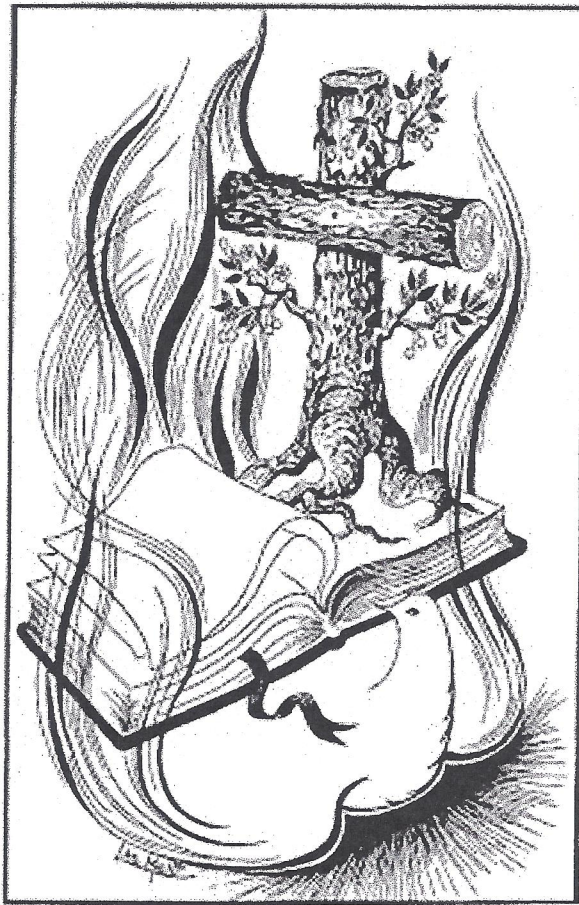
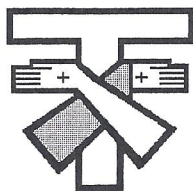


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2017 Annual Regional Gathering
Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region



Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis Region Secular Franciscan Order

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WELCOME TO OUR 2017 ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING (RIDGECREST, NC)

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Opening Prayer

Oh my dear GOD,

we pray for the guidance of your Most Holy Spirit.

Enlighten our minds and give us courage to serve.

Help us to speak the truth to one another
in a spirit of love.

Help us to openly listen to and
witness to one another.

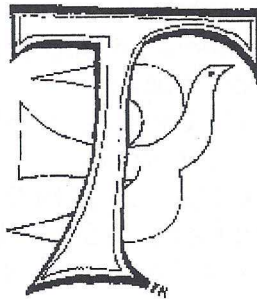
Give us humility and a spirit of good will toward one another.

Teach us the way of dialogue which is the way of love.

Help each of us to discover "what is ours to do."

Not our will Lord, but Thy will be done.

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
Amen



"Let us begin, for up to now, we have done nothing."

-St. Francis of Assisi

"May the Lord be with us always, and wherever we are, may we be with Him always."

-St. Clare of Assisi

AGENDA

REGIONAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, August 13, 2017 *** 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Johnson Spring Building - 2nd Floor, Room 5 A-D (Across from JS Room 2 B & C)

Every elected Fraternity Minister and REC is a member of the Regional Fraternity Council.

Please be present or delegate this responsibility to another member.

OPENING PRAYER

Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REPORT OF TREASURER

BUSINESS

Approval of Budget for 2018

ARG – 2018: August 3-5, 2018 (Ridgecrest) - National Visitation

Calendar of Visitations/Elections – Sept. 2017/Nov. 2018

OPEN FORUM – Please discuss items with regional minister before meeting.

COMMENTS from Regional Minister

ADJOURNMENT – CLOSING PRAYER

*****MEMBERS OF FRATERNITIES, NEWLY FORMING GROUPS AND
EMERGING COMMUNITIES ARE INVITED TO OBSERVE THE COUNCIL
MEETING.**

(draft – June 20, 2017)
(2nd draft – July 14, 2017)
(final – July 27, 2017)

Brief Bio on our guest speaker

Br. Bill Short, OFM, is a friar of the St. Barbara Province of the Franciscan Friars. Born in Seattle Washington, Br. Bill was raised in a Franciscan parish there. After graduating from the University of San Francisco, he entered the Franciscan Friars in 1972. He studied at the Franciscan School of Theology at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley (MA, 1976), and at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, where he received the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology (1983).

Since 1983 he has been teaching at the Franciscan School, first in Berkeley and now in Oceanside CA. His teaching is in the area of Christian Spirituality, with a special emphasis on Franciscan Spirituality. He also serves as a translator for international Franciscan meetings, and has served as Visitor General for the Franciscan Friars of the Province of Jalisco in Mexico and the Province of South Africa. Currently he is Director of the International Franciscan Study and Research Center (*Collegium Sancti Bonaventurae*) in Rome. He is also a collector of California native plants and an amateur wine-maker.

2017 ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING
Attendees 280 (incl. 40 commuting) *C = Commuters

Honored Guests

Brother Bill Short, OFM
Msgr. Richard Bellow

AREA ONE (69) – incl. 4 commuting

***ALABAMA**

St Joseph Cupertino - Bessemer, AL (4)

Lannie	Newman, OFS – Regional Councilor Area 1
Christine	Washington, OFS – Formation Director
Kenny	Parker, OFS Candidate
Jean	Parker, Guest

***GEORGIA**

St. John Vianney NFG - Lithia Springs, GA (9)

Nancy	Bennet, OFS
Cliff	Kasmier, OFS
Cindy	Kasmier, OFS
Kate	Kasmier, OFS
Sharon	Loiselle, OFS - Treasurer
Nance	Plachta, OFS – Vice Leader
Leslie	Riney, OFS - Leader
Deacon Greg	Smilski, OFS – Formation Director
Laurie	Smilski, OFS - Secretary

Immaculate Conception Fraternity - Jonesboro, GA (10)

Pedro	Arce, OFS Candidate
Georgia	Edwards, OFS
Sheila	Geist, OFS
Willie	Guadalupe, OFS –Regional Chair-Multicultural Commission
Lori	Moran, OFS, SA-Formation Director-Regional Councilor

Area 1

Theresa	Ryan, OFS
Sharron	Schreer, OFS
Jeanne	Starr, OFS
Helene	Ward, OFS – Minister
Beverly	White, OFS

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg - Blairsville, GA (12) 2 Commuting

Doreen	Dunlap, OFS - Councilor	
Jerry	Gerbis Sr., OFS – Formation Director	*C
Ralph	Kwiatkowski, OFS	
Dcn. John Paul	McGuire, OFS	*C
Helen	Neff, OFS	
Caroline	Richbourg, OFS – Councilor	
Jerry	Rousseau, OFS – National Treasurer	
Madeline	Rousseau, OFS	
Stephen	Smith, OFS – Vice Minister	
Ron	Tomczyk, OFS – Treasurer	
Pat	Tomczyk, OFS – Minister	
Kathi	Traywick, OFS	

The Spirit of Francis and Clare – Conyers, GA (3)

Karen	Corsetti, OFS
Peggy	Holmes, OFS
Sandy	King, OFS

The Fraternity of the Stigmata of St. Francis - Duluth, GA (9)

Ken	Brooke, OFS – Minister, Regional Treasurer
Jan	Murina, OFS – Secretary
David	Panter, OFS
Joseph	Perello, Jr. OFS
JoAnn	Rademacher, OFS – Councilor
Salvera	Reid, OFS
John	Reid, Guest
Deacon Tom	Shaver, OFS, SA – Formation Director
Lori	Shaver, guest

Brothers and Sisters of San Damiano - Athens, GA (4)

Diane	Ambrose, OFS – Regional Formation Director
Julie	Lorenz, OFS
Virginia	Macagnoni, OFS

Sue

Stephens, OFS – Minister

***TENNESSEE**

Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Nashville, TN (0)

Saints Francis and Clare Fraternity - Knoxville, TN (6) 2 Commuting

Janette	Irwin, OFS – Minister	
Paul	Rock, OFS - Treasurer	
Carolyn	Rock, Guest	
Jean	Schneider, OFS	*C
Roger	Schneider, OFS Candidate	*C
Deborah	Stevens, OFS	

Channel of Peace Fraternity – Chattanooga, TN (12)

Barbara	Bell, OFS
Gail	Campbell, OFS – Vice Minister
Mary	Coleman, OFS
Barbara	Garrison, OFS – Councilor- Regional Secretary
Ann	Hammers, OFS – Treasurer
Alice	Lenning, OFS – Formation Director
Faye	Martin, OFS SA
John	Martin, OFS
Cindy	Murphy, Inquirer
Brian	Tierney, OFS
Andrea	Tierney, OFS
Gerri	Toeller, OFS - Minister

AREA TWO (125) incl. 33 Commuting

***Georgia**

The Five Georgia Martyrs Fraternity - St. Simons Island, GA (5)

Patricia	Bergeron, OFS
Lois	Cutia, OFS – Minister
Lawrence	Lynch, OFS
Ann S.	Mallon, OFS – Treasurer
Brian	Mallon, Guest

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity - Augusta, GA (18)

Audrey	Binet, OFS SA
Becky	Bresnahan, OFS – Secretary
Theresa	Christie, OFS – Minister

Martin	Hadman, Guest
Richard (Rich)	Herdegen, OFS
Janet	Hulshof, OFS–Form. Director, Regional Councilor Area 2
Bernie	Hulshof, Guest
Helen	Jenkins, OFS
Martha	Jurgensen, OFS Candidate
Doris	Maxwell, OFS
Barbara	Meyer, OFS
Charles	Meyer, OFS
Jerry	Ouellette, OFS
Barbara	Ouellette, OFS –Councilor
Dolly	Reeves, Inquirer
Maria	Smith, Inquirer
Ken	Wessling, OFS
Nora	Wessling, OFS

***North Carolina**

St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity - Charlotte, NC (10) 5 Commuting

Msgr. Richard	Bellow, Spiritual Assistant	
Mark	Ceraldi, OFS	*C
Janet	Ceraldi, OFS	*C
Earl	Glenn, OFS	*C
Denise	Hickey, OFS – Councilor	
Jennye Taylor	Johnson, OFS – Secretary	
J.C.	Liu, OFS	*C
Tom	O'Loughlin, OFS	*C
Martha	Roman, OFS – Minister	
David	Roman, OFS – Formation Director	

Fraternity of Brother Francis - Newton, NC (3)

Paula	Coleman, OFS Candidate
Carole	Marmorato, OFS – Minister
Xiomara	Palma. OFS – Secretary

St. Clare Fraternity - Asheville, NC (8) All Commuting

Gail	Carroll, OFS – Vice Minister	*C
Barbara	Freeman, OFS – Formation Director	*C
Gwen	Hobson, OFS – Secretary	*C
Monica	Lester, OFS	*C
Lisena	Moss, Candidate	*C
Jane	Sorrells, OFS	*C

Tom	Troop, OFS	*C
Jill	Varney, OFS - Minister	*C

St. Francis of the Hills Fraternity - Hendersonville, NC (16) 9 Commuting

Frank	Colini, OFS	*C
Joann	Colini, OFS	*C
Randy	Hair, OFS - Minister	
Brenda	Harris, OFS	
Gene Ray	MaGruder, OFS	
Joanita	Nellenbach, OFS SA	
Lucy	Nordlund, OFS – Secretary	*C
Patricia	Paton, OFS	*C
Fr. Roberto	Perez, OFM Cap	*C
Diane	Salkewicz, OFS	*C
Greg	Savold, OFS – Vice Minister	
Thomas	St. John, OFS	
Barbara	St. John, OFS	
Mark	Taylor, OFS – Formation Director	*C
Yong Sun	Thompson, OFS	*C
Joyce	Wagner, OFS	*C

***South Carolina**

St. Clare of Assisi Fraternity - Aiken, SC (19)

Helen	Daugherty, Inquirer
Amelia	Florentine, Inquirer
Elaine	Girouard, OFS
Patricia	Hunter, OFS
Laura	Jarvi, OFS – Secretary
Carole	King, OFS – Formation Director
Patrick	Monahon, OFS - Treasurer
Sun Hui	Monahon, OFS
Karl	Odenthal, OFS
Karen	Perry, Inquirer
Karen	Phillips, OFS
Julia	Platte, OFS
John	Shea, OFS
Cynthia	Shea, OFS
Connie	Singer, OFS
Sharon	Stanley, OFS – Vice Minister
Doris	Toole, OFS

Marie	Walton, OFS
Mary	Welsh, OFS

Our Lady of Good Counsel Fraternity - Greenville, SC (6)

Judy	Bruce, OFS – Minister
John	Bruce, OFS - Councilor
Mary Pat	Morris, OFS – Vice Minister
Elizabeth	Oughten, OFS
LaDonna	Sexton, OFS – Councilor
Marsha	Wiggins, OFS – Secretary

Mother Cabrini NFG - Anderson, SC (7) All Commuting

Charles	Comberrel, OFS – Formation Director	*C
Martha	Comberrel, OFS	*C
Cynthia Rae	Gravely, OFS	*C
Patricia “Trish”	Howerter, OFS Candidate	*C
Lucy	Laubshire, OFS	*C
Nanette	Perron, OFS – Leader	*C
Norene	Smith, OFS Candidate	*C

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Fraternity - Hilton Head Island, SC (14)

Patrick	Baker, OFS
Jean	Baker, Guest
Angela	Cavalluzzi, OFS – Minister
Peggy	Cleary, OFS Candidate
Fran	Friedman, OFS
Judy	Haupt, OFS – Formation Director
Mary	Houser, OFS Candidate
Cathy	Kenney, OFS
Peggy	Krause – Guest
Kristine	Labartino – Guest
Christine	Lukesh, OFS
Virginia	MacKenzie, OFS – Vice Minister
DorothyAnn	Rowland, OFS – Regional Minister
Cathy	Sheehan, OFS Candidate

St. Michael the Archangel Fraternity - Spartanburg, SC (13) 4 Commuting

Sara Nell	Boggs, OFS – Regional Councilor Area 2
Brenda	Coggins, OFS
Carol	Drum, OFS

Yolanda	Fernandes, Inquirer	*C
Jim	Johnson, OFS	
Lynn	Skinner-Johnson, OFS	
Esther	Kelly, OFS	*C
Shizuko	Klatte, OFS	*C
Patricia	McKenna, OFS Candidate	
Bev	Mitro, OFS	*C
Jane	Morris, OFS	
Sandra	Rodriguez, OFS	
Bonnie	Wacker, OFS	

Crucified Christ Fraternity - North Charleston, SC (6)

Charles	Allen, OFS Candidate
Cindy	Bryan, OFS – Minister
Diane	Curran, OFS – Formation Director
Joe	Hann, OFS Candidate
Joanne	Hann, OFS Candidate
Larry	Papineau, Inquirer

AREA THREE (86) incl. 5 Commuting

***North Carolina**

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Fraternity- Burlington, NC (12) 4 Comm.

Rose Ann	Bobak, Inquirer	
Paul	Bobak, Inquirer	
Leana	Caruso, Guest	
Irene	Crowder, OFS Candidate	
Flo	Echevarria, Inquirer	
Teresa	Frazier, OFS – Minister	
Amy	Herman, Inquirer	*C
Lorraine	Johnson, OFS	
Chris	Morrison, Guest	
Patricia	Wilkerson, OFS, SA	*C
Alan	Zanker, OFS	*C
Paula	Zanker, OFS	*C

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity - Elizabeth City, NC (6)

Eileen	Chaney, OFS
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Dory	Davis, OFS
Paulette	McLaughlin, OFS
Janet	Norfleet, OFS
Lee	Norfleet, OFS
Doreen	Warren, OFS – Minister

Franciscan Family of Greensboro Fraternity - Greensboro, NC (12)

Vincent	Cummo, OFS
Rosemary	Cummo, OFS
Michael	Evangelista, OFS
Susan	Evangelista, OFS
Christine	Evangelista, Guest
Frank	Massey, OFS
Margie	Massey, OFS
Robert	Pearson, OFS – Minister, Regional Councilor Area 3
Georgette	Schraeder, OFS
Don	Schraeder, Candidate
Peter	Smith, OFS
Maureen	Smith, OFS

St. Anthony of Padua - Fayetteville, NC (3)

Carmen	Madero, OFS – Minister, Regional Vice Minister
Gloria	Ruiz, OFS
Laurie	Wilburn, OFS Candidate

Padre Pio Fraternity - Raleigh, NC (24)

Jeanne	Casciere, Inquirer
Louis	Coker, OFS - Treasurer
Lee	Cunningham, OFS Candidate
Ellen	Ferrone, OFS Candidate
Dianne	Greet, OFS
Michael	Hancock, OFS
Gail	Hancock, Guest
Cheryl	Kornegay, OFS Candidate
Joan	Monti, Inquirer
Suzanne	Nelson, OFS – Vice Minister
Lynn	Oeser, OFS Candidate
Michael	Oeser, Inquirer
Frank	Peluso, OFS - Minister
Marie	Roccoforte, OFS

Victoria	Romero, OFS
John	Romero, Guest
Deacon Phil	Rzewnicki, Inquirer
Anna	Rzewnicki, Inquirer
David	Shick, Inquirer
Lourdes	Shick, Guest
Gladys	Whitehouse, Inquirer
Ben	Whitehouse, Inquirer
Marguerite	Zombek, OFS - Councilor

Father Solanus Casey Fraternity - Morehead City, NC (11)

Elaina	Bogan, OFS, Candidate
Joan	Davis, OFS – Vice Minister
Paula	Escobio, Inquirer
Armand	Escobio, Guest
Pat	Kasprzyk, OFS
Mary Lou	Kimmell, OFS Candidate
Norma	Krayzar, OFS
Carolyn	Peduzzi, OFS – Minister
Joan	Rogers, OFS Candidate
Rodney	Strickland - Secretary
Barbara	Zaik, OFS – Treasurer

Fraternity of St. Clare - Winston-Salem, NC (3)

Laura	Gurnee, OFS – Minister
Betti	Pettinati-Longinotti, OFS
Barbara	Robless, OFS – Vice Minister

St. Thomas More Fraternity - Wilmington, NC (7)

Bonnie	Ameche, OFS
Mary Ellen	Humphrey, OFS
Linda	Keir, OFS – Secretary
Evelyn	Lauer, OFS Candidate
Marie	Mellon, OFS – Vice Minister
Mary	Tocidlowski, OFS
Mike	Yamat, OFS

***South Carolina**

Blessed John Duns Scotus - Garden City, SC (8) 1 Commuting

Carol	Bray, OFS	
Betty Lou	Calley, OFS	
Ellen	DeKleva, OFS	
Paul	DiStefano, OFS - Vice-Minister	*C
Dottie	Evans, OFS	
Marguerite	O'Brien, OFS – Formation Director	
Karen	Poirier, OFS - Secretary	
Barbara	Umpley, OFS - Minister	

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Newly Elected Councils August 2016 - July 2017

*** = Attending**

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg
Blairsville, GA September 10, 2016
Minister: Pat Tomczyk, OFS*
Vice Minister: Stephen Smith, OFS*
Secretary: Pat Tomlinson, OFS
Treasurer: Ron Tomczyk, OFS*
Formation Director: Gerard Gerbig, OFS*
Councilor: Caroline Richbourg, OFS*
Councilor: Joan Furst, OFS
Councilor: Doreen Dunlap, OFS*
Spiritual Assistant: Joanita Nellenbach, OFS*

Spirit of Francis and Clare
Conyers, GA September 18, 2016

Minister: Philip Wescott, OFS
Vice Minister: Pat Holcombe, Ofs
Secretary: Patti Wilson, OFS
Treasurer: Janie McIsaac, OFS
Formation Director: Joel Alsesi, OFS
Councilor: Carol Takken, OFS
Spiritual Assistant: (position vacant)

Channel of Peace
Chattanooga, TN March 12, 2017

Minister: Gerri Toeller, OFS*
Vice Minister: Gail Campbell, OFS*
Secretary: Mechtilde Boles, OFS
Treasurer: Ann Hammers, OFS*
Formation Director: Alice Lenning, OFS*
Councilor: Barbara Garrison, OFS*
Councilor: Karen Ferraraccio, OFS*
Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Mark Scholz

St. Joseph Cupertino
Bessemer, AL June 25, 2017
Minister: Richard Taylor, OFS
Vice Minister: Earnestine Braxton, OFS
Secretary: Beth Ryan, OFS
Treasurer: Karen Thorne, OFS
Form. Director: Christine Washington, OFS*
Councilor: Boyd Mackey, OFS
Councilor: David Cruz-Uribe, OFS
Councilor: Gabrielle Cruz-Uribe, OFS
Spiritual Assistant: Nancy Brochu, OFS

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
Hilton Head Island, SC February 11, 2017

Minister: Angela Cavalluzzi, OFS*
Vice-Minister: Virginia MacKenzie, OFS*
Secretary: Daly Guiterrez, OFS
Treasurer: Bill Trecartin, OFS
Form. Director: Judy Haupt, OFS*
Councilor: Maureen Cronin, OFS
Councilor: Robert Rosa-Cruz, OFS
Spiritual Assistant: (position vacant)

Franciscan Family of Greensboro
Greensboro, NC April 2, 2017

Minister: Bob Pearson, OFS*
Vice Minister: Katie Baier, OFS
Secretary: Jeanne Carter, OFS
Treasurer: Mary Faint, OFS
Formation Director: Georgette Schraeder, OFS*
Councilor: Dorothy Fansler, OFS
Councilor: Beth Kristofferson, OFS,
Councilor: Mary Taylor, OFS
Spiritual Assistant: Fr. David Hyman, OFM

Newly Elected Councils
August 2016-July 2017
(Continued)

St. Michael the Archangel
Spartanburg, SC July 22, 2017

Minister: Carol Drum, OFS*
Vice Minister: Len Diaddario, OFS
Secretary: Jane Morris, OFS*
Treasurer: Esther Kelly, OFS*
Form. Director: Joanne Babin, OFS
Councilor: Ed Babin, OFS
Councilor: Sara Nell Boggs, OFS*
Councilor: Bonnie Wacker, OFS*
Spiritual Assistant: (position vacant)

St. John Vianney EC
Lithia Springs, GA October 2016

Leader: Leslie Riney, OFS*
Vice Leader: Nance Plachta, OFS*
Secretary: Laurie Smilski, OFS*
Treasurer: Sharon Loiselle, OFS*
Formation Director: Dcn. Greg Smilski, OFS*
Councilor: Betty Rivera, OFS
Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Reto Davatz, OFM Conv

Blessed John Duns Scotus
Garden City, SC February 18, 2017

Minister: Barbara Umpley, OFS*
Vice Minister: Paul DiStefano, OFS*
Secretary: Karen Poirer, OFS*
Treasurer: Kathleen Barnes, OFS
Form. Director: Marguerite O'Brien, OFS*
Councilor: Betty Lou Calley, OFS*
Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Ron Farrell

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NEWLY PROFESSED August 2016 – August 2017
31 total 24 attending *

Area One

St. John Vianney EC
Lithia Springs, GA
August 15, 2016

Leslie Riney, OFS*
Nance Plachta, OFS*
Cliff Kasmier, OFS*
Cindy Kasmier, OFS*
Bertha Rivera, OFS
Maria Trinidad Seay, OFS
Ana Valenzuela, OFS
Javier Cortez, OFS
August 5, 2017
Nancy Bennet, OFS*

Spirit of Francis and Clare
Conyers, GA
August 6, 2016
Pat Holcomb, OFS

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg
Blairsville, GA
August 6, 2016
Monica Jean Hiler, OFS
Robert Hiler, OFS

Stigmata of St. Francis
Duluth, GA
July 8, 2017
Joseph Perrello, Jr. OFS*

Area Two

Five Georgia Martyrs
St. Simons Island, GA
November 10, 2016
Patricia Bergeron, OFS*

Five Georgia Martyrs (cont.)
Georgia Ann Markley, OFS
Lawrence Lynch, OFS*

St. Francis of the Hills
Hendersonville, NC
May 20, 2017

Joann Colini, OFS*
Frank Colini, OFS*
Brenda Harris, OFS*
Gene Ray MaGruder, OFS*
Barbara St. John, OFS*
Thomas St. John, OFS*

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
Hilton Head Island, SC
August 6, 2017
Patrick Baker, OFS*
Frances Friedman, OFS*

Area Three

Blessed Sacrament
Burlington, NC
January 28, 2017
Maria Pimentel, OFS
Bill Walker, OFS

NEWLY PROFESSED continued

Area Two

St. Clare of Assisi

Aiken, SC

February 9, 2017

Patricia Hunter, OFS*

Karl Odenthal, OFS*

Karen Phillips, OFS*

Julia Platte, OFS*

Cynthia Shea, OFS*

John Shea, OFS*

Christine Silton, OFS

Ronald Silton, OFS

Marie Walton, OFS*

Mary Welsh, OFS*

Area Three

Padre Pio

Raleigh, NC

June 25, 2016

Louis Coker, OFS*

Diane Greet, OFS*

Marie Roccoforte, OFS*

Victoria Romero, OFS*

(not included last year)

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region
Let us pray for Our Dear Deceased Members
August 2016 - July 2017



Stigmata of St. Francis – Duluth, GA

Rev Mr. Edward Rademacher, OFS, SA September 13, 2016
James Moran, OFS (past Minister) November 25, 2016

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary – Hilton Head Island, SC

Dr. Joseph Bailey, OFS October 20, 2016

Fr. Solanus Casey – Morehead City, NC

James Gaghan, OFS October 20, 2016

St. Francis of the Hills – Hendersonville, NC

Dr. Kenneth Frederick Dutt, Affiliate January 10, 2017
husband of Esther Dutt, OFS

Padre Pio – Raleigh, NC

John Pollich, OFS March 5, 2017

Fraternity of St. Clare – Winston-Salem, NC

Josephine Rosaschi, OFS March 22, 2017
David Weppner, OFS June 29, 2017

Fraternity of Brother Francis – Newton, NC

Ismini Frieser, OFS March 31, 2017

St. Michael the Archangel – Spartanburg, SC

Michael Mason, OFS Minister April 19, 2017
John Jeanson, OFS June 14, 2017

St. Maximilian Kolbe – Huntersville, NC

Elizabeth Herman, OFS April 27, 2017

Channel of Peace – Chattanooga, TN

Susan Iorio, OFS June 27, 2017

Personal Reflections – Franciscan Quotes, Saintly Wisdom

Above all the grace and the gifts that Christ gives to his beloved is that of overcoming self.

~St. Francis of Assisi

Our fraternities are the nurseries where God prepares, nurtures and strengthens us for our work in the world. In these "gardens of love", all plants (us) are unique, varied and purposeful. Each has the capacity to give honor to God and to benefit others in some way. Now temptations blow through the garden, and often on the way we "rub against each other" causes us to become irritated. If we rely on, or take pride in, our own gifts, friction and division will occur. If we learn to die to self and submit to the loving care of the Gardener (and our lawful superiors), His beauty, His love, and His peace will increase in us and overflow to all the world.

~Mary Ann Julian, OFS (The Cord: Volume 48, No. 3, 138)

At all times and seasons, in every country and place, every day and all day, we must have a true and humble faith, and keep him in our hearts, where we must love, honor, adore, serve, praise and bless, glorify and acclaim, magnify and thank, the most high supreme and eternal God.

~Francis of Assisi, "Rule of 1221"

Praise Him and bless Him, thank and adore Him, the Lord almighty, in Trinity and Unity.

~Francis of Assisi, "Rule of 1221"

When I cannot attend Mass, I adore the Body of Christ with the eyes of the spirit in my prayer.

~Francis of Assisi, quoted by Br. Leo. "Thirteenth-Century Testimonies"

Generosity is one of the attributes of God, Who causes the sun to shine and the rain to fall upon all, whether just or unjust, and ministers to all most lovingly the necessities of life. Generosity is the sister of Charity; it destroys hatred and preserves love.

~St. Francis, "Letter to All the Faithful"

The root of all evil is 'I', 'Me', 'Mine'.

~St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Perhaps, you will not be required to pour out your blood as a martyr, but you will certainly be asked to give a coherent and steadfast witness in fulfilling the promises made at your Baptism and Confirmation, which you renewed and confirmed with your profession in the Franciscan Secular Order. By virtue of this profession, the Rule and the General Constitutions must represent for each of you the point of reference for daily living, based on your explicit vocation and special identity (cf. Promulgation of the General Constitutions of the SFO). If you are truly driven by the Spirit to reach the perfection of charity in your secular state, "it would be a contradiction to settle for a life of mediocrity, marked by a minimalist ethic and a shallow religiosity" (Novo Millennio ineunte, n.31). You must be sincerely dedicated to that "high standard of ordinary Christian living" (ibid.), to which I invited all the faithful at the end of the Great Jubilee of the Year 2000.

~St. Pope John Paul II, Address to the Secular Franciscan Order, Friday, 22 November 2002

O Lord our God, true teacher that you are. . . You are truly what it means to be, you are the whole of what it means to exist.

~Blessed John Duns Scotus, A Treatise on God as the First Principle

Actions speak louder than words; let your words teach and your actions speak. We are full of words but empty of actions, and therefore are cursed by the Lord, since he himself cursed the fig tree when he found no fruit but only leaves. It is useless for a man to flaunt his knowledge of the law if he undermines its teaching by his actions.

~At. Anthony of Padua

Mary seeks for those who approach her devoutly and with reverence, for such she loves, nourishes, and adopts as her children.

~St. Bonaventure

The Rule requires Secular Franciscans to approach people with gentleness, care, and compassion – recognizing in them the image of God. We recognize our personal need for radical conversion and seek it with a willing spirit. By our lives we show how it looks to live a kingdom/gospel life. It must be attractive rather than boring; inviting rather than separating; welcoming instead of excluding; forgiving rather than vengeful; prayerful rather than domineering; with a passion for justice rather than allowing injustice to grow; seeking ways of peace rather than planning for war and violence; developing a spirit of community rather than individualism; recognizing a need for God rather than an arrogant independence; finding hope and guidance in the Bible rather than dependence merely on human knowledge.

~Lester Bach, OFM Cap, The Franciscan Journey: Embracing the Franciscan Vision

The most deadly poison of our times is indifference. And this happens, although the praise of God should know no limits. Let us strive, therefore, to praise Him to the greatest extent of our powers.

~St. Maximilian Kolbe

What is more, Saint Francis, faithful to Scripture, invites us to see nature as a magnificent book in which God speaks to us and grants us a glimpse of his infinite beauty and goodness. "Through the greatness and the beauty of creatures one comes to know by analogy their maker" (Wis 13:5); indeed, "his eternal power and divinity have been made known through his works since the creation of the world" (Rom 1:20). For this reason, Francis asked that part of the friary garden always be left untouched, so that wild flowers and herbs could grow there, and those who saw them could raise their minds to God, the Creator of such beauty. Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise.

~Pope Francis, Laudato Si (Praise be to you – On Care For Our Common Home), Paragraph 12

NAFRA-OFS-USA		REGIONAL TREASURER REPORT				(Trees-4)	July-17
REGION NAME:		Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis					7/31/2017
NUMBER		61	YEAR	2017			
	Beginning of Year	At End of 1st Quarter	At End of 2nd Quarter	At End of 3rd Quarter	At End of 4th Quarter	End of Year	BUDGET
							2017
Cash Balances:							
Checking account	\$29,828.60	\$53,060.94	\$40,437.78			\$ -	
Savings account							
Other bank accounts							
Other cash							
Total cash	\$29,828.60	\$53,060.94	\$40,437.78				
Income:							
Fair Share Contributions	\$ 25,995.00	\$ 1,124.00				27,119.00	\$ 26,865.00
Fraternal - Pastoral Visitations/Elections	1,339.17	200.00				1,539.17	\$ 3,600.00
Stipends Received/donations						0.00	\$ 4,459.00
General fund/reimbursements						0.00	\$ 5,000.00
Ed Campbell Fund		168.00				168.00	\$ 500.00
Total income	27,334.17	1,492.00	0.00		0.00	28,826.17	\$ 40,424.00
Expenses:							
National Fraternity Fair Share		10,205.00				10,205.00	\$ 10,149.00
Annual National Gathering (NAFRA meeting)	452.60					452.60	\$ 600.00
Visitors to the Region						0.00	\$ 3,000.00
Annual Regional Gathering (ARG)						0.00	\$ 6,950.00
Regional Executive Council Gatherings	2,162.38	2,112.31				4,274.69	\$ 4,975.00
Fraternal - Pastoral Visitations/Elections	461.25	1,303.81				1,765.06	\$ 3,600.00
JPIC & FYVA	250.00					250.00	\$ 1,150.00
Formation						0.00	\$ 2,500.00
Multicultural Commission						0.00	\$ 200.00
Office Supplies, Postage, Copies						0.00	\$ 700.00
National Spiritual Assistants (stipend, travel costs)						0.00	\$ 2,100.00
Spiritual Assistant Course (travel, lodging, scholarships)	775.60	475.89				1,251.49	\$ 3,500.00
Special Orders						0.00	\$ 1,000.00
Bank Fees		18.15				18.15	NA
Total Expenses	4,101.83	14,115.16	0.00		0.00	18,216.99	\$40,424.00
Net income or expense for the quarter/year (TC+Income-Expense)	\$53,060.94	\$40,437.78	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	
Cash Balance, "Total Income-Total expenses"	\$23,232.34	-\$12,623.16	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	

"Your Servant Leaders"

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Regional Executive Council Roster

Minister: DorothyAnn Rowland, OFS

Secretary: Barbara Garrison, OFS

Vice Minister: Carmen Madero, OFS

Treasurer: Ken Brooke, OFS

Spiritual Assistant

**Formation Director:
Dianne Ambrose, OFS**

Area 1 Councilors

Lori Moran, OFS, SA and Lannie Newman, OFS

AL: Bessemer, Decatur

GA: Athens, Blairsville, Conyers, Duluth, Jonesboro, Lithia Springs

TN: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville

Area 2 Councilors

Sara Nell Boggs, OFS and Janet Hulshof, OFS

GA: Augusta, St. Simons Island

NC: Asheville, Charlotte, Hendersonville, Newton;

SC: Aiken, Anderson, Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Hilton Head Island, Spartanburg

Area 3 Councilors

Bob Pearson, OFS and Carolyn Peduzzi, OFS

NC: Burlington, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Morehead City,
Raleigh, Wilmington, Winston Salem

SC: Garden City

Appointed Positions

Archivist: Sara Nell Boggs, OFS

**Justice, Peace, Integrity of Creation
Animator - Carolyn Townes, OFS**

***Communio* Editor**

Joanita M. Nellenbach, OFS

**Multicultural Commission Chair
Awilda Guadalupe, OFS**

Prayer Ministry

(online prayer requests)*

Area 1: Lori Moran, OFS

Area 2: Dot Huebner, OFS

Area 3: Bob Pearson, OFS

**Youth/Young Adult Fraternal
Animator
Position Available**

*Local fraternity prayer liaisons submit prayer requests to Area coordinators

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
SCHEDULE OF VISITATIONS AND ELECTIONS
August 2017 thru November 2018**

* confirmed

V+ follow-up visit

(observers in parentheses)

ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING – August 11-13, 2017 – (Speaker: Br. Bill Short, OFM)

DATE	FRATERNITY/LOCATION	V / E	FRATERNAL VISITOR	PASTORAL VISITOR
Sept. 9 *	St. Clare of Assisi/Aiken, SC	E	Janet Hulshof	Audrey Binet - EW
Sept 9 *	Blessed Sacrament/Burlington, NC	E	Carmen Madero (Bob Pearson)	Pat Wilkerson - EW
Sept 8-9 *	Fran Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg/Blairsville, GA	V	Lori Moran	Willie Guadalupe
Sept 19-20 *	St. Anthony of Padua/Fayetteville, NC	V	DorothyAnn Rowland (Carolyn Peduzzi)	Pat Wilkerson

NAFRA CHAPTER – SEPT. 26 – OCT. 1, 2017 – INDIANA

Oct 11-12	St. Clare/Asheville, NC	V	Sara Nell Boggs	Joanita Nellenbach
Oct 14-15	Spirit of Francis and Clare/Conyers, GA	V	DorothyAnn Rowland	Willie Guadalupe
Nov 3-4	St. John Vianney EC/Lithia Springs, GA	V	Lori Moran	Willie Guadalupe
Nov 12	St. Thomas More/Wilmington, NC	E	Carolyn Peduzzi	Pat Wilkerson - EW
Dec TBD	Five Georgia Martyrs/ St. Simons Island	E	DorothyAnn Rowland	?

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Jan 13	St. Elizabeth of Hungary/Augusta, GA	E	Sara Nell Boggs	?
Jan 14	Stigmata of St. Francis/Duluth, GA	E	Lori Moran	Willie Guadalupe - EW
Jan 5-6 or 12-13	San Damiano/Athens, GA	V	?	?
Jan 21	Seven Dolors of the BVM/Franklin, TN	E	Lannie Newman	?
Jan 28	Padre Pio/Raleigh, NC	E	Bob Pearson (Carmen Madero)	Joanita Nellenbach - EW
Feb 4	Fr. Solanus Casey/Morehead City, NC	E		
Feb 9-10	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary/Hilton Head Island, SC	V		
Feb 17	Our Lady of Good Counsel/Greenville, SC	E		

Feb 18	Sts. Francis and Clare/Knoxville, TN	E		
March 10-11	Channel of Peace/Chattanooga, TN	V		
April 8	St. Elizabeth of Hungary/Elizabeth City, NC	E		
April 7-8	Franciscan Family of Greensboro/Greensboro, NC	V		
May 12	Immaculate Conception/Jonesboro/GA	E		
June 3	St. Maximilian Kolbe/Huntersville, NC	E		
June 9	Crucified Christ/North Charleston, SC	E		
June 8-9	Blessed Sacrament/Burlington, NC	V		

Annual Regional Gathering- August 3 -5, 2018 Ridgecrest, NC National Visitors

Aug. 24-25	St. Michael the Archangel/Spartanburg, SC	V		
Nov TBD	St. Anthony of Padua/Fayetteville, NC	E		
Nov 24	St. Francis of the Hills/Hendersonville, NC	E		

RENEWAL OF "OFS" PROFESSION COMMITMENT

*Let us bless our Lord and God, living and true;
to Him, we must attribute all praise, glory, honor, blessing,
and every good forever.*

All Professed Secular Franciscans together

We thank you, Lord, for calling us
to the Secular Franciscan Order.

We ask Your pardon
for all our shortcomings, weaknesses,
and transgressions against our commitment to the Gospel life
and against the Rule.

We renew once again our commitment to the Gospel life,
according to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order,
until the end of our days.

Grant also that we may live in harmony
with our brothers and sisters,
and that we may give witness to younger people
of the great gift we have received from you:
our Franciscan calling
to "go forth as witnesses and instruments
of the Church's mission among all people,
proclaiming Christ by our life and words."

Most High and Glorious God,
grant that we may live justice and peace.

All praise be yours, O Lord, through all that you have made.
Amen