

Secular Franciscan Order



## THE PADRE PIO FRATERNITY



### *The BSSF Annual Regional Gathering*

Our delegation to the Annual Regional Gathering were: Stan Driscoll, OFS, Marguerite Zombek, OFS, Lee Cunningham, Ellen Ferrone, Marie Roccoforte, OFS, Susan Stamey, Frank Peluso, OFS, Laurie Wilburn, and Lynn Oeser. Her husband Mike accompanied Lynn Oeser. Five of our attendees were inquirers.

### *The Program*

On Friday, August 7, 2015, Father Linus DeSantis, OFM Conv., the Regional Spiritual Assistant led us in the Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer. He always admonished us to read slowly to comprehend and absorb what we are saying. The Regional Minister, Jerry Rosseau then welcomed us and led us in the opening prayer. New councils and the new attendees were acknowledged. Anniversaries every five years were honored of whom our Marge Zombek, OFS was recognized for her 40 years of service. Fr. Kevin Quelly, TOR was introduced as the National Pastoral Visitor and Mary Francis Charsky was introduced as the National Fraternal visitor.

### **ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING Life Way Conference Center – Ridgecrest, North Carolina**

**August 7th-9th, 2015**

**“Be the Joyful  
Face of Christ to All”**



**Pictured above are Stan, Lynn, Frank, Laurie, & Lee relaxing on the hotel patio.**

Father Linus then gave a presentation afterward. We recessed to the Mountain Laurel Center for refreshments and to renew old acquaintances and to make new fraternal friends. On Saturday August 8, 2015, Father Linus again led us in Morning Prayer. The celebration of the Eucharist followed with music provided by a group of fraternity members. All prayers and songs were in a program edited by Joanita Nellenbach, OFS. At the end of mass the monstrance was led in procession to the Eucharistic Chapel where 24 hour adoration by members who signed up for the hours. Lee Cunningham, carried our banner in the parade of banners,

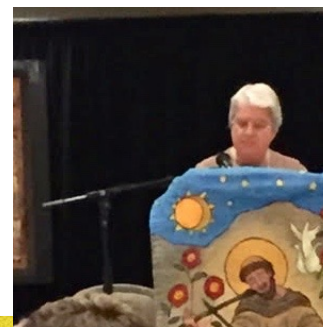
Next on the program was a delightful presentation on vocations by Sr. Bernadette Coppola, OSC, who never lacks to inspire her audience. At 1:15 pm the Regional Fraternity Council met. Our Minister Stan attended that session. During the session the Chapter of Elections was approved for August 5-7, 2016. A Nomination committee was formed for this purpose. (Continued on page 3).



**Pictures by S. Driscoll, OFS**

At the memorial service Laurie and Marge lit the candle for Vince McKone, OFS.

Marge Zombek OFS was honored for the 40 years of her profession!



**Sr. Bernadette Cappola, OSC gave her usual inspiring and humorous talk.**



## SEPTEMBER DEDICATION



The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up.

### Holy Father's Intentions for September

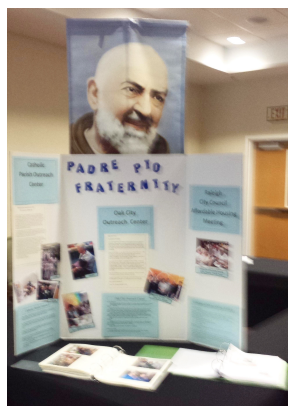
- Universal: That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people.
- Evangelization: That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim

### **Let us pray:**

O most holy Virgin, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ: by the overwhelming grief you experienced when you witnessed the martyrdom, the crucifixion, and death of your divine Son, look upon us with eyes of compassion, and awaken in our hearts a tender sympathy for those suffering, particularly the poor and the marginalized. Amen.

### Franciscan Saints for September

- 1 Bl. Beatrice of Silva, virgin, II Order, founder.
- 2 Bl. John Francis Burté, Bl. Severin Girault, & Companions, martyrs, I, III Orders.
- 2 Bl. Apollinaris of Posat, priest & martyr of I Order
- 3 Bl. Claudio Granzotto, I order
4. Rose of Viterbo, II Ord.
- 14 Pedro de Corpa and Companions , the five Franciscan Martyrs
- 17 Stigmata of our holy Father Francis
- 18 St. Joseph of Cupertino, priest, I Ord.
- 22 St. Francis Mary of Camporosso, rel. I Order.
- 22 St. Ignatius of Santhia, priest I Order
- 23 St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest – OFM Cap**
- 24 Finding of the Body of St. Clare
- 24 St. Pacifico of San Severino (I Order)
- 26 St. Elzear of Sabran & Bl. Delphina of Glandenes, husband & wife of III Order.
- 26 Bl. Aurelio of Vinalesa, priest, & 16 Companions I Order
- 28 Bl. Innocent of Berzo, priest I Order



Our display at the conference



Our representatives waiting for the meeting to start. Pictures taken by Mike Oeser.

***When a man trains himself to acts of virtue, it is with the help of grace from God from whom all good things come that he does this.***

***~ St. Joseph of Cupertino***

### Council Members

**Spiritual Assistant:**  
Rev. Douglas P. Reed

**Lay Minister:**  
W. Stanley Driscoll OFS

**Vice Minister:**  
Michael Evaniuck, OFS

**Formation:**  
Joanne Jacovec, OFS

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Sharon Winzeler, OFS

**Secretary:**  
Maureen Copan, OFS

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Ida Irwin, OFS  
Suzanne Nelson, OFS  
Frank Peluso, OFS

**BSSF Region  
Minister:**  
Jerry Rousseau, OFS

**Area 3 Councilors**  
Carmen Madero, OFS  
Frank Massey, OFS

**Next Gathering**  
**Sept. 27, 2015**  
**The Catholic**  
**Community of St.**  
**Francis of Assisi,**  
**11401 Leesville Rd,**  
**Raleigh, NC 27613**  
**in the**  
**Lifelong Education**  
**Siena Center.**  
**Rooms 751 and 752**  
**Formation**  
**groups meet from**  
**11:00 am**  
**to 12:30 pm**  
**Fraternity**  
**Gathering at**  
**1:00 - 3 pm**

**I love you  
this much!**



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At lunch the JPIC National and Regional Coordinator, Carolyn Townes, OFS held a question and answer session at her table.

The two o'clock presentation was given by Cricket Aull, OFS. Her husband Jerry sang and played a guitar with original songs that went along with the presentation. Her topic was "The Stages leading to the Joyful Face of Christ." Briefly they are:

- Knowing and contemplating what we have to be joyful about,
- Recall reasons for joy that can be applied to action,
- The joy of adapting to what God is doing to make us more like Christ,
- Dying to self, joy is other focused and preach the Gospel wherever you go.
- Be Christ to those who are hurting, rest in God and be the joyful face of Christ.

There was time open for the national visitors to answer questions before the evening Liturgy of the Hours.

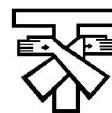
Saturday evening there was a beautiful memorial service for those members who passed away during the year. Our Marge Zombek, OFS and Laurie Wilburn lit the candle for Vince McKone who passed away on January 5, 2015. (See picture on p1)

On Sunday, there was the morning Liturgy of the Hours and celebration of the Eucharist and adjournment.

Our group left with a pleasant feeling. One of our inquirers said, "I know I am in the right place."

### Avila Retreat on Aug. 11, 2015

On the feast of St. Clare, Joanne Jacovec, OFS facilitated a day retreat at the Bands of Sisters at the Avila Retreat Center in Durham, NC. Over 30 came, and she was well received for her tour of Assisi showing the life and spirituality of St. Clare.



### Congratulations

FOR YOUR SERVICE  
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
OF YOUR PROFESSIONS

MARGUERITE ZOMBEK, OFS  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1975

JOANNE JACOVEC, OFS  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2000

MARGE AND JOANNE HAVE  
BEEN EMPOWERED BY THE  
HOLY SPIRIT TO LIVE THEIR  
LIVES TO THE FULLEST SO  
THAT THEY GIVE GOD GLORY



MARIE ROCCOFORTE 09/02  
MICHAEL EVANIUCK 09/08  
STAN DRISCOLL 09/14  
ELLEN FERRONE 09/19

September 23rd -  
**Feast-day of our Name**  
**sake** - St.. Pio of Pietrelcina  
O.F.M. Cap., commonly known  
as Padre Pio, was a friar, priest,  
stigmatist and mystic of the  
Roman Catholic Order of  
Friars Minor Capuchin. Padre  
Pio became famous for bearing  
stigmata that bled during mass  
for 50 years of his life. Wikipedia



## Please Help

Sign up for **Oak City Outreach** -see Ellen Ferrone!

Sign up for **CPO** see Joanne Jacovec, OFS

For **Hospitality** suggestions see Marie Roccoforte, OFS!

For **Sunshine** see Marge Zombek, OFS!

For info on **JPIC & Website** see Sharon Winzeler, OFS

For **Prayer Requests:** See Susan Stamey!

For our **history** and **scrapbook** - go to Ida Irwin, OFS!

Our magnificent **library** is maintained by Maureen Copan, OFS~~~Help yourself to SFO info !

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

We're on the Web!

Go to:

<http://ofscentralnc.org/>



"it is necessary to unite justice and charity so that justice and peace can exchange a kiss."

~ St. Pio

## Justice and Peace Exchange a Kiss *By Brother Luciano Lotti, OFM Cap.*

When Padre Pio considered the question of justice he went straight to the heart of the problem. The question cannot be reduced to the simple claim of one's rights that have been infringed. He said, it is necessary to begin by recognizing that justice is a personal question; we must be the first person to practice it before we can ask of it from another person. This concern for justice would guide Padre Pio's understanding of all the other virtues. His main concern was toward his neighbor and he would be very firm about the rights of those who were least able to defend themselves.

He demonstrated this concern toward his employees. Fatter Michele who was the bursar of the San Giovanni Rotondo friary, recalled how Padre Pio himself would ensure that the medical and pension contributions were being paid regularly into the salaries of the personnel of the friary and his hospital of the Home for Relief and Suffering.

As for defending and standing up for one's own rights, it would be wrong to think of Padre Pio as being weak-willed or that he encouraged one to be submissive before the wrongs against one. He stood up and defended the friars and even himself on several occasions when it was a question of the person's dignity or the truth that was being affronted. That said though, in claiming one's rights and justice, he desired that one bear in mind Our Lord's example of justice and mercy.

In his letter to Raffaelina Cesare in 1915, about an unpleasant state of affairs in her family because of a nephew's misadministration of a property shared with her brother. She asked the Padre what she should do. Padre Pio who did not hesitate to give advice answered the letter very clearly.

In financial matters, one must not give in to emotions, one must be ready to yield and at the same time be clear so as to avoid future problems. It is necessary to unite justice and charity so that justice and peace exchange a kiss, to use the phrase of Padre Pio reminding us again the promise of the Psalmist, "See where mercy and faithfulness meet in unity; how justice and peace are united in one embrace!" *From the Voice of Padre Pio June 2015*



The saints are like the stars.  
In his providence Christ conceals them in a hidden place that they may not shine before others when they might wish to do so. Yet they are always ready to exchange the quiet of contemplation for the works of mercy as soon as they perceive in their heart the invitation of Christ.  
--Saint Anthony of Padua

"I would rather sit on a pumpkin, and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."  
—Henry David Thoreau



Please check the monthly gathering agenda or minutes for our schedule of events. Particularly note Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi on October 3 at Our Lady of the Angels Chapel at St. Francis.