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International Minister's Message

Rome, March 2020

Dear sisters and brothers all over the world. May the Lord give you his peace!

We hear the news from all the corners of the world about the coronavirus epidemic that is spreading. In some parts of the world the situation is really grave and makes us concerned, while other parts are still free of it or less affected. We do not know so far, what is in God's plans that we can use from this grave situation, but I am sure that God is preparing a great surprise for us.

Being Secular Franciscans, living in the world, we have to faithfully fulfil the duties to our various circumstances of life (Cf. OFS Rule 10). This is more demanding today, as we have to leave many of our comfortable habits and attentively adopt to new circumstances. Solidarity and fraternal life becomes a new meaning.

First of all I invite you all to join my prayers for those who are affected by the epidemic, particularly for the people of Italy, China, South Korea, which are the most impacted country for now, but this is changing day by day and others are affected seriously. Let us pray for those, who suffer from this illness, for those who are caring for those being sick, and for all to have the wisdom and patience to behave properly, both physically and spiritually, and to be able to bear this material and mental burden.

Living in the world calls us to be attentive to all those who have more difficulties in this situation, or are facing more risks. There are many elderly sisters and brothers in our fraternities, who need

more fraternal care and more attention. I ask you to pay special attention to those in need. We have to be more disciplined as each one of us has an even greater personal responsibility for our brothers, for our neighbours. I am sure that God gives us an opportunity to strengthen fraternal life, even if sometimes there are less of the personal encounters.

The measures of the official authorities declare the situation day by day more critical. Some of the measures and calls from both secular and ecclesiastic authorities may surprise us, or can even be shocking. However, we have to believe that all these are for the common good, and since there is no authority except from God (Rm. 13:1), we shall respect them also if sometimes it is not so simple to understand them. God is always providing for our spiritual and material good.

Let us open our hearts to hear what the Lord intends to tell us by letting this situation happen. May God help us all to know what is our duty also today.

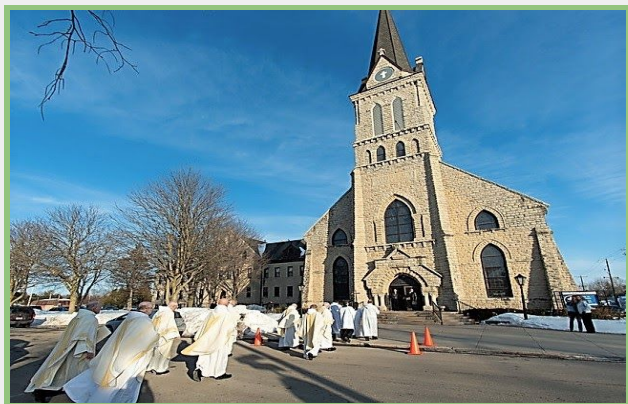
Your minister and your minor brother,

Minister General
Tibor Kauser, OFS



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132-YEARS OLD AND COUNTING

St Mary of the Angels Church
Green Bay, Wisconsin

By Jeff Gumz, La Verna Regional Minister

On February 22, 2020, St. Mary of the Angels church celebrated a special Mass of Rededication after 16 months of church restoration. One of the La Verna Region local fraternities is St. Ann's in Green Bay, which is connected with the Franciscan Parish, St Mary of the Angels. St. Ann Fraternity gathers monthly and has its own meeting room at St. Mary of the Angels.

It was 132-years earlier, on February 22, 1898, that St. Mary of the Angels was originally dedicated by Bishop Sebastian Gebhard Messmer, the fourth Bishop of Green Bay. St. Mary of the Angels was a Polish parish run by the Franciscan Fathers of Pulaski, Wisconsin. The church's original title was St. Mary of Czestochowa, but the Franciscan Fathers changed the name to St. Mary of the Angels, the title of the Franciscan church in Assisi, Italy, which encloses the Portiuncula, the church of St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Mary of the Angels was the 58th Polish church established in the state of Wisconsin. Our early Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters, who joined the St. Ann Fraternity as the parish grew, were Polish immigrants to Green Bay. Fr. James G. Gannon, OFM, Provincial Minister of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Province, said, "The holiness of God is present in the Franciscan men and women who have, in their human imperfections, over the years, faithfully

ministered to God's people of St. Mary of the Angels and the Church of Green Bay."

Green Bay's current Bishop, David Ricken, who is also a Secular Franciscan, celebrated the Mass of Rededication. On entering the church for the first time, Bishop Ricken said, "It felt like to me great harmony and a beauty all at the same time with a connection to our tradition as well."

The layout of the church in 1903 was the inspiration for the renovation of the interior. The renovation project also included new pews with cushions, tile flooring, paint and lighting, a sound system update, new sanctuary furnishings, a new baptismal font, two new devotional areas and remodeling of the confessional and storage area. Michael Poradek, project manager, said, "We have been challenged by the example of St. Francis in rebuilding not only a physical church, whose namesake comes from the Franciscan St. Mary of the Angels of the Portiuncula, but of a spiritual building up and recommitment as a parish church community ground in prayer, welcome and mercy — built on living stones."



The rededication Mass included a procession from the gymnasium, where parioshers have been celebrating Mass for the past 16 months, to the entrance of the renovated church, a blessing and sprinkling of water, the prayer of dedication, the anointing of the altar and walls of the church and the incensation of the altar and the church.

Parishioners and attendees gathered after Mass at the historic Riverside Ballroom in Green Bay for a meal and celebration. Deacon Paul Umentum, OFS, a member of the St. Ann Fraternity, said, "The Holy Spirit wants this parish to continue to grow, to be on the corner of Cass and Irwin streets on the east side of Green Bay."

60 Days with God's Surprises

By Noral Kessel, OFS
St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity Minister
Marquette, MI

The world has changed drastically since I was first asked to speak at this year's LaVerna Regional District Gatherings, so it seemed appropriate that my talk changed, too.

I want to start by thanking you all for answering the call. You paved the way for me and many who came after you. You've probably underestimated your part in my journey. With your love, support, and prayers, I have found the gift of courage to live as a Secular Franciscan.

Tomorrow, I will be 60 years old. In gratitude for life, I have been making an Irish Soda bread each day for the past 59 days. While I'm making it, I pray for whomever the Holy Spirit guides me to. I've delivered to many porches during this quarantine; folks I love, folks in need, folks who challenge my heart, folks I barely know—it's up to the Holy Spirit. I've been humbled at the reactions.

My heart has been stretched. It's been the most eye-opening experience in my life. One small loaf of bread can change a relationship!

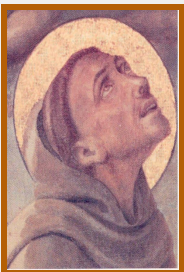
Last Sunday, I dropped off soda bread and soup on a porch far away. I popped in my Rosary CD for the ride home. When I got home, five messages were on my phone. Her words are imprinted on my heart. "Love like this just doesn't happen to me."

The Holy Spirit proves that love is still present while we're socially distant from each other. Nearby or far apart love always wins. Be the love you wish to see in this world. Soda bread #60 was dropped off to the porch of a friend who's days are limited. The project is done. No human contact was made in the last 14+ days of this project, but my heart is so full. I can't describe it.

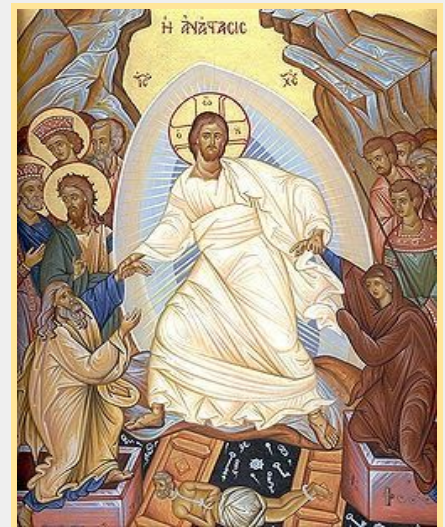


The Easter Saint

"Francis' Easter newness was the fruit of his union with the Crucified and Risen One. This union is the secret of the Little Poor Man's joy, his peace-making skills, his enthusiasm for the things of God, his unique relationship with creation. Illness, disappointment, pain, betrayal and misunderstanding still marked Francis' earthly pilgrimage. But, he saw these sufferings in a new light. He understood that through them, God was making all things work toward an eternal good, an eternal Easter. And so in Francis and through him an unexpected joy and a holy newness came into the world."



"When composing his devotional Office of the Cross, the Seraphic Father included a special Office for the Easter season. Yet even in the solemn Offices for Holy Week, the thought of Resurrection is present: Arise, my glory! Arise, lyre and harp! I will arise at dawn! I have slept and risen and my most Holy Father has received me in glory."



quotes from The Poor Clare Monastery of Our Lady of Mercy, Belleville, Illinois website: www.poorclares-belleville.info/Fruits/Easter2.htm

Our La Verna Region Formation Vision

By JoAnn Boss, OFS,
La Verna Region Formation Director



In this time of our OFS living with the CDC quarantine restriction for our health, one could say we are all OFS 'active excused members' as well as secular-hermits. Some are more accurately actively excused than others! So, how are we staying connected in our local Fraternity?

In looking over the 2019 OFS annual reports submitted by the eighteen La Verna Region local fraternities, I glean some interesting information. I like statistics but even more I like the people who make up statistics! Consider these numbers of our local fraternity size (membership), including the active-excused members. Here are some interesting figures.

In the La Verna Region we have the following ...

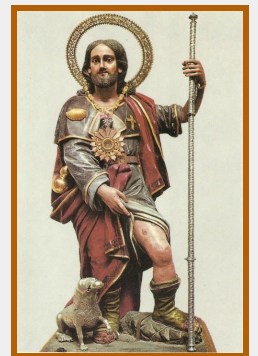
- three fraternities that are between 5-10 OFS members
- seven fraternities between 11-20 OFS members
- five fraternities that are between 21-30 OFS members
- two fraternities that are between 31-40 OFS members and
- one fraternity that has 42-50 OFS members

However, if you would **take away** the active-excused members, the numbers would look like this:

- five fraternities + a cell group of 5-10 members
- nine fraternities with 11-20 members
- four fraternities + a cell with 21-30 members

So how are we being a FRATERNAL COMMUNITY during this time of imposed restrictions, isolation, and anxiety about the future when being together in gatherings are limited? We still can be small and mighty in prayer, in Spirit/spirit, in relationship and in caring for each other! Internet or the "ole fashion" phone calls, letter writing, and card giving is still available.

St. Roch of Montpellier (Third Order Franciscan 1295 – 1327) was a wealthy nobleman from northern France. At his birth St. Roch is said to have been found miraculously marked on the breast with a red cross. After his parent's death, Roch sold all his inherited property and distributed the proceeds to the poor. He became a Franciscan and then traveled on to Italy to visit the tombs of the apostles. Once in Italy he witnessed the fearful Middle Ages epidemic and plague of 1315. He did not panic, and devoted his charity to helping the hospital sick. St. Roch wanted to show Christ's example and was rewarded. He cured many sick people with the sign of the cross.



Many of us today cannot perform the physical hardships of a St. Roch. But we can become mindful in prayer with our global sisters and brothers who suffer physically, financially, lifestyle, from the coronavirus outbreak. In solidarity, we also re-form ourselves; we form deeper "sacramental" bonds that radiate God's love for all.

Prayer to St. Roch

- O Blessed Saint Roch. Patron of the sick who lie upon a bed of suffering. Your power was so great when you were in this world that by the sign of the Cross many were healed of their diseases. Now that you are in heaven, your power is not less. Offer, then, to God our sighs and tears. And obtain for us that health we seek.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



La Verna Region *Secular Franciscan Order*

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What Boundless Love

By Ellen M. Jennings, OFS
Portiuncula Fraternity

What boundless love he gave that day
When down Via Dolorosa he made his way -
Each step an agonizing purge.
The cleansing of each sinful heart -
In this "act" he played his part,
And all his love did surge.

Sweat mixed upon the path with mud,
And his own gift of sacrificed blood -
And all who knew were healed.
Healed by a God who gave
life-giving death through the grave -
But in three days to be revealed.

Nailed to the Cross - a death so crude,
No one there knew his death would allude
To an everlasting life of Grace.
The sum today of all pain and sorrow
Through his sacrifice, is gone tomorrow -
If we but remember "the suffering place."

A need to stand before the Cross,
To know ever deeper the pain and loss,
As "workers in the vineyard," this is our pay.
No earthly pay can equal this:
To experience, in the end, a life of bliss,
As we rejoice on his "Alleluia Day!"

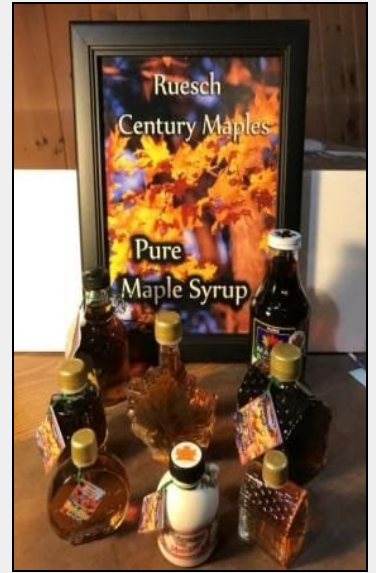
News from around the La Verna Region



“As the autumn leaves begin to fall, the maple tree makes a promise to share in the spring.”

Patrick Ruesch, OFS

At a time of year when most Wisconsin farm fields are too wet or too cold for either plowing or planting, Patrick Ruesch, OFS and minister with Our Lady Queen of Heaven fraternity is busy harvesting and making maple syrup. Wisconsin's climate makes it well-suited for maple syrup production. Maple trees are tapped when temperatures alternate between freezing and thawing. Nighttime temperatures must drop below freezing (in the 20s), and



daytime temperatures must reach 40 to 50 degrees F. Patrick's farm is located in Vesper in central Wisconsin where the land has been in his family for over 125 years. He has been farming for almost 45 years which includes work in active dairy, livestock and horses. Making maple syrup has been a family tradition. Patrick and his dad increased the syrup production and began selling the “liquid gold” about 40 years ago.



The actual cooking of the sap can run late some nights, so the Ruesch family put-up color lights which gives work a festive atmosphere. Patrick says that his outdoor fire and maple syrup evaporator pan set is not state of the art, but it “gets the job done harvesting the tree sap boiled down to make the sugar



maple.” Patrick says that he has around 300 trees under tap and produces 50-60 gallons of syrup. It takes about 35-40 gallons of sap to get a gallon of syrup. The sap is clear and almost tasteless—and very low in sugar content. Boil the sap to evaporate the water, producing a liquid with the flavor and color of maple syrup and a sugar content of 60 percent. Syrup is graded by color and flavor, Patrick says, and its contents must meet standards for density (also known as Brix). Sap is also pre-heated through copper tubing around the smoke stack.

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Walking with a maple tree container bucket in one hand and his daughter with the other, Patrick shows toddler Emma how the work is done. Today Emma Ruesch helps dad with bigger maple syrup harvesting chores. “I got my kids in the game early on,” he said. The family collects sap in pails and transports the liquid back to the holding tanks by tractor. “My old milk bulk tank is now a sap storage tank,” Patrick said.



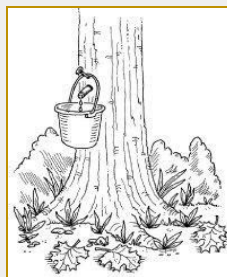
Franciscan Sr. Rose Heil, FSPA, (photo left) and spiritual assistant with Our Lady Queen of Heaven Fraternity, helps the Ruesch family with maple tree tapping. Sr. Rose shares a common connection with a gift from the earth. When Sr. Rose was a child, she helped her family make syrup.

It has been said that someone who works with their hands and their head is an artist. Patrick said, “after college, desire to be close to the land and self employed prompted me to start dairying and also become a free-lance artist.” That may measure to Patrick’s high regard for work along

with painting. At the St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI, Patrick sits in front of his mural wall painting which renders the lawn and trees located on the spirituality center’s landscape. His oil painting is located in the center’s Assisi room, which is used for retreatants to gather for peace and reflection.



“Choosing to farm and be an artist just seemed to fit with the Franciscan spirit,” Patrick said. “Connecting people to the earth with the food we produce, and my art is a privilege with riches not measured in money.”





Newly-Appointed National Archivist

By Sharon Dale OFS
Queen of Heaven fraternity -
Wisconsin Rapids
La Verna Regional Councilor

My appointment as National Archivist came by letter in

August, but was not confirmed until the National Chapter in Corpus Christi, Texas, this past October, 2019. I planned my first visit to our Archives at St. Bonaventure University in New York in mid-November.



My first impression was "Oh my, look at all these boxes!" The collection contains 237 boxes stored on three sturdy shelving units. There were boxes stored 6-feet high, so access to those could only be made with a ladder. My predecessor Sharon

Deveaux did a fantastic job

numbering the boxes as they arrived from homes all

across the U.S. throughout her term. My initial job will be to check the contents of each box and to itemize and alphabetize the individual files.

Having been our La Verna Regional Archivist these past four years has prepared me for the task, but it's going to be a huge undertaking. Unlike now, where I can drive up to St. Anthony's in Marathon to check our Regional documents there, I'll now have to hop a plane and spend a week at a time on the university campus.



My ultimate goal will be to electronically scan each file so that retrieving requested National records can be done more efficiently from my home. Archiving fraternity records at all levels--local, Regional and National, is extremely important. Knowing what to save, cataloging records and finding a central, safe and secure environment for those records will ensure important documents will be preserved for a long, long time.

Joy and Blessings in Christ Jesus

Mark your calendar to join your Southeastern Wisconsin Franciscan brothers and sisters for our June 6, 2020 Umbrella Fraternity gathering

- **WHAT:** Informal Franciscan gathering to meet and share
- **WHERE:** Home of Audrey Ricard, OFS
1000 Fairview Avenue
South Milwaukee, WI
414-762-4638
aricard@wi.rr.com
- **WHEN:** Saturday, June 6th
1:00 – 3:00 PM



Last year two Umbrella Fraternity gatherings took place, and this year plans for another fellowship together--**barring the COVID-19 stay-at-home mandate**. Guests who attended last year's meetings agreed that our informal gatherings continue to meet for lunch, or go for a walk, or attend Mass together. On June 6, 2020 Audrey Ricard, OFS will once again open her South Milwaukee home for members to come and enjoy Franciscan family.

Please call or email to make a reservation. This informal gathering does not detract from your regular OFS monthly meetings. Note: At the time of this announcement (April 1, 2020), Wisconsin is under the COVID-19 'stay-at-home' order, but hopefully that ban will be lifted and there will be reasonable recovery time to attend the June 6th gathering.

A Spiritual Assistant's Reflection by Ed Boss, OFS

Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap possessed that particular blend of intelligence and empathy. He didn't grow arid or unable to feel simply because he deeply respected Franciscan beliefs and values. His daily examples grew out of scripture. He lived, like many of us, in a culture that is more smart than wise, however, Fr. Lester was both: He shared a paradoxical wit and smart and inherited that wide-eyed wonder watching Christ living in all of us. He would pray fervently yet not afraid to blow loud, snappy bubble gum pops at the choir.

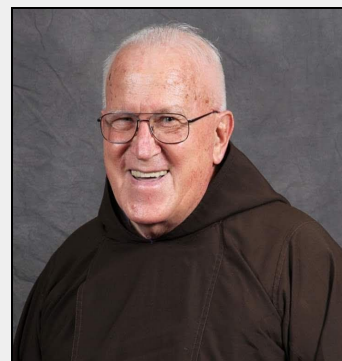
Writing was one of his passions. However, I'm not sure the number of textbooks Lester wrote during his memorable career as spiritual assistant with the OFS. On the back page of previous *Tau-USA* newsletters, there featured a Smoky Valley Printing order form which listed his published books. The order list titles included, *Franciscan Journey*, *Giving Life to Words*, *Seeking Gospel Life*, *Pick More Daisies*, *Franciscan Family Connections*, *Life-Giving Union* and more.

One of his final writings, *Waiting for Love*, co-authored with Vinal Van Benthem, OFS, considers the many facets of the Franciscan way of life. For example, readers are offered to learn the spectrum of ideas which grow in the human mind from praying and acting on the gospel as a community. Both of these Franciscan writers point out the remarkable interconnectedness of the Trinity working within us. God's responsibility is unconditionally love.

One time, when Lester finished a writing, he sent me a shortened draft to comment upon. My revision was light because he already had his manuscript down pat, and my 'editor' comments probably wouldn't change much except pointing out a misplaced thought here or syntax error there. Still, I felt honored to help out.

Lester Bach was born in Sherry, WI October 15, 1931 and died on February 2, 2020 at the age of 88. He made his first profession in the Capuchin Order in 1950 and was ordained in 1957. He worked with the formation program with Capuchin Brothers as well

as sharing ministry in a parish, the Cursillo and Search programs, and served as chaplain at a county nursing home. Locally, Fr. Lester worked with La Verna region secular Franciscans and as St. Joseph provincial spiritual assistant. He had been director of Monte Alverno retreat center in Appleton and director of the House of Prayer. As regional spiritual assistant for the OFS, he made numerous pastoral visitations, presentations, workshops throughout the Midwest, Montana, and Southwest. He lived with friars in small towns, cities, and an old friary nestled next to Lake Mendota in Madison. Still, he found the time to travel and regularly attend his OFM Capuchin meetings and annual Chapters.



While attending the 2012 NAFRA Chapter held in Denver, Fr. Bach spoke about our daily Franciscan spiritual condition. He said ... *"charism is to reach out and say ... while we may disagree with you, we love you. We each bring our own imperfect understanding of faith to the table. Our Rule tells us everyday what there should be about conversion. I have plenty of opportunities for conversion. So do you."*

Fr. Bach's writing style was clear and uncluttered, which made some formatters and initial formation students complain that his approach was legalistic, repetitive, or out of date. I feel that his clear, repetitive style purposely meant to remind Franciscans to stay the course on a well-journeyed spiritual path mapped out within our Rule and Constitution. His words and texts guide us today and will continue to well guide future spiritual travelers with Christ on their vocation within a Franciscan journey.

Christian burial for Fr. Bach was celebrated at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Appleton, WI and burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Mt. Calvary, WI.

La Verna Region virtual events & Perpetual Adoration location, Group Rosary, 'Morning Cafe with Our Priests,' and Mass website listings

- **REC Meeting** - May 1, 2020 - (audio conference)
 - **La Verna Region Chapter of Elections** - June 26 - 28, 2029, St. Anthony Spirituality Center, Marathon, WI
 - **Secular Franciscan social media site:**
 - St. Josaphat Fraternity (Milwaukee) <https://www.facebook.com/StJosaphatOFS/> This is a current site on fraternity, Franciscan media, archdiocese news, spiritual events, and more.
 - Join with your La Verna Region Secular Franciscans to pray the Rosary together each Wednesday evening. To access the audio conference call, please dial the following number: 978-990-5000 and then enter the access code: **328279**. We will begin the Rosary each Wednesday at 7 p.m. and continue until we overcome the COVID-19 crisis. Please pass on the information to other Franciscans.
 - **Daily Mass held at the Holy Hill Basilica:** www.holyhill.com/basilica Holy Hill Basilica website now offers Mass everyday and will continue to provide virtual ways to help stay connected, with features like an online rosary. The Carmelite Friars will continue to pray for you and will offer daily reflections on their website.
 - **If you are still looking for Mass online:** try your local diocese or EWTN. Also, Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles celebrates Mass online: Go to <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>
 - **Perpetual Adoration:** open 24-hours a day at **St. John the Evangelist Church**, 8500 W. Cold Spring, Greenfield, WI. Enter via the south doors of the Church.
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 - **(Facebook live) - 'Morning Cafe with our Priests'** - St. Francis of Assisi Parish - Manitowoc, WI. Informal table talk discussions with priests who speak about living as Catholics in today's society. <https://www.facebook.com/SFAManitowoc/videos/2802423236511738/>
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La Verna Regional Fraternity OFS
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSE
FOR PERIODS ENDED DEC 31, 2020 and 2019

| | THIS YEAR Y. T. D. 2020 | Budget 3 months period 2020 | Budget Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) | Approved Last Year Actual 2019 | Proposed Ammended 2020 Budget 27-Jun-20 | Approved 2020 Budget 22 Jun 2019 |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| BEGINNING BALANCES: | | | | | | |
| REGULAR CHECKING ----- | 10,079.07 | | | 6,748.66 | | |
| RETREAT SUBSIDY FUND ----- | 3,838.08 | | | 3,888.08 | | |
| EDUCATION/TRAINING FUND ----- | 4,062.46 | | | 837.46 | | |
| RETREAT/EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FD --- | 25,000.00 | | | 25,000.00 | | |
| CUSTODIAL FUND ----- | 25,547.00 | | | 25,547.00 | | |
| CASH ON HAND ----- | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | | |
| FAIR SHARE FUND ----- | 500.00 | | | 500.00 | | |
| TOTAL CASH ON HAND & IN BANKS - | 69,026.61 | | | | 62,521.20 | |
| REVENUE: | | | | | | |
| DONATIONS ----- | 424.40 | 0.00 | 424.40 | 4,515.42 | 4,515.00 | 0.00 |
| FAIR SHARE FUND ----- | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| INT. RETREAT ENDOWMENT FUND | 0.00 | 162.50 | (162.50) | 0.00 | 708.00 | 650.00 |
| INTEREST EDUCATION FUND | 0.00 | 162.50 | (162.50) | 0.00 | 708.00 | 650.00 |
| SPECIAL MEMORIALS ----- | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 410.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| CHAPTER ----- | 0.00 | 478.75 | (478.75) | 1,664.00 | 1,664.00 | 1,915.00 |
| FAIR SHARE -- 356 + 24 @ 80-40 | 7,560.00 | 7,770.00 | (210.00) | 30,425.00 | 29,440.00 | 31,080.00 |
| SA WRKSP ----- | 0.00 | 381.25 | (381.25) | 1,460.00 | 1,525.00 | 1,525.00 |
| INTEREST CUSTODIAL FUND ----- | 0.00 | 325.00 | (325.00) | 0.00 | 1,464.00 | 1,300.00 |
| MISC & FORMATION WS INCOME ----- | 0.00 | 885.00 | (885.00) | 4,490.00 | 0.00 | 3,540.00 |
| TOTAL REVENUE ----- | 7,984.40 | 10,165.00 | (2,180.60) | 42,964.42 | 40,024.00 | 40,660.00 |
| TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS ----- | 77,011.01 | | | 105,485.62 | | |
| EXPENSES: | | | | | | |
| STIPENDS & EXPENSES ----- | 1,300.00 | 750.00 | (550.00) | 2,845.70 | 3,000.00 | 3,000.00 |
| RENT INCLUDING EQUIPMENT ----- | 500.00 | 125.00 | (375.00) | 500.00 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| MATERIALS & SUPPLIES ----- | 139.00 | 12.50 | (126.50) | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| EDUCATION/TRAINING ----- | 0.00 | 1,103.75 | 1,103.75 | 3,585.39 | 3,585.00 | 4,415.00 |
| MEETING ROOM & FACILITIES ----- | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 1,035.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| OFFICE SUPPLIES ----- | 0.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 636.98 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| DONATIONS ----- | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 410.00 | 2,500.00 | 0.00 |
| ADMINISTRATIVE EXP ----- | 0.00 | 91.00 | 91.00 | 585.39 | 364.00 | 364.00 |
| NEWSLETTER ----- | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| TRAVEL EXP & EXPENSES ----- | 649.55 | 1,704.75 | 1,055.20 | 9,983.72 | 9,983.72 | 6,819.00 |
| FAIR SHARE TO OFS-USA ---382@17--- | 6,494.00 | 1,717.00 | (4,777.00) | 6,732.00 | 6,477.00 | 6,868.00 |
| ANNUAL CHAPTER ----- | 0.00 | 1,725.00 | 1,725.00 | 5,761.27 | 5,800.00 | 6,900.00 |
| VISITATION / ELECTION ----- | 0.00 | 625.00 | 625.00 | 641.00 | 2,500.00 | 2,500.00 |
| RETREAT SUBSIDY ----- | 0.00 | 43.52 | 43.52 | 580.00 | 580.00 | 174.09 |
| FAIR SHARE FUND | 0.00 | - | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| SA WRKSP ----- | 0.00 | 499.25 | 499.25 | 2,870.75 | 1,997.00 | 1,997.00 |
| MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE ----- | 0.00 | 125.00 | 125.00 | 291.81 | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ----- | 9,082.55 | 8,846.77 | (235.78) | 36,459.01 | 39,136.72 | 35,387.09 |
| GAIN OR (LOSS) FOR PERIOD --- | (1,098.15) | 1,318.23 | (2,416.38) | 6,505.41 | 887.28 | 5,272.91 |
| ENDING BALANCE ----- | 67,928.46 | | | 69,026.61 | | |
| CURRENT BALANCES: | | | | | | |
| REGULAR CHECKING ----- | 8,980.92 | 94% | | 10,079.07 | | |
| RETREAT SUBSIDY FUND ----- | 3,838.08 | | | 3,838.08 | | |
| EDUCATION/TRAINING FUND ----- | 4,062.46 | | | 4,062.46 | | |
| RETREAT / EDUCATION CATHOLIC FUND *-- | 25,000.00 | | | 25,000.00 | | |
| CUSTODIAL FUND INVESTMENT (JC)----- | 25,547.00 | | | 25,547.00 | | |
| CASH ON HAND ----- | 0.00 | | | 0.00 | | |
| FAIR SHARE FUND ----- | 500.00 | | | 500.00 | | |
| TOTAL CASH ON HAND & IN BANKS -- | 67,928.46 | | | 69,026.61 | | |
| CUSTODIAL FUND(5283)-JC bequest + St Pascal Baylon gift as of 2/29/20, last 12 mo = +4.74% Gain / (loss) | 27,724.87 | 5% \$ | 1,386.24 | | | |
| CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FUND (5205) as of 2/29/20 | 2,177.87 | | | | | |
| * St Francis of Assisi + Anonymous + REC Last 12 mo +4.74% Gain / (Loss) | 26,827.91 | 5% \$ | 1,341.40 | | | |
| Bob Henning, OFS, TREASURER | 1,827.91 | | | | | |
| 04/03/20 | | | | | | |

Outstanding
Checks

LaVerna Region
Monthly Treasurer's Report - corrected
01-31 March, 2020

The overall status of the Region's finances is Green.

FINANCIAL REPORT (attached)

The Checking account balance is \$17,381.46 broken out as follows;

Regular Checking = \$ 8,980.92

Retreat Subsidy Fund = \$3,838.08

Education/Training Fund = \$4,062.46 (\$998.00 JDSG remaining)

Fair Share Fund = \$500.00

Paid 2nd quarter Stipends.

Pending near-term 2020 bills – Unknown

FAIR SHARE STATUS REPORT (attached)

1st Quarter Fair Share receipts = \$7,260.00 (17 Fraternities)

1st Quarter Fair Share still owed = \$400.00 (1 Fraternity)

Both funds have seen big losses. However, both funds are still larger than what we began with.

The General Fund is currently at 94% of the current budget. Goal is 140%

FAIR SHARE MAILING PREFERENCES – 32 letters sent, 21 responses,
12 for USPS and 9 for Email.

Respectfully submitted by

Bob Henning, OFS, Regional Treasurer

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