

# JOY OF FRANCIS

Secular Franciscan Order—St. Francis Region #52— Southern California

*August 2018*

[From NAFRA: So that Secular Franciscan in the United States may be united in our efforts in asking God to bless the October 13, 2018 NAFRA Chapter of Elections. Please share this prayer among fraternity members. May His will be done!]

## **Nine Week Novena Prayer for the National Chapter of Elections**

**Most High Glorious God, we praise You for Your presence in the world and for the tremendous gift of our Franciscan vocation. We beseech You to inspire every brother and sister of The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order of the United States as we prepare for our National Chapter of Elections in October, 2018.**

**Grant each of us the necessary wisdom to elect those You want to animate and guide our National Fraternity.**

**Guide and direct us so that we may follow the Gospel and our Rule more closely and be coworkers with You in the rebuilding of the Church and the World.**

**We ask this through Christ our Lord and through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Francis, St. Clare, and our holy patrons St. Elizabeth and St. Louis. Amen.**



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8  
2018



**St. Gregory the Great Church**  
1141 Blue Cypress Dr. San Diego, CA 92131

9am ~ 3pm

# SAINT FRANCIS REGIONAL GATHERING

In Celebration of  
**The 40th Anniversary**  
of Our Rule.

Continental Breakfast Will be Provided.  
Bringing a Pot Luck Lunch is Encouraged.

Also, Be Sure to Bring:

- 1) Your Name Badge.
- 2) Your Own Reusable Plate, Mug, & Utensils.



RSVP: Randy Rohrer, OFS. 951-285-9287. [rohrerrw@msn.com](mailto:rohrerrw@msn.com)

Secular Franciscan Order - St. Francis Region #52

**MINISTER’S MESSAGE**

Thank you all for the prayers offered up for my successful eye surgery.  
Judith.

Please continue to lift in prayer,  
Regional Vice-Minister,  
Frank Miller, OFS, as he undergoes medical treatment.

As part of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of our Rule I have put together a collection of True or False statements, all related to our Rule. My source is William Wicks, OFS. *A History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States Volume IIA 1943 -1978* and the Rule of 1978. You will notice that in some statements our Order is referred to as the *Third Order Secular*. This is because I am following the historical timeline as laid out in the book. We were not yet known as *Ordo Franciscanus Secularis*.

True or False

1. The four official Rules are:  
The Rule of 1221.  
The Rule of Nicodemus IV, 1289.  
The Rule of Leo XIII.  
The Rule of 1978 promulgated by Pope John Paul I
2. Today there remain a small percentage of OFS who professed to live the Rule of Leo XIII.
3. Third Order members were not involved in the substance and essence of the Rule.
4. The Rule of 1978 took over twelve years to complete.

5. The direction of the new Rule is involvement in the world, opposed to the emphasis on piety as promoted by the Leonien Rule.
6. The Rule of 1978 is divided into four chapters: The Franciscan Order. The Way of Life. Life in Fraternity and Life in the Church.
7. The Second Vatican Council was the driving force for serious consideration of a revised Rule for the Third Order Secular.
8. The process of aggiornament (updating) for the Secular Franciscan Order, a process which included the revision of the Rule of 1883, began officially in November 1965.
9. During the time that the National Councils were submitting ideas for developing a new Rule for the Third Order to International Council, the North American Federation was working on its own separate Rule.
10. There are XXVIII Articles in the Rule of 1978.
11. Article XII: Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives.
12. Article XIV: Let them exercise their responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service.
13. Article XXV: Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters.
14. Article XVIII: They should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate,.
15. Article XXVIII: Let them eat cake.

**The answers are on the last page of this newsletter.**

## Conference of Regional Spiritual Assistants

### MORE ON PRAYER

This is the third article on prayer, and this time I'd like to focus on *Lectio Divina*. *Lectio Divina* is a Latin term which means "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. In the 12th century, a Carthusian monk called Guigo, described the stages which he saw as essential to the practice of *Lectio Divina*. There are various ways of practicing *Lectio Divina* either individually or in groups but Guigo's description remains fundamental.

He said that the first stage is *lectio* (reading) where we read the Word of God, slowly and reflectively so that it sinks into us. Any passage of Scripture can be used for this way of prayer but the passage should not be too long. The second stage is *meditatio* (reflection) where we think about the text we have chosen and ruminate upon it so that we take from it what God wants to give us. The third stage is *oratio* (response) where we leave our thinking aside and simply let our hearts speak to God. This response is inspired by our reflection on the Word of God. The final stage of *Lectio Divina* is *contemplatio* (rest) where we let go not only of our own ideas, plans and meditations but also of our holy words and thoughts. We simply rest in the Word of God. We listen at the deepest level of our being to God who speaks within us with a still small voice. As we listen, we are gradually transformed from within. Obviously this transformation will have a profound effect on the way we actually live and the way we live is the test of the authenticity of our prayer. We must take what we read in the Word of God into our daily lives.

This form of prayer can, of course, be used either individually or in a group. When used in the fraternity, there will probably need to be some definitive times placed on each stage, but that only means that the leader of opening prayer says, after the reading, "reflection", then after a set time, "your response", and then again, "listening in silence". At the end of the time, you might ask each person to share one sentence about their prayer experience, or simply close with an "Amen" or a "Glory be" or a spontaneous closing by the leader or someone else.

Remember, as pointed out in the first article, CIOFS and NAFRA suggest 15 to 20 minutes for prayer at the beginning of a fraternity gathering [based on a 2-hour meeting]. So be creative in varying your opening prayer and let the Holy Spirit work in each of us to help us better fulfill the mission we've been given.

Peace and joy to all!

Sylvia Paoli, OSF  
President-in-turn, CRSA

**From: Frank Miller, OFS, Regional Vice-Minister**



### **Time Spent With An Old Friend**

I am sure all of us have had the wonderful experience of coming across an old friend, with whom we haven't visited in years, and just picking up where we last left off, as if the intervening time never happened. I always look on those moments as blessings.

I recently had the opportunity to re-acquaint myself with a reminder of my early initial formation period, Fr. Murray Bodo's *Francis: The Journey and the Dream*. The book, originally published in 1977, recently re-published a 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary addition, with some additional thoughts by Fr. Bodo, and a new forward by John Michael Talbot. And re-reading this book gave me much the same feeling as visiting with an old friend and catching up.

I confess, when I first began my "come and see" visits with the Secular Franciscan Order, my view of the Saint from Assisi was formed by the garden statues, the blessing of the animals rites and those wonderful stories (whether or not they were based in fact) of the *Little Flowers* books. It was my vocation-journey sponsor, Bob Garon, who suggested I might want to get to know Francis better by reading *Francis: The Journey and the Dream*. Once I began the book, nearly 15 years ago, this little Umbrian man became more real to me. Here was a young man who struggled with ego, who had an entirely different plan for himself than what God wanted from him. Francis faced real struggles, true rejection, and operated from "the outside". The voices he heard led him to follow a life that he found conflicting, sometimes even irrational, yet within this turmoil, Francis found a true peace and a deeper understanding of love. This book helped me give flesh and blood to the garden statue.

A month or so ago, I came across Father Bodo's book and I wondered if today, after being professed for over 11 years, I would still find newness in this new anniversary edition. I absolutely did. Some of the stories came back to me, just as if I had only read them a few months ago. Other entire passages (but all still in the original book) seemed to have new meanings or new understandings for me.

One of the things I have never understood about Francis of Assisi was his ability to walk away from his family. Maybe because it is an experience I cannot relate to. And if you have ever been to Assisi, you know the place just isn't that large.... Francis had to have run into his mother or father when he was begging around the small Umbrian town and hillsides. Did he just ignore them? That does not fit with the person I imagine Francis to be. I have struggled with this. I found it comforting to know that Fr. Murray Bodo does as well. Much of the book also imagines conversations that may or may not have taken place between Francis, his followers, Clare, Pope Innocent, the Sultan and even his family. No one recorded these meetings, yet Bodo's imagination creatively intertwines history and fictional conversations. For me, these scenarios (maybe more possible than probable) encouraged me to understand the man, as well as the Saint.

So, as this very hot summer gives way to a (hopefully!) cooler autumn, I hope you can re-acquaint yourself with an old friend. Find a book that you haven't read in a while, whether or not it is *Francis: The Journey and the Dream* or another book, and take the time to re-visit with it. Like me, I am sure you will find yourself laughing or pondering anew, and wondering why you don't make the effort to get together more often!

## REFLECTION FROM OUR REGIONAL FORMATION DIRECTOR

Hello my Brothers and Sisters,

I don't know about you but I love my comfort zone and hanging out with the people who think and feel like I do. What happens when you meet those people who don't feel the same way you do and think the way you do? As a Franciscan lets look at Article 5 "Seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters" What does this mean? You first need to encounter Christ in your life, as Franciscans we live the gospel life. The gospels enrich our lives, "Gospel to life and life to Gospel." Benet Fonck wrote "The Lord gives us the grace to fulfill any task he puts before us. If he has called us to be Franciscans for the Church and the world by observing the gospel, we are certain that he provides the means to accomplish this vocation. One of the primary ways that his grace is manifested to us is through his own presence which is always present in various forms for us to encounter and respond to. Through such interaction with the living and active person of Christ, our relationship with him becomes more intense, our commitment to the gospel is deepened, and our three-fold task of change of heart, community-building, and evangelization become more firmly our way of life."

I will be very honest with you. The first year I was living fraternity life I asked one of our members can't we just all get along. She laughed and said this is fraternity, Lucy, look for the Christ in your brother and sister. It took me the time during my formation and being professed a couple of years to understand what that really meant. It has changed my life. I look for Christ in the homeless man at the bus stop. I see Christ in my co-worker who drives me nuts. I see Christ in my siblings and we all know what siblings do to us. A great meditation is to look in the mirror and see Christ in you, WOW let's just say life changing.

As CIOFS Formation has asked us this year of reflection on our 40 years of celebrating, I challenge you to seek to encounter Christ in not only our brothers and sisters in our order but in the people, we encounter in our everyday life.

Peace and all good,

Lucy Ibarra, OFS



# Reflections on the 2018 Regional Retreat

**‘Wonderful and Amazing!’** said Amelia Sandoval and Myrna Kildare of [Holy Spirit Fraternity](#) referring to the 2018 [St. Francis Region](#) Retreat at the beautiful [Serra Retreat](#) center. During the 2018 Regional Retreat, we were privileged to have [Sr. Margaret Carney, OSF](#) as our presenter. Sister connected with us as a fellow member for the ‘Third Order’ – her as a sister of a Third Order Regular and we as ‘Third Order’ Secular. We share the same branch of the Franciscan family tree and Sr. Margaret emphasized that ongoing Franciscan relationship throughout the weekend.



*Amelia Sandoval and Myrna Kildare*



*Leah Dulay*

Dick Holdren of the [San Luis Rey fraternity](#) shared that he was touched by Sr. Margaret’s perspective of St. Francis being a ‘Religious Genius’ and Francis’ loving loyalty to the Papacy throughout his ministry. Many of the participants shared their deep appreciation for Sr. Margaret and all she shared, including Leah Dulay of the St. Mary of the Angels fraternity. Leah shared that she was fascinated by Sr. Margaret and all that she knows. Leah expressed the hope that Sr. Margaret may be a presenter again one day as she is such an amazing woman.

**The beauty at the Serra Retreat is astounding.** [Tuan Cao](#) of the St. Anthony of Padua fraternity and the San Diego district liaison to Region, reprised his usual magnificent role as photographer and you can find dozens of beautiful images of the Serra Retreat as well as all weekend retreatants on our [Regional photo archive](#). Reflecting on all of Tuan’s images, you can see why Gayle Lynn Gordon of St. Mary of the Angels fraternity reflected that ‘time at the Serra Retreat is also an opportunity to connect with nature and to just get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.’ Providing us all with that opportunity to disconnect from everyday life was our Minister, [Judith Mussatto](#). Judith was ever busy in the background being the ‘Mother’ that St. Francis refers to in his ‘Rule for Hermitages’ (1217-1221). St. Francis asks that those who are the ‘Mothers’ care for all the details so that those on ‘Retreat’ can be fully and prayerfully immersed in that prayer experience. Judith certainly did that for us and we are so very appreciative!



*Gayle Lynn Gordon*

# 2018 Regional Retreat



Jan DeSpain

**We are a Franciscan family.** The weekend was a wonderful time to reconnect with Franciscan brothers and sisters and share in the Franciscan way of life. Many folks shared that coming together at the Serra Retreat as like coming home and *being* with family. Jan DeSpain of the San Luis Rey fraternity said that here at Serra Retreat she could 'feel the Holy Spirit' in the winds. To Jan, the weekend retreat inspires gratitude that we are all a part of a family and here we are 'home.' Jan says that each time she comes to Serra Retreat she comes in awe; just being at the Serra Retreat is an opportunity to be elevated and renewed.

Thomas Cooney of the [San Juan Capistrano fraternity](#) felt the wonderful bond of family as well. Thomas said that coming here feels something like a family coming together for dinner. It's such a calming and spiritually uplifting place.

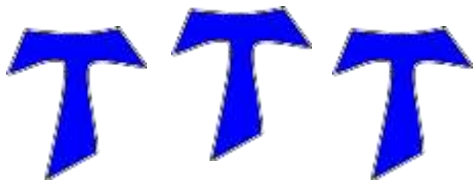
Maria Vilma Cagahpan of St. Joseph Fraternity says that it feels wonderful just being with fellow Franciscans – that everyone present on the weekend retreat is her family.



Thomas Cooney



Maria Vilma Cagahpan



What a beautiful experience, and especially so for some of our new Inquirers and Candidates early in their Secular Franciscan life! John Murphy of the St. Francis fraternity and in Inquiry, could feel the larger sense of 'Fraternity' in the warm welcome received and shared with everyone over the course of the weekend. Sekoia Spencer is a Candidate from [Immaculata fraternity](#) and is overjoyed with the Franciscan experience. Angela Freeman from the [St. Lawrence Brindisi fraternity](#), became a Catholic just 3 years ago and is now in Inquiry as a Secular Franciscan. Angela was just in awe of the ineffable mystery of God. For Angela, just the beauty of the Serra Retreat helps to bring her closer to God. For Angela, coming to Serra Retreat with all the Secular Franciscans feel like "coming home."



Dick Holdren, Angela Freeman, Sekoia Spencer, & John Murphy preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation



# 2018 Regional Retreat



Katja May

There was sacred time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, reading, rest, and for private prayer. Katja May who is affiliated with St. Joseph fraternity spent time in quiet prayer, immersed in the beauty of nature in the labyrinth. For Katja, the labyrinth is a beloved prayer form. In all her travels, she always seeks out a labyrinth. For Katja, the labyrinth is a ‘whole body’ prayer experience

Sunday morning, we shared in a Liturgy for Trinity Sunday with a beautiful Mass celebrated by the OFM Provincial Minister, Fr. David Gaa. As for each of our times together in prayer, Sarah and Eugene Langlois of [Immaculate Conception fraternity](#) provided beautiful and uplifting musical accompaniment.



Sarah & Eugene Langlois



This weekend was special being the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of St. Francis Region. A lively party was held Saturday evening to celebrate complete with camaraderie, cake, and champagne. Judith Mussatto led us in a game featuring Regionalization facts and factoids (questions *and* answers are in the May edition of the [‘Joy of Francis’](#)). Diane Halal was honored for her role as Formation Director during the West Coast Progress Towards Regionalization. She was the only member of the original team present at the retreat. In a reflective moment the next morning looking back on her Franciscan life, Diane said that *‘It’s been a wonderful life. It’s the thread behind everything I do.’*

Want to dive deeper into the wonderful and amazing experience of the 2018 Regional Retreat? Bill Mussatto of the Holy Spirit fraternity recorded every talk and those recordings will be available for purchase. You can access Tuan Cao’s beautiful photographs that provide a panorama of our weekend on our [Regional photo archive](#)



Laura Chun, Tuan & Marie Cao



Bill Mussatto

## ORANGE DISTRICT TRUDY WEIGEL, ORANGE DISTRICT LIAISON

On April 15, 2018 St. Clare Vietnamese Language Fraternity, Santa Ana, celebrated 25 years as a fraternity. For details please refer to the wonderful article submitted by Tinh Le in the last issue of the Joy of Francis newsletter.

Sunday, June 3, 2018 - Elections  
St. Clare Vietnamese Language Fraternity, Santa Ana



Sunday June 17, 2018  
St. Francis at Anaheim, Korean Language Fraternity Professions at St. Thomas Korean Catholic Center, Anaheim. Other Orange District Fraternities were represented.



Saturday, July 14, 2018 - Elections  
San Juan Capistrano Fraternity, San Juan Capistrano



Minister: Cyndie Dunkerson, OFS  
Vice Minister: Christine Riley, OFS  
Formation Director: Deacon David Sire, OFS  
Secretary: Maggie Tapper, OFS  
Treasurer: Paul Kelly, OFS  
Councilor 1: Deacon Joe Halka, OFS  
Councilor 2: Trudys Weigel, OFS  
Spiritual Assistant: Dan Abalos, OFS

(Front L-R Dan, Cyndie, Christine, Trudys  
Back L-R Paul, Maggie, David, Joe)

## ORANGE DISTRICT TRUDY WEIGEL, ORANGE DISTRICT LIAISON

Saturday July 21, 2018 Orange District Picnic, Craig Park, Fullerton  
Co-Hosted by Our Lady of Guadalupe Fraternity, Hacienda Heights and  
St. Clare Korean Language Fraternity, Westminster. Five fraternities were represented.  
This was an entirely social event.



Upcoming Events in the Orange District:

Saturday, August 11, 2018

Feast of St. Clare in the San Juan Capistrano Basilica Pastoral Center

Co-hosted by San Juan Capistrano and St. Maximillian Kolbe (Los Alamitos) Fraternities

From 9am to 2pm

This will be a half day recollection followed by a mass, presided by Fr. Steve Gross, in the Historic Mission Chapel followed by a potluck lunch.

October 3, 2018

Transitus of St. Francis at 6:00 pm in the Historic Mission Chapel of San Juan Capistrano,  
Hosted by the San Juan Capistrano Fraternity

December, 2018

Immaculate Heart of Mary Spanish Language Fraternity will host a Gran Posada, time and place to be announced.

A Note of Gratitude from the Joy of Francis Editor to Tom Cooney, Newsletter Editor from San Juan Capistrano Fraternity, who sent the names of the newly elected from San Juan Capistrano Fraternity and invited us to look at their beautiful website, [www.missionfranciscans.org](http://www.missionfranciscans.org).

PEACE AND ALL GOOD

## NEWS FROM SAN DIEGO DISTRICT

### Tuan Cao, OFS, District Liaison

1/On July 7th the St Anthony of Padua Fraternity was visited by Judith Mussatto, OFS, the Minister of St Francis Region for the Fraternal Visit.

2/August 4th San Diego District had its annual Picnic at San Luis Rey Mission in Oceanside. This year we had 85 members from five Fraternities in the district: San Luis Rey, St Anthony of Padua, Immaculate Conception, St. Diego and Nostro Signore de Los Angeles. We prayed together in four languages: English, Korean, Spanish and Vietnamese. We played, we ate (varied and wonderful food), we had a lot of things to share with our brothers and sisters. At noon we had 3 Friars come to share the lunch and the fun with us. It was a wonderful event thanks to the effort and input of our members from the five Fraternities and specially their Council members. Thank you to Mission San Luis Rey fraternity for being such thoughtful and well prepared hosts!

3/On August 12 the St. Diego Fraternity will have a previsit to prepare for its Fraternal visit on January 13, 2019, by Frank Miller, OFS, the Vice-Minister from St. Francis Region.

4/On September 8<sup>th</sup> we will have the Regional Gathering at St. Gregory The Great Catholic Community. The address for the location is 11454 Blue Cypress Dr San Diego CA 92131. This time the gathering will be in San Diego and we hope many of our members will attend the event.



**District Picnic August 4, 2018**

**NEWS FROM SAN DIEGO DISTRICT**  
**Tuan Cao, OFS, District Liaison**



**San Diego Fraternity**



**St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity**

**NEWS FROM SAN DIEGO DISTRICT**  
**Tuan Cao, OFS, District Liaison**



**Immaculate Conception Fraternity**



**Mission San Luis Rey Fraternity**

**NEWS FROM SAN DIEGO DISTRICT**  
**Tuan Cao, OFS, District Liaison**



**Nuestra Senora De Los Angeles**



**Sharing Our Traditions  
Through  
Food**

## NEWS FROM RIVERSIDE/SAN BERNARDINO

Padre Pio Fraternity has people in candidacy, two inquirers and one observers. Holy Spirit Fraternity has one person in candidacy and one person just entering orientation. Immaculata Fraternity has one person in candidacy.



On July 21<sup>st</sup>, Diana Cerda professed into the Secular Franciscan Order at the 5:00 pm Vigil Mass at St Paul the Apostle Church, her home parish. Fr Steve Gross, OFM, Conv. was the principle celebrant. After the Mass members of the Fraternity were present to answer questions and to pass out information material. A reception, with a full meal, followed in the parish hall. Members of several Fraternities and their Families attended.

On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the annual District Picnic was held at 5:00 pm. Members from Immaculata, Padre Pio and Holy Spirit Fraternities along with members of their Families attended. After a great meal we played a game based on our Rule. Before the picnic representatives from the three fraternities met in the quarterly district leadership meeting. We discussed how to plan budgeting of reserves and what should be included in them (e.g., Fare Share, stipends for visitations and interviews, fees owed to parishes for meeting spaces). We also planned for the next district gathering.





## Immaculata Fraternity on Interfaith Dialogue

2017 marked the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Thesis on the Wittenburg Cathedral doors that led to the separation from Rome and what became known as the Protestant Reformation. Immaculata Fraternity organized, for their Ongoing Formation, presentations by Terri Vaughn representing the Lutheran Faith and Camille Page, OFS presenting the Catholic prospective. This presentation was well received, and the fraternity decided to make interfaith dialogue an annual topic for one of the fraternity's Ongoing Formation sessions.

July 28, 2018 was the fraternity's second Interfaith sharing, this time with Imam Jamil from the Corona Mosque, a professor and Chaplin at Cal State. They viewed together the film, *The Sultan and the Saint*, the film financed by Muslim educational foundations which Vice-Minister, Bruce McAdams explained is similar to *The Saint and the Sultan*, funded by Christian foundations.

Imam Jamil shared his personal life narrative and the floor was opened to questions from fraternity members. The fraternity was invited to visit the Corona Mosque in the near future and a chance to share in a community outreach project. The gathering concluded with fellowship, food, a prayer and singing of Make me a Channel of Your Peace.

Is your fraternity having Interfaith Dialogues? Please share your stories about these events with the newsletter editor. [Note: The editor added this poem, attributed to our Beloved Saint.

*Because He Gave Birth*  
*So*  
*precious*  
*Is a person's faith in God,*  
*So precious;*  
*never should we harm*  
*that.*  
*Because*  
*God gave birth*  
*To all*  
*religions.*

Poem attributed to St Francis Found in *Love Poems From God*,  
Translated by Daniel Ladinsky.

Secular Franciscan Order - St. Francis Region #52

**Important Announcements**

*... foster communion among members ...  
This communion continues with deceased brothers  
and sisters through prayer for them. Rule of 1978  
Article XXIV:*

We pray for:

Lolita P. Yardley, OFS. 07/01/2018.  
St. Joseph Fraternity.

Marie Nguyen Thi Thuc, OFS. 06/08/2018.  
St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity.

Bob Eagleton, OFS. 07/17/ 2018. Holy Spirit  
Fraternity.

John Fenstermaker, OFS. St. Francis of  
Assisi Fraternity.

If someone in your fraternity died after  
October 2017 and her/his name is not men-  
tioned above, please send the name to Judith  
at [jbnmussatto@earthlink.net](mailto:jbnmussatto@earthlink.net) . They will be  
remembered during our National Chapter,  
October 9-14, 2018, in St. Louis. MI.

**Note from Your Editor**

My name has officially changed to Patricia  
Elizabeth Grace. I can receive emails at  
[patriciaelizabethgrace7@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaelizabethgrace7@gmail.com)

We are trying a new format for our  
Joy of Francis. The new format permits more  
and larger pictures, which we all enjoy. I look  
forward to any comments or suggestions.

Our next Joy of Francis will be published in  
November. Please send any articles or pictures  
to me by November 1. We are so blessed to  
keep alive this beautiful way of life and share it  
with all around us. It is an awesome and  
wonderful duty and privilege to share the  
Charism of our Beloved Saint.

Peace and All Good, Patricia

**Important Announcements**

**Last Will and Testament**

Each of us can play an important role in preserving  
and extending our Secular Franciscan way of life, in our  
own fraternity, and at the regional level. This can be  
accomplished in many ways, including a bequest in our  
will.

Suggested beneficiaries:

Your FRATERNITY  
Your REGION

Suggested wording for your bequests:

1. A BEQUEST FOR GENERAL PURPOSES:  
"I give and bequeath the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(or \_\_\_\_\_% of my disposable estate) to:  
(name and address of fraternity, or region).
2. A RESIDUARY BEQUEST OF INDEFINITE  
AMOUNT:  
"After payment of expenses, debts and specific  
bequests, I direct that the residue of my estate  
be given to: (name and address) or  
"I bequeath to (name and address) any part of  
my estate that other beneficiaries are unable to  
receive because of death or other reasons."

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# CALENDAR

## August:

19<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Visit: Immaculate Heart Fraternity (S) Santa Ana. Visitor: Sylvia Paoli, OFS.

22<sup>nd</sup> Fraternal/Pastoral Visit. St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity, Woodland Hills. Visitors: Judith Mussatto, OFS and Fr. Chris Thiel, OFM, Cap.

30<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> **Formation Visioning Workshop. Kansas.** Attended by Tinh Lee, OFS and Sylvia Paoli, OFS

## September:

2<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Visit: Nuestra Señora de Los Angeles, San Diego. Visitor: Margarita Rodrigues, OFS

8<sup>th</sup> **Annual Regional Gathering, San Diego**

9<sup>th</sup> Elections. Holy Spirit Fraternity, Claremont. Presider: Lucy Ibarra, OFS. Church Witness: Sylvia, Paoli, OFS.

16<sup>th</sup> Fraternal Visit. St. Francis (K) Anaheim. Visitor: Judith Mussatto, OFS.

## October:

14<sup>th</sup> Fraternal Visit. St. Francis of Assisi, Los Angeles. Visitor: Margarita Rodriguez, OFS

28<sup>th</sup> Fraternal Visit. St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Los Angeles. Visitor: Judith Mussatto, OFS

## November:

04<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Visit. St. Louis Rey. Oceanside. Visitor: Sylvia Paoli, OFS

11<sup>th</sup> Elections. St. Maximilian Kolbe. Los Alamitos. Presider: Margarita Rodriguez, OFS. Church Witness: Fr. Chris Theil, OFM Cap.

18<sup>th</sup> Elections. St. Mary of the Angels. Woodland Hills. Presider: Judith Mussatto, OFS. Church Witness: Willian Mussatto, OFS.

## Answers to the Quiz

True or False.

1-F, Nicholas IV, Pope Paul VI. 2-T. 3-F. 4-T. 5-T. 6-F, 3 Chapters. No Life in the Church. 7-T. 8-T. 9-T. 10-F, XXVI. 11-F, XV. 12- T. 13-F, V. 14-T.

*PEACE AND ALL GOOD  
FROM  
YOUR REGIONAL COUNCIL*

*Judith Mussatto, OFS  
Minister  
St. Francis Region*