis and his visit with the Sultan. It was an encounter of peace between Christians and Muslims.

Let us continue the journey that Francis started so many years ago.

- "Protecting the world's migrants and refugees is a moral imperative."
- "The massive migration across the world is the greatest humanitarian crisis of the 21st century."

Pope Francis

Date: October 20, 2018

Time: 9:30 AM-5:00 PM (see schedule)

Place: Martin de Porres Village
1 Green Street
Paterson, NJ 07501

Please complete and return registration form by: **October 6th**

Schedule of the Day

9:30 Registration/Coffee

10:00 Opening Prayer

Welcome: Br. Gabriel O'Brien, OSF

Jim Andreano

Lorraine Campanelli

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Jim Andreano

Lorraine Campanelli

Break

Discussions/Commitments

3:45 Preparation for Liturgy

4:00 Liturgy (for Sunday)



Registration Form

I will be attending the Region 1 program on Saturday, October 20, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Fee: \$15.00 includes snacks/ lunch

Please make checks payable to:
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Please mail your registration form and check to:

Sister Sheila Madden, SMIC
Our Lady of Sorrows – 1st Floor
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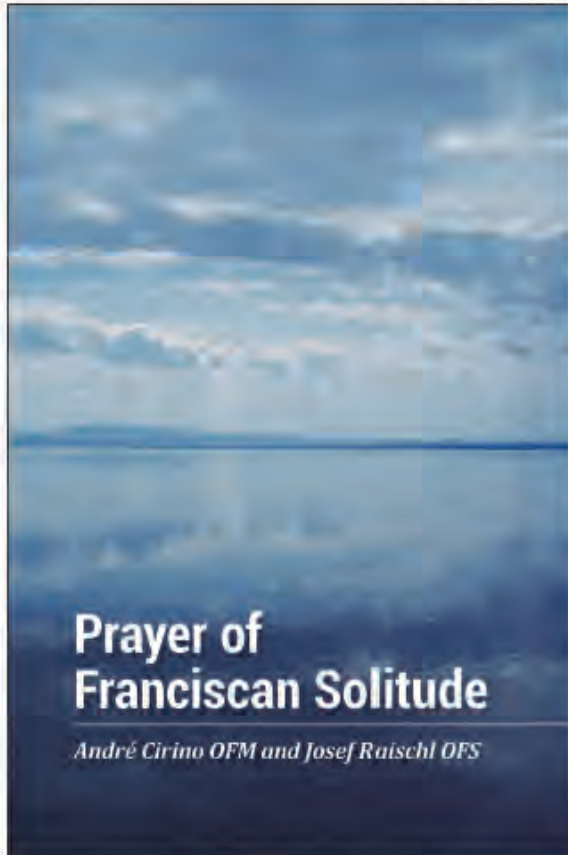
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Since the publication of our first volume, *Franciscan Solitude*, in 1995, we have encountered several people who have taken St. Francis' *Document on Solitude* personally into the fabric their lives, and we have invited them to share their experiences 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

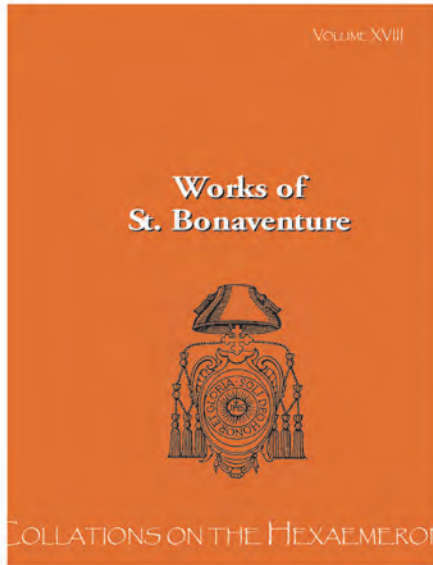
A Deliberate Life Little Brothers of Francis: Brothers Wayne, Howard, Geoffrey

The Solitude Group: Louise Beesley

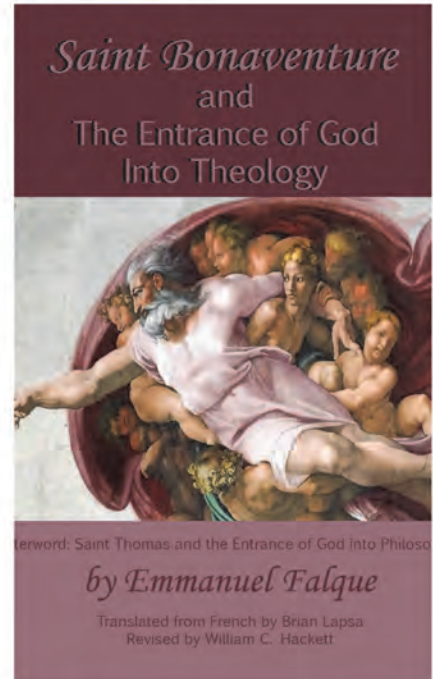
The Gift of Solitude: Mary Esther Stewart OFS

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

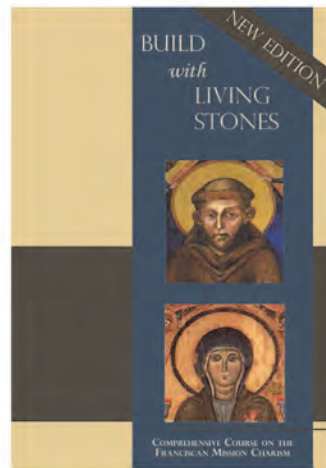
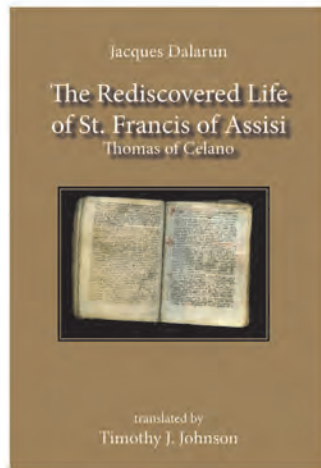
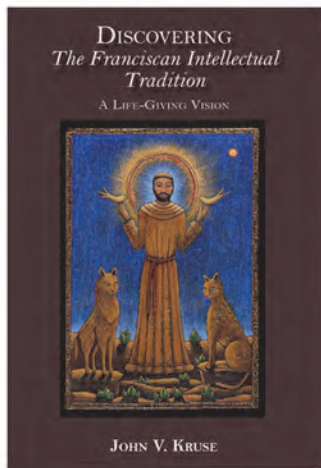
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THE ILLUMINATIONS OF THE CHURCH
TRANSLATION, INTRODUCTIONS, NOTES
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CIOFS MONTHLY OFS—YOUFRA PRAYER INTENTIONS

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.

2018

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 fulfill 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>