

PADRE PIO SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY



Raleigh, NC
The Brother and Sisters of St. Francis Region



CEREMONY OF INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING

On Sunday, June 25, 2017, we welcomed Joan Monti, Mike Oeser, Alexandra Rommel, Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, Anna Rzewnicki, David Bryan Shick, Ben Whitehouse, and Gladys Whitehouse. We are so happy that they desire to inquire into the Secular Franciscan way of life. They have our support and the encouragement of our prayers, our formation, and our example. The fraternity reminds them of St. Francis' words to his brothers: "I Have Done What Is Mine to Do; May Christ Teach You Yours."

Our Formation team under the direction of Sharon Winzler, OFS is Victoria Romero, OFS, Louis Coker, OFS, Suzan Nelson, OFS and Frank Peluso, OFS. We thank them for their conscientious and hard-working efforts of formation.



Frank, David, Anna, Phil, Joan, Mike, Alexandra, Ben, Gladys



Fraternity welcomes the new inquirers with love!
 (Photographs by Sharon Winzler, OFS)

Praise God for Prayers Answered.



Friar Gregory Spuhler, OFM Conventual, Director of Outreach and Pastoral Care Ministry at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Apex, has accepted our invitation to become our fraternity's Spiritual Assistant. Three of us met with Friar Greg and Father Joseph Madden, OFM Conventual on May 26 at the Friary in Pittsboro.

We are delighted that Friar Greg will join our fraternity as we continue to journey together to deepen our Franciscan vocations and obedience to our Rule following in the footsteps of St. Francis, St. Clare and St. Pio by going from "Gospel to Life and Life to Gospel."

Friar Greg enjoys participating with volunteers to serve others. He has a propensity for working well with people, with individuals and as a team. Friar Greg has developed gifts of understanding and compassion mixed with practicality that keeps him grounded and balanced. He enjoys baking cookies that are sold to help the parish and on the lighter side, he likes to have fun and encourages others to do the same.

Chapter of Elections

Our Chapter of Elections will be **January 28, 2018:** Regular Gathering Sunday, 1:00 PM, Founders Room, St. Francis of Assisi Community.

Bob Pearson, ofs and Carolyn Peduzzi, ofs Area 3 Councilors will help us prepare. Joanita Nellenbach, OFS will be the Presider and Friar Greg Spuhler, OFM CONV will be the Ecclesiastical Witness.

There will be stipends. So keep up your monthly donations since we will also be having a Retreat in November and a Profession in December. In preparation for the elections, study the pages and articles of the sources listed below:

- "Nuts and Bolts of Being on a Council" that describe positions will be emailed to you in July.
- General Constitutions 2000: Art. 76-82
- NAFRA Statutes: Articles - 7-15

PRAYER for the ELECTION of a NEW COUNCIL

Oh my dear GOD, we pray for the guidance of your Most Holy Spirit as we review in our minds the personal attributes required by the various Council positions.

Illumine for us our own strengths, and those of our fellow members, that YOU may inspire us to recognize who it is YOU desire to serve YOUR fraternity.

Dear Francis, Clare and Pio, we also ask for your guidance as we seek a new Council. Lead us to those who will help us to grow in your virtues — humble, polite, peacemakers and ardent lovers of our Crucified Lord. Help each of us to discover "what is ours to do." Not our will Lord, but Thy will be done. Amen.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Spiritual Assistant:
Gregory Spuhler,
OFM Conv

Minister:
Frank Peluso, OFS

Vice Minister:
Suzanne Nelson, OFS

Formation Director:
Sharon Winzeler, OFS

Appointed Treasurer
Louis Coker, OFS

Secretary:
Maureen Copan, OFS

**Appointed
Councilors:**
Victoria Romero, OFS
Marge Zombek, OFS

BSSF Region

Minister:
DorothyAnn Rowland,
OFS fs

Area 3 Councilors :

Bob Pearson, OFS
Carolyn Peruzzi, OFS

NAFRA

Minister:
Jan Parker, OFS

**One of the Original Founders
of our Fraternity Passes from
this life to life with God**

Rosemary Ann Schneider OFS, 91, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2017 with her family around her. She was born Eleanor Untener on October 28, 1925 in Manhattan, NY. She was adopted as an infant by James and Mary (Fay) Shea of Jersey City, NJ. She married Arthur Schneider OFS of Bronx, NY on October 27, 1946. She was a member of the Secular Franciscan Order. Art and Rosemary Schneider were the co-founders of Padre Pio Fraternity, which originally met at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Raleigh, NC. They moved to Raleigh from New York in July 1973. They had been members of the St. Anthony's Friary in Catskill, NY, where Rosemary made her profession in 1966. She transferred to the Franciscan Family of Greensboro in NC in 1999. Prior to her illness was an active member of St. Joseph's

Catholic Church in Asheboro, NC. May she rest peacefully in company with Jesus and St. Francis.



APOSTOLATES

For **CPO** or **Library** E-mail
Maureen Copan, OFS

For **Hospitality** Email
Marie Roccoforte, OFS

For **JPIC** & Oak City Outreach, Email
Ellen Ferrone, OFS
(Oak City is 7/22/17)

For **Prayer Requests** Email
Laurie Wilburn, OFS

For the **Scrapbook** Email
Lee Cunningham, OFS

For **Sunshine**
Call Marge Zombek, OFS

For the **Newsletter** Email
Frank Peluso, OFS

For the **Website** Email
Michael Hancock, OFS.

We are on the web at:
<http://ofscentralinc.org>

Next Gathering
July 23, 2017

Happy July Birthdays

05 Victoria Romero, OFS
07 Bernadette Cappola, OSC
10 Carolyn Forgette, OSC



Congratulations Profession Anniversary

Joyce Wesner, OFS
07/02/2003



God Bless America

“The storms that are raging around you will turn out to be for God’s glory, your own merit, and the good of many souls.” _ St.

Padre Pio



I love you this much!

QUOTES OF THE THREE FRANCISCAN DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH

“In all your deeds and words you should look upon this Jesus as your model. Do so whether you are walking or keeping silence, or speaking, whether you are alone or with others. He is perfect, and thus you will be not only faultless, but praiseworthy.”

—St. Bonaventure

“God is love, and all his operations proceed from love. Once he wills to manifest that goodness by sharing his love outside himself, then the Incarnation becomes the supreme manifestation of his goodness and love and glory. So, Christ was intended before all other creatures and for his own sake. For him all things were created and to him all things must be subject, and God loves all creatures in and because of Christ. Christ is the first-born of every creature, and the whole of humanity as well as the created world finds its foundation and meaning in him. Moreover, this would have been the case even if Adam had not sinned.”

-- *Saint Lawrence of Brindisi*

The spirit of humility is sweeter than honey, and those who nourish themselves with this honey produce sweet fruit.

- Anthony of Padua