

# Padre Pio Fraternity

The Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis Region - Secular Franciscan Order



## † Ceremony of Introduction and Welcoming †

Having completed the Orientation Phase of the Secular Franciscan Order in the Padre Pio Fraternity, the following persons have expressed an interest in our Franciscan way of life and would like to begin the Inquiry Phase of Formation: Eileen Cunningham, Ellen Ferrone, Michael Hancock, Susan Lynn Oeser, Christopher Peffley, Susan Stamey, Laurie Wilburn,

In turn they exclaimed, "I have come to see in your Franciscan life a way that appeals to me. So I would like to inquire into that way and learn more about it. Perhaps in time I, by the grace of God, may be able to become part of the Secular Franciscan Order and thus come to serve the Lord and His people more faithfully."



On behalf of this fraternity, our Formation Director, Joanne Jacovec, OFS and Vice-Minister Michael Evaniuck OFS welcomed them. Formation team member, Frank Peluso, OFS invited them to observe the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people. Each Inquirer received a pocket copy of the OFS Rule and a Padre Pio Prayer Book, which contains a short biography of him. All the members welcomed them. The ceremony ended with a prayer and refreshments to celebrate the joyous occasion.

## ♥ Franciscan Potluck Lunch on June 13, 2015 - At Victoria Romero's Home ♥

Fellowship, good food and friendly conversation in a delightful setting - who could ask for anything more? See the pictures below of the messengers of perfect joy who strive to bring joy and hope to others. John and Victoria Romero, OFS and daughter, Gabby are most gracious hosts and we thank them for having us.



Louis Coker, OFS converses with Chris Peffley, and Frank Peluso, OFS



Victoria Romero, OFS leads us in prayer.



Suzie Nelson, OFS, Lynn Oeser, and Susan Stamey

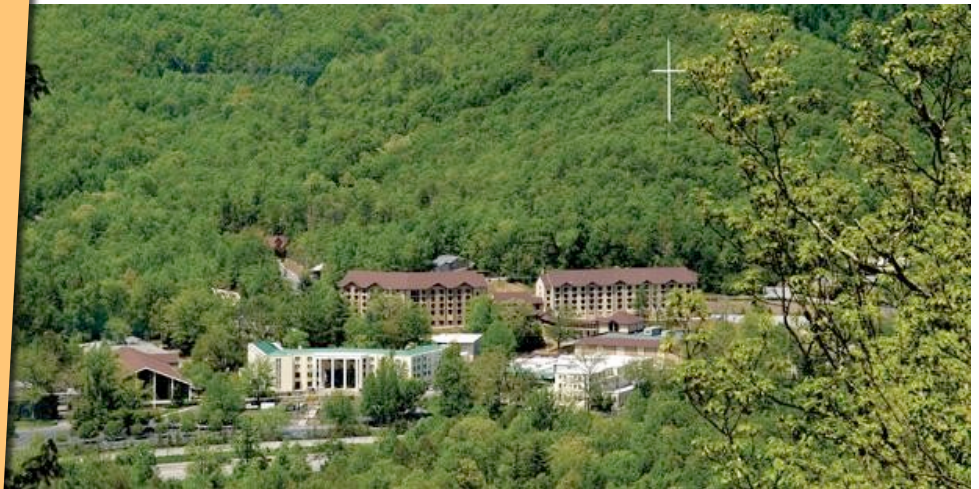
**BROTHERS AND SISTERS  
OF ST. FRANCIS REGION  
ANNUAL REGIONAL  
GATHERING**

Life Way Conference  
Center – Ridgecrest,  
North Carolina

August 7th-9th, 2015

"Be the Joyful Face of  
Christ to All"

"We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way." - St. Francis of Assisi



**ARG**

**PLACE; RIDGECREST, NC**

**WE WILL CARPOOL  
ON FRIDAY MORNING**

**DETAILS TO THE RIGHT**

**REGIONAL VISITATION BY THE  
NATIONAL FRATERNITY**

**REALLY FINE BUFFET  
MEALS WITH CHOICES**

**GET REGISTRATION FORMS  
FROM STAN AND GET THEM  
IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.  
TIME IS RUNNING OUT, LET'S  
HAVE A RESPECTABLE  
REPRESENTATION**

**Sign up now!**

Thirty-two local fraternities of The Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis, located in Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Tennessee will be attending the Annual Regional Gathering at Ridgecrest in the mountains of Western Carolina. The theme is "Be the Joyful Face of Christ to All" (NAFRA theme) and the focus will be on apostolates; fraternities will have display materials that tell about their fraternity apostolates.

Father Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., BSSF Region Spiritual Assistant will give a presentation on Friday evening, Sister Bernadette M. Cappola, OSC who was our guest speaker for the 2014 retreat at Avila, will speak on Saturday morning, and Jerry and Cricket Aull, OFS will present on Saturday afternoon. Joanita M. Nellenbach, OFS, *Communio* Editor, who directed our December retreat 2 years ago will make the prayer booklets again this year.

There will be the usual things, recognitions of new councils, new attendees, and anniversaries on Friday evening; discussion time with the NAFRA visitors on Saturday afternoon; memorial for deceased members of the Region on Saturday evening, and adoration from Saturday morning after Mass until Mass on Sunday morning. Carolyn Townes, OFS will have a JPIC "Prayer and Share" on Saturday evening. Carolyn is the Regional JPIC Coordinator and you can befriend her on Facebook.

Our minister, Stan Driscoll passed out the registration forms at the May 24<sup>th</sup> gathering. If you did not get one then e-mail him and request a form. Stan needs to send ALL registration forms to Paula Zanker, OFS who is the Area 3 Liaison for the mailings. Payment is due at check-in at Ridgecrest. Financial assistance is available (Speak with Stan for details).

**THE REGISTRATION FORMS HAVE TO BE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ORDER  
FOR STAN TO GET THEM TO PAULA BY JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>.**



## COUNCIL MEMBERS

### SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT:

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DRISCOLL OFS

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SUZANNE NELSON,  
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FRANK PELUSO. OFS

BSSF REGION  
MINISTER:  
JERRY ROUSSEAU,  
OFS

AREA 3 COUNCILORS:  
CARMEN MADERO, OFS  
FRANK MASSEY, OFS



I LOVE YOU THIS MUCH!

Next Gathering  
July 24, 2015 In the Trinity  
Center -Top floor@ 1:30 pm  
@ St Michael Catholic Church, 804  
High House Road, Cary, NC  
Inquiry and Candidates  
Formation starts at 11:45

## The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 2015

**Universal:** That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

**Evangelization:** That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

(See also Apostleship of Prayer International Website)



### July, 2015 - Overview for the Month



The month of July is dedicated to **The Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward. [Precious Blood of Jesus wash away our sins].

### St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church (Feast day-July 15)

St. Bonaventure, known as "the seraphic doctor," was born in Tuscany in 1221. He was dubbed with the name of Bonaventure as result of an intercession by St. Francis of Assisi, when, in response to the begging of the child's mother, the saint prayed for the boy's recovery from a threatening illness, and, prophesying the future greatness of the little baby, cried out "O Buona ventura" - O good fortune!

At the age of thirty-five he was chosen General of his Order and brought back a perfect calm where peace had been disturbed by internal struggles. He wrote *The Legends I & II of St. Francis*, which are the official biographies approved by the First Order. It is written thematically not chronologically and teaches us how to imitate St. Francis. Pope Gregory X compelled him to take upon himself a superior role that of Cardinal and Bishop of Albano, one of the six subordinate Sees of Rome. Before his death he resigned his office as General of the Franciscan Order. He died while he was attending the Second Council of Lyons, on July 15, 1274.

### Franciscan Saints for July

8. Ss. Gregory Grassi & Companions
9. Ss. Nicholas Pieck & Companions
10. St. Veronica Giuliani
12. Ss. John Jones and John Wall
13. Bls. Emmananuel Ruiz & Companions
14. St. Francis Solano
15. **St. Bonaventure - Doctor of the Church**
18. St. Simon of Lipnica
19. St. John of Dukla
21. St. Lawrence of Brindisi - Doctor of the Church
23. St. Cunegunda
24. Bl. Louise of Savoy
27. Bl. Mary Magdalene Martinengo



## Our Servant Volunteers - We Love You

### Happy First Anniversaries

Maureen Copan, OFS  
Ailen Evaniuck, OFS  
Suzie Nelson, OFS  
Thomas Ryan, OFS  
Sharon Winzler, OFS

July 12, 2014

### Happy July Birthdays

Chris Peffley  
July 1

Victoria Romero, OFS  
July 5

Mike Cerretti  
July 24



God Bless  
America



Happy Birthday  
USA

### Calendar of Events

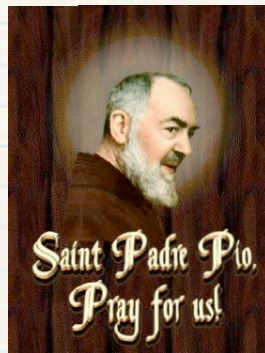
August 7 – 9 2015: Annual  
Regional Gathering (See page 2)

October 3, 2015: Transitus of  
St. Francis of Assisi in Our Lady  
of the Angels Chapel at St.  
Francis, Raleigh

October 2-4: Secular Franciscan  
Retreat, Transitus and Feast  
Day Mass of St. Francis of Assisi  
at Avila Retreat Center, Durham.  
Facilitator: Joanita Nellenbach,  
OFS

October 24-25, 2015: Pastoral  
and Fraternal Regional  
Visitation at St Michael's in  
Cary

December 5, 2015: Fraternity  
Retreat at St. Francis of Assisi in  
Raleigh: Facilitator-Fr. Bill  
McConville, O.F.M.



"Charity is the measure by which Our  
Lord judges all things." St. Pio

Gabe, Sharon, Cheryl, Kai, Cutler, Joanne



Oak City  
Outreach  
Center -  
Fourth  
Saturday  
each  
month



Ellen, Lucas, Marie, and Bill

For Hospitality suggestions  
see Marie Roccoforte, OFS!

For Sunshine volunteer  
needed.

For info on JPIC & Website  
see Sharon Winzler, OFS  
(Treasurer, too.)!

Prayer Requests: See Susan  
Stamey!

Our history and scrapbook  
- go to Ida Irwin, OFS!

Our superb library is  
maintained by Maureen  
Copan, OFS ~~~~~Help  
yourself to learning !

To add items to the  
Newsletter contact Frank E.  
Peluso, OFS!

We're on the Web!

Go to:

<http://ofscentralnc.org/>

(All past newsletters are on  
the website!).

(Photos by Stan Driscoll, OFS  
and Louis Coker OFS) ↓