



La Verna E-Vision

Be the Bridge to Fraternal Life

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Minister's Message



Jeff Gumz, OFS
La Verna Region Minister

My brothers and sisters in St. Francis. Merry Christmas! The Holiday season is a time when Christians everywhere pause to reflect on the life-changing Incarnation – God

humbly joining us on Earth as Baby Jesus being born in a manger.

2021 has been a year of adjusting to the new normal of living with the COVID Pandemic. I am so grateful for the scientists who developed the vaccine and the doctors, nurses and other medical personnel who continue to confront this disease. We continue to pray each Wednesday at 6:00 PM for an end to the Coronavirus pandemic. Our Vice Minister, Sharon Dale, OFS, is leading the Rosary. The teleconference number is 1-978-990-5000. Access code: 734545. Please pass on the information to your Fraternity members.

Your Regional Executive Committee (REC) has been hard at work since the election this last summer. We have been quite busy making Fraternal and Pastoral Visitations and presiding over elections. This past October we were able to gather



in person at Marywood Spirituality Center for a retreat and business meeting. The REC was able to plan out the upcoming year. One of the joys of our Marywood meeting was a Zoom video conference with our re-emerging

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fraternity in Madison. The former Madison cell will be called by the name on their original Document of Establishment - St. Francis and St. Clare Fraternity. The REC appointed an interim Council: Lisa Whelan, OFS, as Minister, Rick Lavolv, OFS, as Vice-Minister, Jim Behan, OFS, as Secretary, Beth Anderson, OFS, as Treasurer, and Eloise Anderson, OFS, as Formation Director. During the process of reupping as a fraternity, the council will be working with the St. Paschal Baylon Fraternity in Wind Lake and the REC. One of the challenges for the reemerging Madison Fraternity will be to find a spiritual assistant to guide them. Please keep the Madison cell in your prayers during this process of re-establishment.

The REC decided to move forward with in person District Gatherings in 2022. The theme of the District Gatherings will be Fraternal Life: Refresh, Review and Renew. After a two year hiatus, I am looking forward to seeing each and everyone of you in person at the district gatherings. The dates for each of gatherings are:

- Central District - Queen of Heaven in Wisconsin Rapids, WI - March 26, 2022
- Southeast District - Portiuncula at Basilica of St. Josaphat - April 9, 2022
- Fox Valley - St. Joseph in Appleton - April 23, 2022

The REC is blessed to add Fr. Frank Corradi to our council as our Regional Formation Director. Fr. Frank is a well

respected priest, a model of living a Franciscan lifestyle and gifted teacher. He served as the Director of St. Anthony's Retreat Center for a number of years. Fr. Frank is taking over for Jo Ann Boss, OFS, who stepped away from the position in 2021 after faithfully serving the La Verna Region par excellence. Fr. Frank is looking forward to working together with the local Fraternities to bring about the very best formation. He wants to make contact with each of our local fraternities. Fr. Frank's contact information is phone: 715-723-2620 and email: fcorrad@gmail.com

The central message of this season is Emmanuel--"God with us." Let's be generous in sharing God's gift of relationship with others. May you and your family have a joyous Christmas!

Jeff Gumz, OFS

Minister of the La Verna Region

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La Verna Region *Secular Franciscan Order*

We, the Secular Franciscans of the La Verna Region, commit ourselves to our Order on all its levels by faithfully following our Rule and the charism of Sts. Francis and Clare to see the face of God in all creation through dynamic formation, profound spirituality and joyful vocation. "...To see the face of God in all creation through dynamic formation, profound spirituality and joyful vocation"

The La Verna Region of the Secular Franciscan Order in the USA consists of Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. The region's geographical area is divided into three districts: Southeast, Central, Fox Valley. The *La Verna E-Vision* newsletter is published three times a year, is a communication vehicle with the La Verna Region, and presents information that relates to the Secular Franciscan Order way of life.

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The La Verna Regional Executive Council

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Spiritual Assistant's Letter

by Ulric Buening, O.F.M., Cap.
and James Buda, O.F.M.

Editor's note: In memory of our 25th anniversary on becoming the La Verna Region in Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, it might seem fitting to read from two of our former regional spiritual assistants, Fr. Ulric Buening and Br. James Buda. Both RSAs wrote their thoughts on how we may better vision ourselves as Secular Franciscans. Their original RSA article was published in the *La Verna Vision* newsletter, Spring 1997 edition.

"Jesus, teaches us through his death just what it means to give up everything. As Secular Franciscans. We can imitate our blessed Savior in his poverty, by our challenge to relinquish all for the sake of the kingdom. This sets us apart as Secular Franciscans for it shows that we are a people who care and are concerned with the poor of this world.

"Our call to Franciscan life once again reminds us of Francis' response to his life of faith, from a position of privilege into the world of the poor. His renunciation of the world, though radical, was apparently not odious to him. We sense that for Francis the gospel promise was fulfilled, that what one receives in return is far more than what one has given up. Francis renounced the world only to have it given back with joy. It was not long after his break with family and social life in Assisi that Francis was joined by others who formed with him a community among the poor. The story of Francis teaches us that the invitation and challenge to

relinquishment is extended not just to us as Secular Franciscans, but to our fraternities. We recall that the invitation to the rich young man in the gospel was to join the discipleship community as they traveled along the way.

"The work of relinquishment is difficult for us as individuals to realize, but in fraternity, we cultivate a common vision that facilitates relinquishment. Fraternity gives us the support necessary to take those steps out of our comfort zones toward the margins of society. Like that rich man in the gospel we are generous, we support the "right" causes, and we can list the laws that we have obeyed as... "good, moral people."

"If we adopt this posture, we will never really understand the gospel invitation before us. We can invoke rational arguments for moderation and good sense against the way of Jesus and the way of Francis. This is understandable, for there is something foolish and risky... even senseless, about this path. How can a way that seems so negative promise the kind of delight.. joy... and abundant life . . . that Jesus promised . . . and Francis found? As poor persons, we stand in utter and absolute need, unable to go it alone.

"As poor persons, we stand dependent before our God, who knows our needs and hears our cry. As poor persons we come to know the God who loves us as we are. As poor persons, we identify with all other poor persons. We pray that God



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will meet the needs of poor persons as we work to lighten their burdens and to share the earth's goods with them.

“Help us, most loving God, to treasure—the poor people in our midst, to share our goods, and to receive the gifts that poor people offer to us. Help us to not be angry or resentful toward them. Help us to know that we are, indeed, one of them before you.”

Fr. Ulric Buening, OFM Cap (1927 - 2006) made his solemn profession in 1949 and later served the OFS as their St. Joseph Provincial Spiritual Assistant. He served on the General Council of the TOF, participated in writing the new OFS Rule which was approved in 1978, and was the local spiritual assistant with Sts. Francis and Clare fraternity in Madison. Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap wrote in Ulric's obituary that Fr. Buening was “the only friar I knew who could quote the [OFS] Constitution by article and

number and then proceed to tell me what it said. He didn't need a book. His memory had absorbed the writings that were important. In his day, pastoral visitations were conducted every year. Ulric had one talk that he gave to each fraternity for the whole year.”

Br. James Budda, OFM (1937 - 2015) was a member of the Franciscan Friars of the Assumption B.V.M. Province. Following his profession, he worked in the laundry and as a tailor. Later moves took him to St. Leonard Friary in Saginaw, MI, St. Mary of the Angels Friary in Green Bay, and Assumption Friary in Pulaski. During this time he assumed the role of provincial tailor. Over the years many friars wore, and continue to wear, his signature habit. Br. James also served as sacristan and organist for the community. While in Green Bay he served for 13 years as spiritual assistant to the local fraternity of the Secular Franciscans, and as a member of the regional council, regional spiritual assistant, and provincial spiritual assistant. From 1997-2005, Br. Jim served as the Guardian of St. Mary of the Angels Friary in Green Bay.

International News



Tibor Kauser, OFS
Minister General

The International General Chapter (CIOFS) concluded with their general Chapter of Elections held in Rome. Tibor Kauser, OFS of Hungary has been re-elected Minister General for his second six-year term. Also, Mary Stronach, OFS of the United States is a member of St. Kateri Tekakwitha Region and has been elected Vice-Minister General. Mary has served as a member of the



Mary Stronach, OFS
Vice-Minister General

International Formation Commission and as interpreter for the Presidency. This is the first time a Secular Franciscan from the United States has been elected on the international council.

Our Regional Council gathered together the weekend of October 22-24 at Marywood Spirituality Center in Arbor Vitae, WI. This has been an annual event for us, except for last year when COVID restrictions were in place. We enjoyed our time together praying and working, and getting to know our newest council members.

We worked on various regional projects, mainly setting up our agenda for next spring's District Gatherings to be held in Wisconsin Rapids, Appleton, and Franklin. It will be wonderful to finally meet together again. I believe district gathering attendees will be inspired as our theme will be FRATERNAL LIFE: REFRESH, REVIEW and RENEW.

During our Saturday morning retreat, our Regional Spiritual Assistants asked us to reflect on the topic of HOPE. Lee Ann Niebuhr stressed that as Franciscans we must show JOY in all things.



A creative REC member made some colorful bubbles which sail pass a St. Francis statue at the Spirituality Center

To make the point Lee Ann gave us each a bubble wand and told us to go outside and wave it around. It was a crisp but sunny morning, and as we waved our wands to the wind, we marveled at the amazing colors each



Happiness is Sailing Bubbles

OFS members Kathy Sutliff and Bob Henning (back to the photo) find time to relax and refresh from their REC office duties to go outdoors and enjoy making playful soap bubbles.

bubble made. Some bubbles flew into the trees above, some around the St. Francis statue. Jeff Gumz our Regional Minister and several others stood by Highway 51 and waved their bubble wands at the passing cars. Many of the cars even beeped as they passed. Those playful rainbow color bubbles may bring a childlike smile to help the drivers sail through their busy day.



Regional Councilor Charlie Neuman sets into motion his hand at waving soap bubbles standing by the Tau cross and St. Francis statue at the Marywood Spirituality Center.



St. Paschal Baylon Fraternity newly-professed members
(l to r): John Spotts, Alison Spotts,
and Darlene Holland.

St. Paschal Baylon Fraternity Profession into the Order

The profession of John and Alison Spotts and Darlene Holland into the Secular Franciscan Order occurred on December 12, 2021 at St. Clare church in Wind Lake. St. Paschal Baylon Fraternity members, family, and friends gathered for the Sunday Mass, presided by spiritual assistant Fr. Ed Tlucek, OFM.

Immediately following Mass and Profession, the fraternity enjoyed their annual Christmas gathering and luncheon together, and presented a celebration “Tau cake” for the newly-professed and those professed last year.

Peace Flowing Like A River

by Patrick Ruesch, OFS, Minister of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Fraternity

“Last year, during COVID isolation, Our Lady Queen of Heaven fraternity in Wisconsin Rapids met one evening each week by teleconference to pray the rosary together. This was one way we could stay in touch with our members. This summer we reduced it to one Monday per month because of so many vacations and other commitments. In August, for those who could come, we met at one of our city parks along the Wisconsin River at 7PM to pray our rosary. One of our members joined us by phone. We called our experience “Rosary by the River”. After praying, we sang the song “Peace Is Flowing Like a River” and delighted in visiting while watching the sunset and enjoying an ice-cream sundae from nearby Dairy Queen. We thank God for time to be together again. Let us pray that what we experienced last year remains only a memory.”



Chapter of Elections - St. Ann Fraternity in Green Bay



On November 15, 2021 St. Ann Fraternity in Green Bay held their local Chapter of Elections. The newly-elected council members are: (from left to right)

Councilor - Jan Campbell, OFS
Minister - Patrick Miner, OFS
Secretary - Tom Koene, OFS
Formation - Roxanne Miner, OFS
Treasurer - Deacon Paul Umentum, OFS
Vice Minister - Jack Boerschinger, OFS

La Verna Regional Treasurer's Report by Bob Henning, OFS

I hope and pray that everyone has a holy and blessed Christmas.

Our La Verna Region's financial health is very good at this point and looking to continue so. This is due to every fraternity sending in their entire fair share.

Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness.

As you may remember, the fair share was increased in 2018 to \$80/year for professed members and \$40/year for Candidates. The increase was needed due to National's fair share increase to us, and increased costs to the Region coupled with inflation.

Because of the attention problems, your Regional Executive Council (REC), decided to do a couple of things. First,



Bob Henning, OFS
La Verna Region
Treasurer

temporarily reduce the fair share back to the previous amount of \$50/year for professed and \$25/year for Candidate. Secondly, we gave each fraternity three options:

1. Pay the entire fair share,
2. Pay part of the fair share, or
3. Pay nothing if the fraternity could not collect the fair share.

There was also a new fund established through the generosity of the St. Joseph Fraternity - Appleton, WI. A donation of \$500 in 2016 that went into effect on 22 June, 2019. Another anonymous donation of \$100 has raised the fund total to \$600. The purpose of this fund was to help fraternities cover their fair share in the event they were unable to do so. This is a procedure the minister must initiate to begin the process. Let me know if any minister wishes a copy.

The REC has also increased the amount of the individual retreat subsidy to now be ½ the cost up to \$150.

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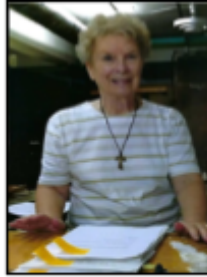
In addition, all professed members in good standing and Candidates are eligible to use this. Let me know if any La Verna members/Candidate wishes a copy.

Thank you all for your generosity in supporting your fraternity and our Region. I look forward to meeting many of you at the 2022 District Gatherings. May you live in the Peace of our Lord as we follow in the footsteps of St. Francis.

A Very Memorable Trip

by Sharon Dale OFS,
National Archivist

This past August, Teri Doughty, Minister of Sacred Heart fraternity in Oshkosh, and I drove to work at our National Archives located at St. Bonaventure University in New York.



Sharon Dale, OFS

With my new I-Pass transponder securely attached to the windshield, we buzzed through tolls in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. Even with my trusty GPS system and Teri's reliable phone, we made a few wrong turns, but with a few Hail Mary's we got back on track without too much trouble. There was an endless amount of construction along the way. When I closed my eyes, I could see hundreds of the familiar orange

construction cones, which slowed us down somewhat.

People were quite helpful when we explained where we were from and where we wanted to go. I think it helped that we wore our TAU Crosses throughout the trip.

When we arrived in Olean, New York, a little town with two significant landmarks—St.

Bonaventure University situated alongside the Allegany River, and the beautiful Basilica St. Mary of the Angels, we were greeted by the University Archivist Dennis Frank who I met 2 years ago when I first visited our archives. Dennis explained that, due to some construction that had been going on, we could not work in our archive room, but in a nearby area with plenty of light, electric outlets, and LOTS of grit. A little cleanup was needed before plugging in my computer and printer/scanner which accompanied us on the trip.

There wasn't much time for sight-seeing as we had work to do, working 8-10 hours

each day we were there. A highlight was that we attended Mass at the Basilica on the feast of St. Clare. The priest, Fr. John Adams, gave us a little tour. He was happy to meet a couple of Secular Franciscans from Wisconsin.

Later in the week we found the local Walmart and bought a few "New York" t-shirts as souvenirs.

Teri Doughty and I dug into 4 ream-sized boxes, each containing about 50-55 file folders of National OFS documents. We sorted for



Teri Doughty, OFS

duplicates, pulled out hundreds of staples and paper clips, scanned documents

electronically, and labeled new folders with new identification numbers.

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People have asked me what sort of documents are in our National archives. We have regional annual reports, regional establishment records, agendas and minutes of National Council meetings, and Quinquennials since 1921.

There are Provincial records from before we

were established as Regions, Election documentation, and dozens of additional data that needs to be addressed. Scanning records electronically, whether local, regional, or national, assures that these documents will be preserved for years to come and will be available for quick reference whenever needed.

Our final morning was spent packing up nine new boxes of files into the trunk and backseat of my car, hardly enough room for our suitcases and snack bag of munchies. Our trip home was more relaxed, both of us enjoying the scenery more.

Will we do it again—driving to and from New York?

Absolutely!

Mark Your 2022 Calendar

- **REC meeting.** via Zoom -January 8, 2022 - 9 a.m. (Central Time)
- **2022 La Verna Regional District Gatherings** - The theme for all three gatherings will be: *Fraternal Life: Refresh, Review and Renew*
 - March 26 - Queen of Heaven fraternity in Wisconsin Rapids
 - April 9 - Portiuncula fraternity, Milwaukee (location TBA)
 - April 23 - St. Joseph fraternity in Appleton (location TBA)

More details such as time and location address of each meeting will become available in the Spring La Verna Vision newsletter.

- **Silent Retreat at St. Anthony Spirituality Center - Marathon, WI**

Silent Retreat on Spiritual Art

Presented by Ruth Hoenick - March 25 - 27, 2022

Try something different as you experience the Holy Mystery's presence in your life and your creations. Spend a weekend exploring your heart and soul through visual arts and/or creative writing. Create a group and individual nesting poem, encourage a connection with you and the divine within you.

Observe how your questions, feelings and the divine surprise and delight you. This weekend will be a time of silence, reflection and creation. Absolutely no art or writing experience is necessary! This is about the process, not the product.

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Ruth Hoenick is a Spiritual Companion and facilitates retreats throughout the United States. She is actively involved in group and one-on-one spiritual guidance to support those seeking a more spiritual life. She is a wife, mother and grandmother. For further information call or pre-registration online: Cost: \$210 per person. To register, call (715) 443-2236 or click on to www.sarcenter.com

- **Redemptorist Retreat Center - Oconomowoc, WI**

Winter Silent Retreat - Come to the Quiet

February 14 - 17, 2022

The Redemptorist Retreat Center offers a silent retreat as an opportunity for individuals in a setting of silence, reflection, and optional common prayer. daily Eucharist, evening prayer, the sacrament of reconciliation, and spiritual direction. Cost: \$295 per person includes room, meals and materials. For further information call (262) 567-6900 or pre-registration online: www.redemptoristretreat.org

- **Secular Franciscan news on social media:**

- St. Josaphat Fraternity (Milwaukee)

<https://www.facebook.com/StJosaphatOFS> This is a current news site on fraternity, Franciscan media, archdiocese news, spiritual events, and much, much more.

- **Help overcome the COVID-19 by praying the rosary together.** Come join with your fellow La Verna Region Secular and religious Franciscans and pray the Rosary each Wednesday evening. To join the Rosary gathering conference call, please dial the following number: 978-990-5000 and then enter the access code: 734545. Rosary begins at 6 p.m., and usually runs about 25 - 30 minutes.

Pope Francis' address to the Secular Franciscan Order

Vatican City - Clementine Hall

"I greet you with the words Saint Francis addressed to those he met along the way: "The Lord give thee peace!"

I am pleased to welcome you on the occasion of your General Chapter. In context I would like to recall some elements proper to your vocation and mission.

Your vocation is born of the universal call to holiness. The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that "lay



Pope Francis receives a warm applause by Secular Franciscans in the Vatican on November 15, 2021

this

call

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people share in Christ's priesthood: ever more united with Him, they exhibit the grace of Baptism and Confirmation in all dimensions of their personal family, social and ecclesial lives, and fulfill the call to holiness addressed to all the baptized".

This holiness, to which you are called as Secular Franciscans, as the General Constitutions and the Rule approved by Saint Paul VI ask of you, involves the conversion of the heart, attracted, conquered and transformed by the One who is the only Holy One, who is "the

good, every good, the supreme good" (Saint Francis, Praises of God Most High).

Pope Francis said, like St. Francis of Assisi, Christians are called to live among ordinary people as "mirrors of Christ." Pope Francis went on to say, "I urge you to embrace the Gospel as you embrace Jesus. Let the Gospel, that is, Jesus himself, shape your life. In this way, you will take on poverty, minority and simplicity as your distinguishing marks before all," he said.

The pope said that God takes the initiative in the process of conversion and penance while those who repent respond by placing themselves "at the service of others and by using mercy with them."

"Let us not confuse 'doing penance' with 'works of penance,'" he added. "These -- fasting, almsgiving, mortification -- are consequences of the decision to open one's heart to God."

Pope Francis asked Secular Franciscan to spend time with people, especially those in "the existential peripheries of today and make the word of the Gospel resound."

And, he said, do not forget the poor who "are the flesh of Christ."

"And just as the 'fraternities of penitents' of yesteryear distinguished themselves by founding hospitals, dispensaries, soup kitchens and other works of genuine social charity, so today the Spirit sends you to exercise the same charity with the creativity required by the new forms of poverty," the pope said.

Editor's note: Pope Francis addressed his talk to the OFS International Executive Council members meeting held in Rome on November 15, 2021. For the complete text of Pope Francis' talk, please go to [To the Participants in the General Chapter of the Secular Franciscan Order \(15 November 2021\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)



Tibor Kauser, OFS International Minister meets with Pope Francis in the Vatican

*"Let us not confuse
'doing penance' with
'works of penance.'"*

Pope Francis' address to the
Secular Franciscan Order

LaVerna Region Treasurer's Report

14 December, 2021

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

FINANCIAL REPORT (attached)

The Checking account balance is \$39,054.55 broken out as follows;

Regular Checking = \$ 28,946.01

To be deposited = \$ 0.00

Retreat Subsidy Fund = \$4,642.08

Education/Training Fund = \$4,866.46 (\$998.00 JDSG remaining)

Fair Share Fund = \$600.00

Near-term 2021 bills – None

FAIR SHARE STATUS REPORT (attached)

1st Quarter 2021 Fair Share receipts = \$4,717.50 (18 Fraternities)

2nd Quarter 2021 Fair Share receipts = \$4,438.75 (17 Fraternities)

2nd Quarter 2021 Fair Share still due = \$250.00 (1 Fraternity)

3rd Quarter 2021 Fair Share receipts = \$4,030.00 (17 Fraternities)

3rd Quarter 2021 Fair Share still due = \$250.00 (1 Fraternity)

4th Quarter 2021 Fair Share receipts = \$3,006.25 (16 Fraternity)

4th Quarter 2021 Fair Share still due = \$1,756.25 (2 Fraternities)

Both investment funds have seen significant gains.

The General Fund is currently at 164% of the current budget.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Henning,

OFS, Regional Treasurer

Names and addresses of Fraternity Treasurers									Date	10/9/2021	As of	12/14/21			
2020 & 2021															
RED means OVER-Paid															
		2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021		
		4th Qtr Pd	3rd Qtr Pd	2nd Qtr Pd	1st Qtr Pd	4th Qtr Pd	3rd Qtr Pd	2nd Qtr Pd	1st Qtr Pd	4th Qtr Pd	3rd Qtr Pd	2nd Qtr Pd	1st Qtr Pd		
St. Francis Of Assisi Escanaba, MI	6503	125.00	125.00	125.00	125.00	200.00	0.00	St. Katharine Drexel Beaver Dam, WI 53916	65-11101	100.00	100.00	230.00	0.00	260.00	0.00
Treasurer:	10							Treasurer:	8						
Gemie Matusik OFS	0							Janice Teichler OFS	0						
111 N. 12th St. Apt. 101								108 Lake Shore Terrace	4						
Escanaba, MI 49829								Beaver Dam, WI 53916	0						
St. James Wausau, WI	6504	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	400.00	750.00	St. Ann Green Bay, WI	6514	206.25	206.25	162.50	250.00	400.00	0.00
Treasurer:	20							Treasurer:	16						
Patricia Steg, OFS	0							Don Paul Uremum, OFS	1						
St. James Fraternity OFS								1161 Oregon St.	16						
P.O. Box 334								Green Bay, WI 54301	1						
Wausau, WI 54402															
St. Anthony of Padua Marquette, MI	6505	225.00	225.00	225.00	205.00	380.00	0.00	Holy Innocents Manitowoc, WI	6515	125.00	125.00	175.00	175.00	280.00	0.00
Treasurer:	18							Treasurer:	10						
Rose Marie Maki OFS	0							Sharon Seft, OFS	0						
612 Brule Rd								1388 Irving Dr.	14						
Marquette, MI 49855-6267								Manitowoc, WI 54220-1610	0						
St. Anthony of Padua Marathon City, WI	6506	237.50	237.50	237.50	237.50	380.00	0.00	Sacred Heart Oshkosh, WI	6517	250.00	237.50	237.50	237.50	390.00	0.00
Treasurer:	19							Treasurer:	20						
Marta Wilkom, OFS	0							Dore Duthier, OFS	0						
2401 Meadowbrook Dr.								284 N. Campbell Rd., #A	16						
Marshfield, WI 54449								Oshkosh, WI 54902	1						
St. John Neumann Rhinelander, WI	6507	237.50	237.50	227.50	227.50	370.00	0.00	St. Pascal Baylon Burlington, WI	6521	0.00	581.25	593.75	593.75	900.00	581.25
Treasurer:	16							Treasurer:	44						
Joanne Guzik, OFS	6							Jan Mollas OFS	5						
P.O. Box 702								2431 South Rd.	46						
Rhinelander, WI 54501								Burlington, WI 53105	1						
St. Peter Stevens Point, WI	6508	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	St. Clare Greenfield, WI	6522	150.00	162.50	162.50	162.50	260.00	0.00
Treasurer:	5							Treasurer:	12						
Heidi Groms-OFs	0							Carol Nelson, OFS	0						
2838 Church St.								8171 S 120 St.	16						
Beaverton, OR 97005-6485								Hales Corner, WI 53130	0						
Queen of Heaven Wisconsin Rapids, WI	6510	93.75	106.25	106.25	118.75	190.00	0.00	St. Josephat Milwaukee, WI	6529	268.75	142.50	500.00	800.00	620.00	0.00
Treasurer:	7							Treasurer:	21						
Clark Devitt, OFS	1							Linda Faust, OFS	1						
2241 6th St. S.								6529 Greenfield Ln	21						
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54484								Owensville, WI 53129	1						
Our Lady Queen of the Unity Woodruff, WI	6511	518.75	431.25	468.75	393.75	520.00	0.00	Portioncula Franklin, WI	6534	162.50	175.00	200.00	180.00	360.00	0.00
Treasurer:	38							Treasurer:	14						
Renate Radmont OFS	0							Karen Peters, OFS	0						
6930 Partridge Rd								7710 S 51st St. Apt 101	16						
Lake Tomahawk, WI 54689								Franklin, WI 53130-9632	0						
St. Joseph Appleton, WI	6512	0.00	425.00	412.50	405.00	700.00	425.00	St. Francis Of Assisi Milwaukee, WI	10002	206.25	387.50	0.00	193.75	350.00	0.00
Treasurer:	34							Treasurer:	16						
Marion Rife, OFS	0							Cindy Wilder, OFS	1						
1500 Kenneth Ave								131 S 3rd Street	17						
Kaukaune, WI 54130								Oshkosh, WI 53070	1						
								St Elizabeth of Hungary Chippewa Falls, WI 54719	05-13701	100.00	125.00	125.00	162.50	280.00	0.00
								Treasurer:	8						
								Judy Huser, OFS	0						
								1210 Eden Rd	13						
								Sau Claire, WI 54653	0						
Totals															
First Column-professed	167	1,437.50	1,787.50	2,052.50	1,962.50	3,140.00	1,175.00	Second Column Totals		1,508.75	2,242.50	2,386.25	2,756.00	4,106.00	581.25
First Column-candidates	7														
Second Column-professed	169	1,568.75	2,242.50	2,386.25	2,755.00	4,106.00	581.25								
Second Column-candidates	8														
Grand Totals	351	3,006.25	4,030.00	4,438.75	4,717.50	7,246.00	1,756.25	Total Professed	336						
Total Collected all rows								Total Candidates	15						
Total Owed all rows						23,432.50	25,188.75	Total Members	351						

La Verna Regional Fraternity OFS					Approved	
STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSE					2020	Approved Ammended
FOR PERIODS ENDED DEC 31, 2021 and 2020					Budget	2021
	THIS YEAR	Budget	Budget	Approved		
	Y. T. D.	12 months period	Variance	Last Year	2020	2021
	2021	2021	Favorable	Actual	Budget	Budget
			(Unfavorable)	2020	22 Jun 2019	27 Jun 2020
BEGINNING BALANCES:						
REGULAR CHECKING -----	25,938.89			10,079.07		
RETREAT SUBSIDY FUND -----	3,838.08			3,838.08		
EDUCATION/TRAINING FUND -----	4,062.46			4,062.46		
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 -----	600.00			500.00		
TOTAL CASH ON HAND & IN BANKS -	84,986.43				69,026.61	
REVENUE:						
DONATIONS -----	1,813.20	376.25	1,436.95	916.20	4,515.00	4,515.00
FAIR SHARE FUND -----	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00
INT. RETREAT ENDOWMENT FUND	804.00	58.33	745.67	0.00	708.00	700.00
INTEREST EDUCATION FUND	804.00	58.33	745.67	0.00	708.00	700.00
SPECIAL MEMORIALS -----	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CHAPTER -----	0.00	138.67	(138.67)	0.00	1,664.00	1,664.00
FAIR SHARE -- 356 + 24 @ 80-40	15,392.50	2,456.67	12,935.83	28,030.00	29,440.00	29,480.00
SA WRKSP -----	0.00	127.08	(127.08)	0.00	1,525.00	1,525.00
INTEREST CUSTODIAL FUND -----	1,662.00	116.67	1,545.33	0.00	1,464.00	1,400.00
MISC & FORMATION WS INCOME -----	0.00	1.67	(1.67)	0.00	0.00	20.00
TOTAL REVENUE -----	20,475.70	3,333.67	17,142.03		29,046.20	40,024.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS -----	105,462.13				98,072.81	40,004.00
EXPENSES:						
			Favorable			
			(Unfavorable)			
STIPENDS & EXPENSES -----	2,350.38	250.00	(2,100.38)	1,300.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
RENT INCLUDING EQUIPMENT -----	507.50	41.67	(465.83)	500.00	500.00	500.00
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES -----	0.00	-	0.00	139.00	50.00	0.00
EDUCATION/TRAINING -----	0.00	316.67	316.67	1,400.00	3,585.00	3,800.00
MEETING ROOM & FACILITIES -----	1,115.00	16.67	(1,098.33)	0.00	200.00	200.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES -----	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	500.00	600.00
DONATIONS -----	0.00	208.33	208.33	1,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP -----	427.98	30.00	(397.98)	773.03	364.00	360.00
NEWSLETTER -----	0.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
TRAVEL EXP. & EXPENSES -----	2,684.11	817.98	(1,866.13)	750.35	9,983.72	9,815.72
FAIR SHARE TO OFS-USA ---368@17---	6,239.00	541.17	(5,697.83)	6,494.00	6,477.00	6,494.00
ANNUAL CHAPTER -----	0.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	5,800.00	6,000.00
VISITATION / ELECTION -----	2,146.57	208.33	(1,938.24)	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
RETREAT SUBSIDY -----	100.00	48.33	(51.67)	200.00	580.00	580.00
FAIR SHARE FUND	0.00	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SA WRKSP -----	0.00	247.58	247.58	0.00	1,997.00	2,971.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE -----	290.04	4.17	(285.87)	0.00	500.00	50.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS -----	15,860.58	3,330.90	(12,529.68)		13,056.38	39,136.72
GAIN OR (LOSS) FOR PERIOD ---	4,615.12	2.77	4,612.35		15,989.82	887.28
ENDING BALANCE -----	89,601.55				85,016.43	
CURRENT BALANCES:						
REGULAR CHECKING -----	28,946.01	164%		25938.89		
RETREAT SUBSIDY FUND -----	4,642.08			3838.08		
EDUCATION/TRAINING FUND -----	4,866.46			4062.46		
RETREAT / EDUCATION CATHOLIC FUND *--	25,000.00			25000.00		
CUSTODIAL FUND INVESTMENT (JC)-----	25,547.00			25547.00		
CASH ON HAND -----	0.00			0.00		
FAIR SHARE FUND -----	600.00			600.00		Outstanding
TOTAL CASH ON HAND & IN BANKS --	89,601.55			85016.43		Checks
CUSTODIAL FUND(5283)-JC bequest + St Pascal Baylon gift	35,117.87	5%	\$ 1,755.89	31951.54		
as of 10/31/21, last 12 mo = +27.79% Gain / (loss)	9,570.87			6404.54		
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FUND (5205) as of 10/31/21	33,982.00	5%	\$ 1,699.10	30917.86		
* St Francis of Assisi + Anonymous + REC						
Last 12 mo +27.79% Gain / (Loss)	8,982.00			5917.86		
Bob Henning, OFS, TREASURER	12/14/21					

Obituary notice



Peter J. Bekkers, OFS, age 87 of Greenville, WI passed away on December 16, 2021 surrounded by his loving family. Peter was an active member of St. Joseph Fraternity in Appleton, and served many years on his local fraternity council and La Verna Regional council as treasurer. He professed into the Secular Franciscan Order in 1960.

Peter was born on September 25, 1934 in Combined Locks, WI and grew up in Freedom, WI. On October 5, 1957 he married his best friend, Carol Nisler, OFS. Together they raised eight children. He joined St. Mary's Parish in Appleton, and immediately became involved with the church and school where all their children attended and from which all graduated.

He devoted his life to leaving the world a better place than when he came into it. His involvement continued wherever he and Carol could be of help. Peter loved: first his God, second his wife, family and friends, and third his country, in that order.

Peter had his own business doing public accounting and preparing personal and business tax returns from their home for over 50 years until he sold the business in 1998. He remained active working as an employee during the transition until mid-2003. He co-founded The National Association of Tax Professionals (NATP) in 1979 serving on its board of directors for 14 ½ years and was a charter member.

He promised himself that he would spend his retirement years living life to the fullest. He took every opportunity to help people and serve the Secular Franciscans. His biggest joy was spending time with his wife and family whom he loved and cherished so very much.

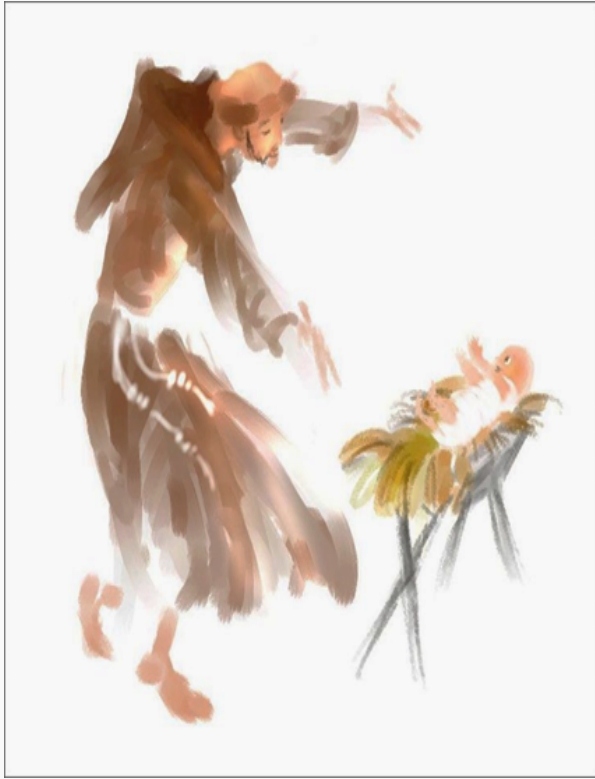
At La Verna Regional Chapter meetings, Peter would first begin his annual treasurer's report with a kind joke or humorous story which made the listeners smile, laugh, and sometimes even applaud.

He sang with the Appleton MacDowell Male Chorus, the Resurrection Choir in Appleton, volunteered at the Thompson Senior Center, Theda Clark Hospital Auxiliary, and was involved with the Fox Valley Warming Shelter, Inc., Widows of Prayer, Beacon of Hope. He enjoyed traveling with Carol. Together they've traveled through all 50 states as well as many countries in Europe, Asia and Africa.

Peter is survived by his wife, Carol, and his children and grandchildren.

Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Greenville on Wednesday, December 22nd with Fr. Michael Warden presiding. Committal was in the parish cemetery following the service.

Merry Christmas



Only the first Christmas took place
in a stable.

Every Christmas since then takes
place in human hearts.

Only the first Christmas recorded
the birth of Christ in Bethlehem.

Every Christmas since then
records the birth of Christ in us.

In silence we ponder ...

“The Word was made flesh,
and dwelt among us.”