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Minister's Message

By Vickie Klick, OFS

Dear brothers and sisters,
Last month I considered how our calling as laypeople/seculars means that everything we do to live our ordinary lives is part of living our Rule. This month, I want to take a slightly different approach to how we live as Secular Franciscans, and consider what we need to expect of ourselves as we live our lives in fraternity.


To get the “legal” aspect out of the way first, our national statutes (18.7a) define an active fraternity member as “one who participates both by attending fraternity meetings and by providing financial support to the community, or whom the fraternity has excused from such obligations.” So, our presence at fraternity meetings (because of many factors, especially *Rule* Art. 22) and our financial contributions according to our means to meet the expenses of fraternity at all levels (*Rule* Art. 25) are fundamental. We learn in formation that “Participation in the meetings of the local fraternity is an indispensable presupposition for initiation into community prayer and into fraternity life.” (*General Constitutions* 40.3) So, if that’s what we have to do, what am I writing about? Just as following the basic precepts of the Church (regular Mass attendance, Confession and receiving Communion at least once a year, etc.) would not be confused with a full, vibrant Christian life, meeting the basic requirements for being considered an active Secular Franciscan is insufficient for us to grow and flourish in our vocations. We need to be engaged, interested, and enthusiastic about our way of life...and the only person who can improve anyone’s attitude is the one they look at in the mirror in the morning.

We don’t come to fraternity meetings to be entertained (though sometimes we will be), or to learn (though we should),

We don’t come just for what we get out of the meetings. Just as we go to Mass to worship and be with God, we go to fraternity meetings to be with our sisters and brothers and to see God in and through them. This requires us to do more than occupy a chair at our meetings; we need to participate and contribute to the life of the fraternity. As we give, so will it be given to us – Christ’s promise seems very apropos here.

Do you have a responsibility in your fraternity? There is plenty to do besides being on the council, and everyone should have a task as he or she is able. Once we are all part of making the fraternity work, we have a shared commitment to improvement, rather than having some who work and some who sit on the sidelines (where the deficiencies are much easier to see because there’s not much else to do). Those who cannot attend meetings may be our “pray-ers” (as Patrick Mendes described them, our Poor Clares); if they are able, they can also be important links in the fraternity’s communication network, by phone or email. As we enter the slower-paced months when many are on vacation, it’s more important than ever for those who are present to do their part to enliven the fraternity at each meeting. If you aren’t sure what needs to be done, ask a member of the council. If you still aren’t sure what to do, strike up a conversation with someone you don’t know so well and learn about them. You may find out that this conversation is the reason you needed to be at the meeting today.

May the Holy Spirit be with us all, to strengthen us in faith, hope, and love.

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CALENDAR

*Unless otherwise indicated, all events are at
Mayslake Village (Oak Brook).*

- **Election & Visitation dates subject to change. (E=Election/V=Visitation)**

January

- 12:** Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m. (transition meeting)

February

- 03:** St. Bernardine of Siena Fraternity (E)
17: St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity (E)

March

- 01:** Fair Share, Census, and Annual Reports due
10: St. Anthony of Padua, Joliet (V)
16: Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
17: St. Anthony of Padua, East Side (V)

April

- 7:** St. Francis St. Louis Fraternity (E)

May

- 18:** Chapter of Ministers, Mayslake

June

July

- 13:** Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
21: St. Francis Assisi Fraternity, Algonquin (E)
27: St. Anthony of Padua, Rockford (E)
28: St. Anthony of Padua, Oak Lawn (V)

August

- 03:** Regional Gathering, Feast of the Portiuncula

September

- 14:** St. Anthony of Padua, Joliet (E)
25: San Damiano Fraternity (E)
28: Study Day/Leadership Workshop

October

- 05:** Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.
06: Living Water Korean Fraternity (E)
15: Brother Jacoba Community (E)
12-20: NAFRA Meeting – Denver, CO
27: St. Francis of Assisi, Steger (E)

November

- 17:** Mother Cabrini Feast Day Celebration

Spiritual Assistant's Message

By Br. Joe Middleton, OFM

SFO/OFS Leadership workshop May 2013

Spiritual Assistants

As an agent of the Order Friars Minor and the Secular Franciscan Order I am directed by the Statutes (Title III – Article 13) that “The principal task of the assistant is to foster a deeper insight into Franciscan spirituality and to co-operate in the initial and continuing formation of the Secular Franciscans.” And this is what I do with surety and aplomb.

I am honored and happy to be a part of the Regional Executive Council and the Regional Formation Team. This calls me to be a part of the preparation of and to attend the numerous regional activities and special events.

I also meet with the local fraternities for pastoral visitations, “the privileged moment of the communion of the first order with the SFO, which is carried out in the name of the Church and serves to revive the evangelical Franciscan spirit, to assure fidelity to the charism and to the rule, to offer help to fraternity life, to reinforce the bond of the unity of the SFO, and to promote its most effective insertion into the Franciscan family and the Church. (Title III Art. 14).

I also serve as a pastoral witness to the elections of the local fraternities. Beyond this I am expected to “coordinate, at the regional level, the service of spiritual assistants, the formation of the Assistants and the fraternal union among them; to foster the interest of the friars in the SFO and in the Franciscan Youth”. (Title III Art. 21. 3c.

READ: from art. 15 on **page 10** from Statutes For Spiritual and Pastoral Assistance to the Secular Franciscan Order Section 6 of the Essential Documents.

Present the new Spiritual Assistants Group who will begin their process of formation beginning this summer.

Your Brother Joe, OFM 

Integrating Franciscan Values and Work May 31 - June 1, 2013

Offered by the Franciscan Action Network for Justice

Hosted by the
Wheaton Franciscan
Office of Justice Peace
and Integrity of Creation
and Tau Center

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day
Saturday concludes with liturgy at
4 p.m. in the Community Chapel

The fee for this event is on a sliding scale:
For 2 days: \$40 to \$120
For 1 day: \$25 to \$75

The fee includes lunch, Coffee breaks, and all materials. Offer whatever is within your means.

To register, call: 630-909-6805
email: taucenter@wheatonfranciscan.org
or download a registration form
from our website: www.taucenter.org

Newly Professed:

Geri Allaire, OFS and Kay Crnich, OFS of the Northwest Franciscan Community of the IHM (Palatine) made their Professions on May 13 – Congratulations!

Pilgrimage to Assisi for the Feast of St Francis

Join **Fr. Chuck Faso, OFM** and **Kieran Lyons** on a pilgrimage to Rome, Cascia (St Rita), Assisi for the Transitus & Feast of St Francis, Siena, San Gimmignano, and Florence.

Date: September 29-October 8, 2013

Contact: Fr. Chuck (773-844-1267)
or Kieran Lyons
(773-580-3220)

or

TWT Trans World Travel in Highland Park IL, (847-432-2400)

In-Formation

By Patrick Mendés, OFS
Regional Formation Team
June, 2013

What an exhilarating month, June is! We approach the beginning of summer, flowers are in bloom and we celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart! Let me begin by wishing you a month filled with the Lord's peace and love.

The love of the Sacred Heart invites us to reflect on articles 12, 13, 14, and 15 of the Holy Rule. They enjoin us to "set ourselves free to love God and our brothers and sisters"; with a gentle and courteous spirit to accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ; to build a more fraternal and evangelical world; to be in the forefront of promoting justice by our human lives and our courageous initiatives; to be messengers of perfect joy.


As we make the journey from gospel to life and life to gospel, the beatitudes, offer us the road signs: we are invited to be poor in spirit, comforters, meek, righteous, merciful, clean of heart, peacemakers.

Wow! A lot about which to think! Let's just look at a few ideas to help us along the path. Can and do we set ourselves free to love God and our brothers and sisters by not always needing to come first? Are we faithfully praying Morning and Evening Prayer? Can we make a special effort in our daily prayers to remember to thank God for all His goodness to us and to our brothers and sisters? Even when it is inconvenient for us, do we go out of our way to help someone? And do we thank God for the opportunity, because we see Him poor and crucified, in the one we are serving?

How do we go about building a more fraternal and evangelical world? You are probably doing it everyday without even thinking about it. Take a minute now, what did you do today to meet this goal? How about the shut in neighbor you visited, or the time you took to explain your position on a matter of justice without alienating the person with whom you were speaking? What about the letter you wrote to your congressman about a particular social justice issue? The list goes on and on. Let's take some time to thank the Lord for all these opportunities to make His love and compassion known.

In his Angelus message of May 28, 1989, Blessed John Paul II tells us that "piety" the gift of the Holy Spirit is the root of the "civilization of love." With it the Spirit heals our hearts of every form of hardness, and opens them to tenderness toward God and our brothers and sisters. (Excerpted from the book *Holy Father, Sacred Heart* edited by Carl J. Moell, S.J. Crossroad Publishing Co.)

For this beautiful month, dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus let us spend some time reflecting on all the manifestations of God's love for us, and the ways in which we love God in return.

I invite you to join me in praying the Litany of the Sacred Heart this month and my prayer for you that the Sacred Heart of Jesus will bless you abundantly and surround you with His love 

MINISTRY OF PRAISE AND PRAYER

By Lorna Miressi, OFS
Vice Minister of Mother Cabrini Regional Fraternity

"Joy is Prayer, Prayer is Joy". These words are taken from the Ministers' Reference Manual for the Mother Cabrini Regional Fraternity, and can be found at the end of the description of the Ministry of Praise and Prayer. As Vice-Minister of the region, it is my privilege to be responsible for implementing and coordinating this very important ministry.

The Ministry of Praise and Prayer "is intended for those professed brothers and sisters of the Mother Cabrini Region who are, by reason of age or infirmity, unable to regularly participate in the gatherings and other activities of their local fraternity". When a brother or sister accepts this ministry, they offer daily prayer for the local as well as the broader Franciscan family and the needs of the church.

Steps for implementing this Ministry are as follows: Councils of local fraternities who choose to participate in the Ministry are asked to appoint a coordinator for the ministry. Most preferably this coordinator is the Vice-Minister or "Infirmarian". This coordinator invites the homebound brothers and sisters of their local fraternity to participate in this Ministry. The Ministry is strictly a voluntary participation and not a requirement. Once the coordinator is appointed he or she contacts the Regional Vice-Minister (by letter or email) requesting participation of their fraternity in the ministry and sends a list of names and addresses of those in their fraternity who wish to participate in the ministry. The coordinator will then receive back an acknowledgement of this request as well as instruction for participating and an "official" Ministry of Praise and Prayer booklet which, in turn, is to be distributed to enrolled members of the Ministry.

Each month the coordinator of the ministry within the local fraternity will receive an inspirational message from me along with the Special Intentions for the month. This letter and intentions are then sent to those fraternity members who are active and willing participants. In addition, the coordinator is to include the prayer requests of that particular fraternity.

At this time I have ten local fraternities participating in this important, and much appreciated, ministry. If your fraternity has homebound brothers and/or sisters whom you feel would want to be a minister of praise and prayer please discuss the idea at your next fraternity gathering. Decide on who will coordinate the ministry and ask them to contact me at lmiressi@hotmail.com or call me at 630-336-0911.

God's Peace Be With You!

2013 NAFRA JPIC Monthly Update

June: Torture Awareness Month

Carolyn D. Townes, O.F.S.

Remember as children being tickled until you could not stand it? Someone older and stronger would tickle you until you cried “uncle”. Perhaps it was you doing the tickling. Whatever the circumstance, though seemingly harmless, it rendered the one being tickled powerless. In order to stop the tickling, you had to “give in” to the demands of the tickler. I am sure we all have some memory of this from our childhoods. What strikes me about this is although the one being tickled is laughing, they are laughing because they are being forced to.

In our modern post 9/11 society, what used to be considered seemingly harmless has taken on quite another tone. Growing up, magazines were glossy-colored books with lots of pictures. Today, the word is associated with gun violence. You cannot make an innocent joke about blowing something up without risking full on interrogation. And rendering someone powerless for information has come to be known as torture.

The first principle of our Catholic Social Teaching speaks of the life and dignity of the human person: The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and the inherent dignity of the human person is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. This principle speaks to the sanctity and sacredness of human life – all of human life, from conception to natural death. New ways of thinking and behaving may enter our arenas yet, this first principle still holds. The Apostle Paul clearly admonishes in his Letter to the Romans: “Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.”

For myself, I have had tremendous experiences of trauma. During those times, all I could do was shut down – powerless, defenseless, and helpless. I could not react or respond. There was a darkness, an empty void where I retreated and remained until I felt safe enough to re-emerge back into my life. To this day, I can still say I am occasionally triggered by a memory, a sound, a smell, a word or phrase that brings me right back to that moment of helplessness. Once again, I shut down and retreat. Some would call this post traumatic stress disorder. I call it my new normal. Even in those traumatic experiences, I could not begin to know the trauma of torture – systemic torture; that happens for days, weeks and even months on end.

So, what is torture? The word “torture” comes from the Latin *torquere*, meaning to twist. Since 1973, Amnesty International has adopted the simplest yet broadest definition as “the systematic and deliberate infliction of acute pain by one person on another, or on a third person, in order to accomplish the purpose of the former against the will of the latter.” The 1984 United Nations Convention Against Torture more narrowly defined torture as any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person to obtain information or a confession, and where such an act is allowed by a public official. This definition is restricted to apply only to nations and government-sponsored torture and clearly limits the torture to that perpetrated, directly or indirectly, by those acting in an official capacity.

Torture first came to our full awareness here in the U.S. in 2004 when shocking photos depicting prisoner abuse by American soldiers at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq were widely published. According to the Torture Abolition and Survivor Support Coalition (TASSC), torture is currently practiced by more than 150 governments of the world; and those who are tortured include the apolitical and the politicized. Torture has been around for centuries. Native Americans tortured by scalping their victims and early Judeans were impaled. There is also sexual humiliation and rape, electric shock, the use of mind-altering drugs, beatings, the use of dogs, solitary confinement, and the infamous waterboarding – making the victim feel as if he is drowning. The list can go on, but the point is to inflict as much pain in order to achieve the desired result. While most of the techniques from the Middle Ages are no longer used, modern techniques of torture are still just as cruel, inhuman and painful to the victim. Modern torture techniques are often designed to leave as few marks as possible to avoid the possibility of future prosecution for the crimes.

Okay, you are thinking to yourself, I am not a government official who will inflict torture on someone for information. I wouldn’t inflict electric shocks or mind-altering drugs on anyone. I definitely won’t be engaging in waterboarding. Perhaps not, so let’s bring this closer to home. As Catholic Christians, we have a moral duty to oppose any behavior that could bring harm to another human being. As Franciscans, this moral duty also extends to the care for creation. There may not be government officials in my back yard looking to extract information from a prisoner of war. But there certainly may be gangs or hate groups. All of the major religions of the world believe in the indisputable right and dignity of the human person and that all people are created equal by a loving and compassionate God. When we can recognize torture or any act of violence in our day to day lives, then we can begin to create the changes that will abolish the violence, thus creating a culture of peace and compassion. Just as speaking angrily to another is an act of violence, so can torture become an everyday act of violence – daily acts of torture.

“Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which bear the imprint of the Most High...” ~ From the OFS Rule, Article 18

Keith Best, Chief Executive of Freedom from Torture, a charity which helps torture survivors rebuild their lives, describes torture as killing without taking life: its purpose is to destroy human personality and to leave its victims feeling that they are less than human. He goes on to say we need a universal campaign against torture equivalent to that against slavery. We can never call ourselves a civilized people so long as anywhere in the world this obscenity is tolerated and practiced.

One example of this daily act of torture is bullying. Again, when we think of bullying, we think back to our school days when someone bigger and stronger would inflict emotional or physical pain. Yet, bullying continues well into adulthood – with acts of harassment, stalking, domestic and workplace abuse, intimidation and persecution. One very menacing and subtle form of intimidation is sarcasm. There are the ever-growing incidents of physical, emotional, intellectual, and cyber bullying. But whatever the type, bullying is still violence and any violence goes against respect for the life and dignity of the human person.

The Torture Abolition and Survivor Support Coalition (TASSC), the only organization in the United States founded by and for survivors of torture, was established in 1998 by Ursuline Sister Dianna Ortiz, a U.S. citizen and missionary who, in November 1989, was tortured and raped in Guatemala. The mission of TASSC is to end the practice of torture wherever it occurs and to empower survivors, their families and communities wherever they are. In her book, *The Blindfolds Eyes: My Journey from Torture to Truth*, Sister Dianna said that while working as a missionary in Guatemala, she was abducted by security forces and taken to a secret torture center in the capital city. She explained, people who were considered threats to the status quo were abducted and tortured at a rate of nearly two a day.

Ours To Do: Action Steps

June is Torture Awareness Month – a time to recommit as people of faith to end torture in our backyards and around the world. The theme this year is “Healing a Culture of Torture,” encompassing the need to reflect, pray, and act in light of the deep physical and spiritual harm caused by torture. The International Day in Support of Victims of Torture was named by the United Nations in June 26, 1997 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the date that the Convention Against Torture came into force. Torture Awareness Month honors that day and extends the campaign throughout the month of June.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) suggest actions that individuals, families, groups, or parishes might take to raise awareness of torture in our world, to act upon this awareness, and to build the kind of world in which it can be hoped that torture will simply become a reality of the past. We can:

1. Listen to the voices of torture survivors
2. End the use of euphemisms for torture
3. Educate, educate, educate, and pray!
4. Consider signing a statement of conscience; make our voices heard
5. Pray for our enemies or those who consider us their enemies
6. Overcome evil in the world with goodness
7. Participate in interreligious dialogue; know who our enemies are NOT
8. Prepare the young for a new world of dialogue
9. Fast for justice and peace; foster solidarity with torture victims
10. Promote justice in the world

“Everything that defined me as a human being ceased to exist...” ~ Sr. Dianna Ortiz

You can see a testimony of Sr. Dianna’s story of her abduction and torture. When we think about victims of torture, we most likely think of foreigners living in foreign countries. But Sr. Dianna is one of us – an American Catholic. It can happen to anyone. Sister Dianna shared in one talk that the Guatemalan policeman that abducted her was the first to rape her. After he had finished raping her, he smugly said, “Your God is dead!” Sister Dianna thought, with God, I too had died. Please be advised that the testimony of Sr. Dianna is quite disturbing.

In response to the release of the Abu Ghraib photos, Dr. George Hunsiger, professor at Princeton Theological Seminary, convened a conference of American faith leaders to examine how religious communities could respond to the U.S. military’s use of torture against 9/11 detainees. One hundred and fifty leaders of the nation’s diverse faiths gathered in Princeton in January 2006 to discuss this critical issue. The National Religious Campaign Against Torture (NRCAT) was launched during the conference with the mission of mobilizing people of faith to end torture in U.S. policy, practice and culture. Keep up with the latest news at the NRCAT website.

Father Bryan Massingale, a Catholic moral theologian who teaches at Jesuit-run Marquette University in Milwaukee, also has called attention to the terminology sometimes used in discussions of major social realities, including torture. Father Massingale said, Consider some contemporary euphemisms, that is, how we describe social reality in ways that disguise and misrepresent it to dull our awareness of injustice. We speak of ethnic cleansing instead of genocide; of gated communities instead of racially segregated neighborhoods; of neutralizing the enemy instead of killing; of downsizing instead of unemployment; of domestic surveillance instead of spying; of corporate restructuring instead of profit maximization; of enhanced interrogation techniques instead of torture.

My simple and humble advice is this: If you wouldn't like it done or said to you, then don't do it or say it to anyone else. From the Gospel of Luke: For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. We can replace violence and torture with Christ's compassion and peace. That is our call as Franciscans. That is who we are as the body of Christ.

May the Lord give you peace.

Carolyn D. Townes, O.F.S. is the JPIC Animator for the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region, a member of the National JPIC Commission and the Franciscan Action Network Commission.

"Every day, women, men and children are tortured or ill-treated with the intention of destroying their sense of dignity and human worth. By concretely supporting victims of torture, the international community will prove its unequivocal determination and commitment to fight torture and impunity."

~ United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

In 1997, the United Nations decided to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the enactment of the Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment by declaring June 26 the International Day of Support of Victims of Torture.

In 1988, President Ronald Regan signed the UN Convention Against Torture, which includes the commitment that, "No exceptional circumstances whatsoever, whether a state of war or a threat of war, international political instability or any other public emergency may be invoked as justification for torture." The U.S. Senate ratified the Convention in 1994.

Unfortunately, after 9/11, the U.S. government turned its back on the UN Convention – as well as the Geneva Conventions and on our own 8th Amendment prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment. In the name of the war on terrorism, CIA and military interrogators tortured 9/11 detainees using "enhanced interrogation techniques." The infamous photos from Abu Ghraib and the release of tens of thousands of pages of formerly-secret government documents prove that the government violated America's principles and promises by torturing human beings. These actions were both immoral and illegal. To date, both the White House and Congress have refused to establish an independent Commission of Inquiry, and the full extent of the torture program has yet to be revealed.

Torture Awareness Month is a coordinated effort by NRCAT and allied organizations in the human rights community to ensure that we, as a nation, take the time to honor the courage and struggle of torture survivors from around the world, and to organize a variety of effort to ensure that Americans are aware that U.S.-sponsored torture is a wrong that must be righted. Through vigils, letters-to-editor campaigns, programs in congregations and other activities, we aim to raise the nation's consciousness about torture as a moral issue that must be addressed in public policy.

~ From the National Religious Campaign Against Torture

Pray for the Peace and Compassion of Jesus

"Prayer is the breath of the soul. Without prayer, the soul suffocates." ~ Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, from his book *Prayers of Hope, Words of Courage*; was imprisoned for 13 years in Vietnam.

Cardinal Van Thuan, born in 1928, was jailed by Vietnam's communist regime in 1975 after becoming archbishop of Saigon, later renamed Ho Chi Minh City. He never was tried or sentenced; he spent thirteen years in solitary confinement. In 1988 he was released, but communist authorities would not allow him to function as archbishop. In 1991 he fled to Rome, after a Vietnamese government official suggested he leave. In Rome he went on to head the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace.

From now on, Lord,
Help me to bring your love everywhere:
to schools and hospitals,
to marketplaces and theaters,
to press and television.
No one should be deprived
of the environment of love.
Lord, love is the means you want me to use
to bear witness to you,
or you would have shown me another way.

~ From *Prayers of Hope, Words of Courage* by Cardinal Francis Xavier Nguyen Van Thuan, 2002



The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission
and The Franciscan Youth & Young Adult Commission

present

The 2013 Franciscan Summer Confab*

Join us for a joint gathering of the national Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Commission and the national Franciscan Youth & Young Adult Commission this summer! In order to spark some creativity and synergy, we are hosting a joint Franciscan Summer Confab of hearts, minds, bodies and souls to shape the vision and direction for the next phase of our Secular Franciscan journey. We will come together to share our past experiences, our wisdom, our dreams and vision for ushering forth the Gospel and Franciscan charism into the world. These two national commissions will meet jointly to integrate how we address justice, peace and care for creation with the mobilization and engagement of the next generation.

{ * CONFABULATION: Latin *confabulates* from *com-*+ *fabulari* to talk, from *fibula* story }

When is it? The Franciscan Summer Confab is being held on July 25-28, 2013 (Thursday, 5:00 pm through Sunday 11:00 am).

Where is it? We are gathering at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Conference Center in Belleville, Illinois. The nearest major airport is Lambert-St. Louis International in St. Louis, Missouri. (Airport code: STL)

How much will it cost? This event, which includes food and overnight accommodations at the Shrine, will be \$275 for a double room, \$375 for a private room, *for those registering by May 1, 2013*, plus your transportation costs. Financial assistance may be available. Costs will increase by \$40 after the "May Day" deadline. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration.

How do I sign up? A complete registration and information packet can be found on the NAFRA website: www.nafra-sfo.org or can be obtained by contacting your Regional Minister. The deadline for early registration is May 1, 2013.

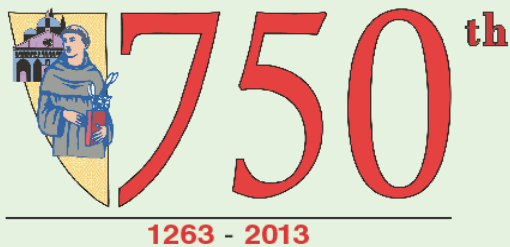


Franciscan Summer Confab's Franciscan Youth & Young Adult Track

What is it? This is a gathering of a small group of passionate Secular Franciscans and Franciscan-hearted young adults who will come together to help give vision to rebuild the new Franciscan Youth (YouFra) Movement in the United States. This is a time to discuss the needs and

St. Anthony's Relics Visit Chicago

June 8 - 16



**Anniversary of the Discovery
of Saint Anthony's Relics
by Saint Bonaventure**



Chicago - Milwaukee - Rockford

**A MESSENGER
OF HOPE
FROM PADUA, ITALY**

The Franciscan Friars invite you to join them in welcoming Saint Anthony of Padua on the occasion of the 750th Anniversary of the Discovery of Saint Anthony's Relics by Saint Bonaventure. St Anthony will be visiting us in the form of a precious relic from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relic will be accompanied by one friar from the Messenger of St Anthony in Padua.

Basilica of St. Josaphat,
2333 S. Sixth Street, Milwaukee, WI 53215

SATURDAY, JUNE 8th

4:30 PM Vigil Mass

SUNDAY, JUNE 9th

12:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration

National Shrine of Saint Maximilian Kolbe,
1600 West Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048

SUNDAY, JUNE 9th

6:00 PM Vespers

MONDAY, JUNE 10th

8:00 AM Eucharistic Celebration

12:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration

6:30 PM Eucharistic Celebration

The Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii,
1224 W. Lexington St., Chicago, IL 60607

TUESDAY, JUNE 11th

12:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church / The Sanctuary of The Divine Mercy,
1351 W. Evergreen, Chicago, IL 60642

TUESDAY, JUNE 11th

7:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration

St. Mary of the Angels,
1850 N. Hermitage Avenue, Chicago, IL 60622

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12th

11:00 AM Veneration

12:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration followed by Veneration

Saint Alphonsus,
1429 West Wellington Avenue, Chicago, IL 60657

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12th

6:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration

St Peter in the Loop,
110 West Madison St., Chicago, IL 60602-4196

THURSDAY, JUNE 13th

8:15 AM Eucharistic Celebration

11:40 AM Eucharistic Celebration with Choir

1:15 PM Eucharistic Celebration

5:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration

St Anthony of Padua,
1010 Ferguson St., Rockford, IL 61102

FRIDAY, JUNE 14th

12:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration

6:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration

Holy Name Cathedral,
735 North State Street at Superior Street, Chicago, IL 60611

SATURDAY, JUNE 15th

5:15 PM Eucharistic Celebration

7:30 PM Eucharistic Celebration

St. Thomas the Apostle Church,
5472 S. Kimbark Avenue, Chicago, IL 60615-5297

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th

8:30 AM Eucharistic Celebration

11:00 AM Eucharistic Celebration

St. John Bosco,
2250 N. McVicker Ave., Chicago, IL 60639

SUNDAY, JUNE 16th

5:00 PM Veneration

7:00 PM Eucharistic Celebration

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