

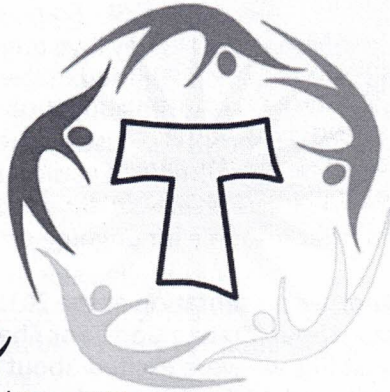


LA VERNA SFO REGION

# La Verna Vision

Be the Bridge to Fraternal Life **FALL 2015**

## Life in Fraternity



by Ed Boss, OFS,  
La Verna Regional Spiritual Assistant

### Delights & Shadows of Your Presence

One of my attractions to being a Secular Franciscan is the sense of belonging. Our OFS article 24 asks that the fraternity offer its members opportunities for coming together and collaborating through gatherings and involvements.

During my initial formation, I felt genuine openness from professed members; they accepted me even with all my delights and shadows. And in our postmodern world where interpersonal relations have become superficial, belonging to a fraternity gave me a sense of spiritual identity. I'm learning even the meek and humble fraternal relationships braids and broadens a wisdom which leads into prayers, retreats, OFS council position, and attentive listening. Such fraternal chords and harmonies of personal commitments bless us to compass our guidelines: love God with all our heart, walk in the footsteps of Jesus within a Franciscan manner, and live daily conversion. However, this wonderful communion may not happen without one very important factor: regular attendance.

Just seeing a member's presence at gatherings enables solidarity, not to mention taking the time to sit and talk about what is going on their gospel-centered lives. We may learn about Jesus over a cup of coffee or by working together on an ongoing formation presentation. This is the way our faith journeys from person to person, and eventually happiness comes out of one and welcomes another. Our personal presence touches a life as it rests between friends. Spending a meeting or gathering together puts us in touch not only

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with the Holy Spirit, but also allows members to companion us.

I imagine that the writers of our OFS General Constitution article 30.2 sensed the importance of co-responsibility, stating the need for regular participation. The Franciscan way of life begins in, is nurtured on, and blossoms out of our Franciscan regular gatherings. Absent members miss important OFS information shared during each gathering which help make quality decisions.

Our OFS Constitution article 53.3 reads that "appropriate initiative should be adopted according to ... "keep brothers and sisters united to the fraternity who—for valid reasons of health, family, work, or distance—cannot actively participate in community life." Now how about that. In layman's language, this constitution article asks us to vacate our comfort zone and be with you in home, hospital, or coffee at McDonalds. We each need to see that spark in your eyes, shadow in your frown, delight in your voice; we need that strength calling on strength. We need our search for Christ through your presence.

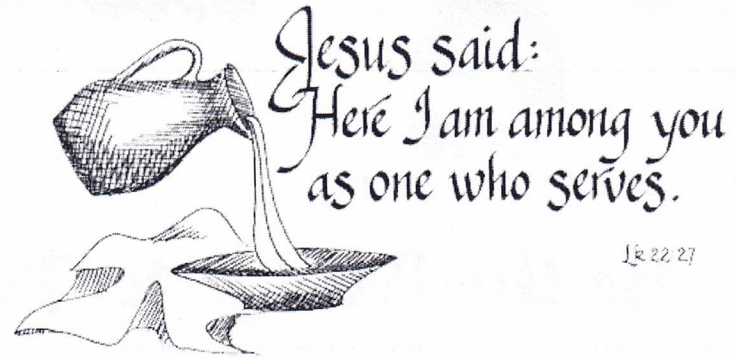
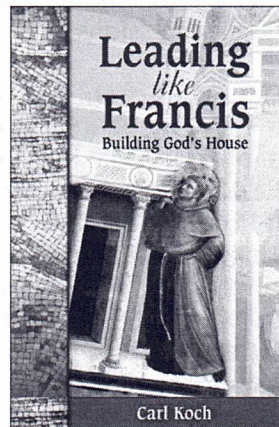
# Vice Minister Report

My brothers and sisters in St. Francis. 2015 has been a difficult year for the La Verna Regional Executive Council. The health issues that our Regional Spiritual Assistant, Ed Boss, OFS, and our Regional Minister, Jim Carlson, OFS, faced and continue to deal with, dealt a challenge to the REC. It was great to have Ed back again at the 2015 La Verna Chapter in Marathon City. Ed brings much knowledge and composure to the REC and the Region as a whole. Jim continues to recover from his surgery and battle with cancer and is on a "leave of absence" until he feels up to resuming his position as Minister. Please continue to keep both of them and the rest of the REC in your prayers.

The theme of the 2015 District Gatherings was Servant Leadership. We are all called as Secular Franciscan to be servant leaders in our indifferent world. During the District Gatherings we viewed a DVD entitled "New Council Formation" which discussed Models of Leadership. Thanks to Bob Crane, OFS, we made extra copies of this DVD for the Fraternities that lost, misplaced or never received one. I encourage all local Fraternity councils to view and discuss the items presented on this DVD. A Formation team consisting of Bob Henning, OFS; Bob Crane, OFS; Ed Boss, OFS; Elsa Ruscoe, OFS; Sharon Dale, OFS; and Jeff Gumz, OFS has been formed to help any Fraternity with this process. Members of this team are willing to visit newly elected councils to help train them on the nuts and bolts of Council Leadership. The team is also willing to meet with current, struggling councils to help out also. The Team would use sections of the "New Council Formation" DVD and supporting documents to train new and struggling councils. After the 2015 Chapter, all local fraternities now have this DVD. Let's put these resources to good use and not let the DVD collect dust.

Also at the District Gatherings, our Regional Formation Director Barb Spies, OFS, contrasted traditional leadership styles with servant leadership and then gave wonderful examples of servant leadership from Christ, St. Francis and St. Clare. For example Christ said, "and whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all," while St. Francis pointed out, "And whoever comes to them, friend or foe, thief or robber, should be received with kindness." If we take some time to ponder the gospels and the words of St. Francis we will discover other examples of Servant Leadership.

The theme of Servant Leadership continued at our 2015 Chapter with a presentation by Carl Koch, entitled "Leading Like Francis." Carl is a speaker, retreat leader, writer, spiritual director and consultant on servant leadership development who lives in Minocqua, WI with his wife, Joyce. Carl defined basic leadership as "leaders influence people to do something." But



servant leaders like St. Francis of Assisi go beyond that definition because they love their followers and respect their dignity as persons formed in the image of God. Because I am a teacher, my favorite quote from Carl's talk was, "If you want to control someone, destroy the education system." Copies of Carl's latest book, "Leading Like Francis: Building God's House," were available for purchase. Carl's book could be another resource for ongoing council formation.

Another presentation at the 2015 Chapter was Sharon Dale's talk about "Dating God." For Sharon, Dating=Relationships – Just like we were excited about knowing more about a new girlfriend or boyfriend when we were younger, we should also have that same excitement about growing closer to God. Sharon also referred to the writings of Duns Scotus citing *haecceitas* – this-ness or "human-ness" – as God's plan for our existence in a world with us at the center of God's love for each one of us

Susan Spencer, OFS, shared a wonderful PowerPoint presentation about OFS websites. She demonstrated how to navigate the different levels of websites (local, regional, national and international). News Flash for your local Formation Director and Council - There is a ton of information on formation if you take the time to browse these websites.

Barb Spies, OFS, spoke about "The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton: A New Look at the Spiritual Inspiration of His Life, Thought, and Writing." During her presentation Barb had each of us draw a Spiritual Life Map as a way to know our True Self which created great discussion.

A highlight of the 2015 Chapter was the presentation of the Beaver Dam group who are all ready to make a profession. Thanks to everyone for providing the Beaver Dam group with such a warm welcome.

I would like to thank everyone for the kind words and encouragement as I tried to fill Jim's shoes during the Chapter.

**Peace and Joy!**

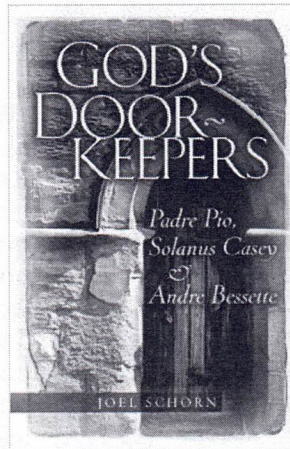
Jeff Gumz, OFS  
Vice Minister  
La Verna Region

# Book Reports

Submitted by Teri Doughty, OFS,  
Sacred Heart Fraternity, Oshkosh, WI

**GOD'S DOOR-KEEPERS** by Joel Schorn  
Paperback, 150 pages, published by St. Anthony Messenger Press

This book is about three religious men: Padre Pio, Solanus Casey, and Andre Bessette. Two of the three were actual doorkeepers - Solanus Casey and Andre Bessette. Padre Pio is included because he helped people with spiritual direction, a sort of doorkeeper of the confessional, guiding people through the doorways of holiness.

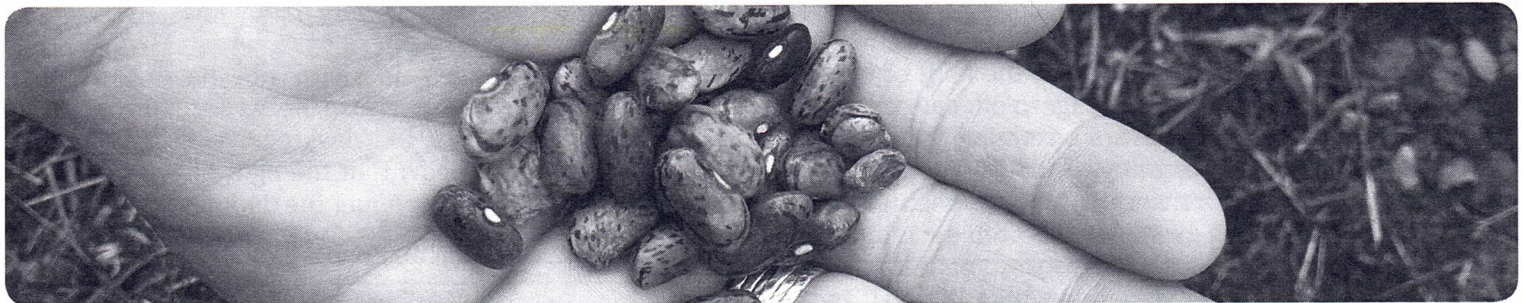
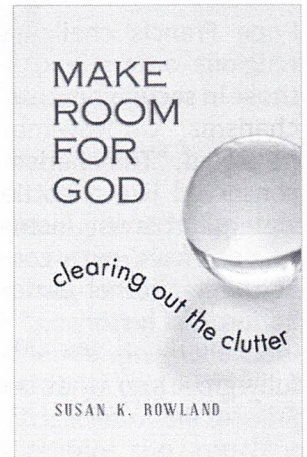


All three grew up in humble circumstances, suffered poor health and were treated unfairly by their peers. None achieved academic distinction or prominent positions in their religious orders, yet even today they continue to inspire those seeking spiritual healing.

Joel Schorn intertwines the stories of these three miracle workers in this very interesting and easy-to-read book.

**MAKE ROOM FOR GOD: Clearing Out the Clutter**  
by Susan K. Rowland  
Paperback, 128 pages, published by St. Anthony Messenger Press

The author takes us on her own journey of self-discovery and self-simplifying in this comprehensive little book to help us simplify and unclutter our lives and more importantly, our spirits. She tackles everything from how to let go of all the extra "stuff" we can't seem to live without, to feelings of discontent, anger, jealousy and bitterness that seem to possess us as well. Susan defines "stuff" as not only the physical clutter, but also obligations, duties, commitments and responsibilities that interfere with our well-being and therefore our spiritual lives. Our earthly life is practice for the eternity we will spend together. After each chapter, Susan has questions for reflection and an activities section, listing things we can do that have to do with that particular chapter. I really found this book to be helpful in a very concrete and understandable fashion. By following many of the suggestions, I found that all the things on my to-do list were so much more doable and less frustrating. I'm not finished yet, but I'm on my way!



## Only a Seed

"Only a Seed," we hear the Lord say,  
To work His wonders around.  
Do we use this seed to serve Him  
Or just throw it on arid ground?

Only a seed is all it takes  
To create a world in His Love,  
By bringing His Peace wherever we trod,  
And uniting us to heaven above.

To help that seed to grow and bear fruit,  
We need not conquer or overthrow,  
Or win battles with armies and kingdoms;  
Just serving Him will help it grow.

Inside our soul is that seed waiting,  
Watered by His Spirit and Grace;  
Do not allow the seed to die;  
Let it sprout into the perfect place.

That place in our soul which God has divined  
Serving the sick, the poor, those in need.  
Our lives will then know the power of God,  
When we bloom in full love - from only a seed.

Poet Ellen Jennings, OFS, is formation  
director with Portiuncula Fraternity  
located at in Franklin, WI.



# The Light of One Candle Will Always Conquer the Darkness

by Lee Ann Niebuhr, OFS

Pope Francis challenged those in religious orders, and by extension, those in secular orders to grow in our charisms. On November 7th, 2014, he stated, "The charism is not to be conserved like a bottle of distilled water, but must instead be made to bear fruit, with courage, placed at the service of current reality, of cultures, of history . . ." Pope Francis is challenging all of us to more fully grow into what it means to be Franciscan.



While it is important to know what being Franciscan is all about, we need to apply what we learn at fraternity gatherings, what we learn through books about Francis and what we learn from one another to our daily lives. In our prayers, in our thoughts, but most particularly in our actions, we are to reveal the unconditional love of God. While we need to have dynamic initial and ongoing formation programs, those books and discussions we have are not an end in themselves. If they don't lead us to daily conversion, then our time in formation needs a second look.

Remember, being Franciscan is not for the faint of heart; it takes a tremendous amount of courage to offer an alternative world view. Right now people are becoming more bleak in their attitude about our current world situations. Indeed, there is cause for great concern. While we weep and pray

for those in the Middle East and other places who are being killed in horrible ways for their faith, we need to look at our own lives also.

We take prisoners when we gossip about others; we destroy hope when we tell a lie; we kill the spirit of the last, the least and the lost when we may help them financially but don't open our hearts to them. When we are wounded by another, do we offer them a second chance? Are we willing to put our own agendas, needs and wants on the Cross, so others can have more love, more comfort, more peace, more wisdom, more grace, and more joy?

Being Franciscan means loving God with all our mind, heart and soul. As

we grow in our charism, we open our lives to God's will, and see in each situation a potential for Redemption. In other words . . . we grow in our ability to trust in God while we work diligently to offer our lives in the role of active peacemakers, in gentle loving of those who seem unlovable, in giving the gift of hope when all seems so very dark.

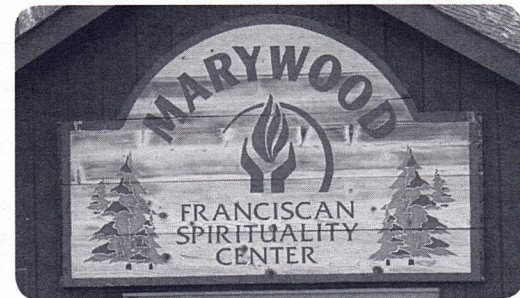
Pope Francis challenges us all to not have a distilled, watered-down, passive Franciscan life. As Seculars our role is to offer an alternative way of living, to never succumb to the darkness because we know that the light of even the most feeble candle will always conquer the darkness.

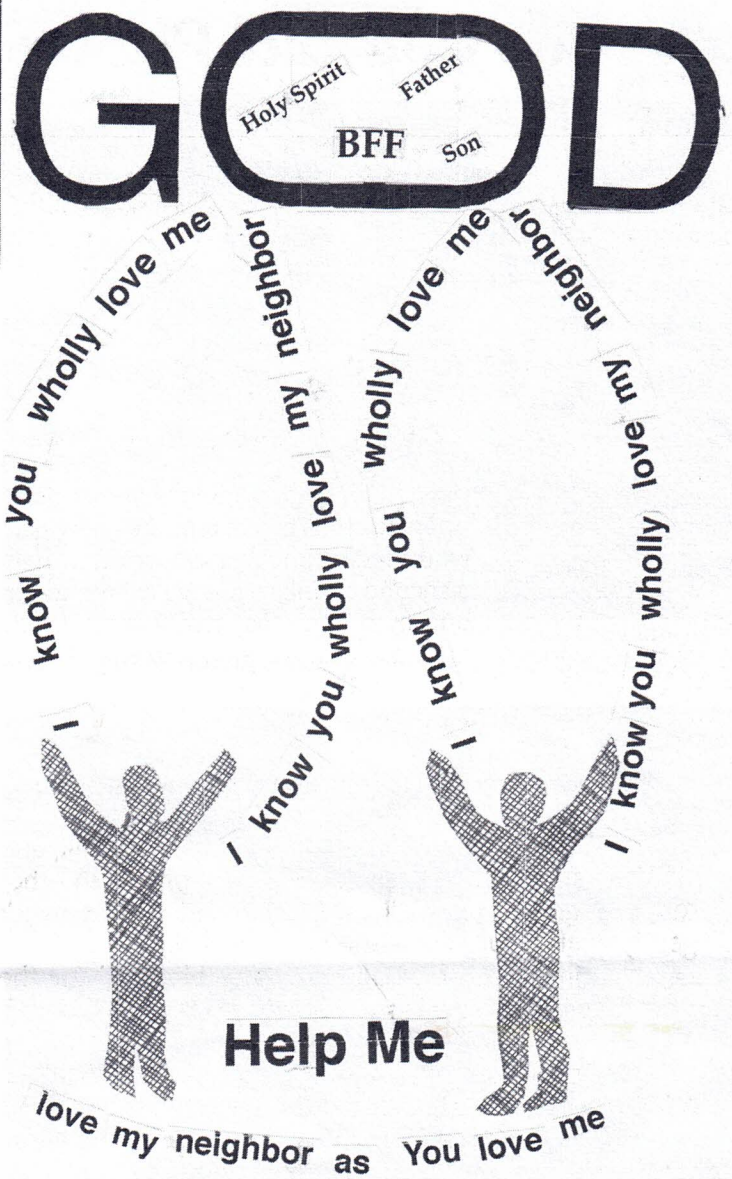
## About Marywood

The Marywood Franciscan Spirituality Center is located in Arbor Vitae, WI about 8 miles north of Woodruff on Highway 51 and has been the location of the annual LaVerna Region major planning meeting for the past 9 years. The property was known in 1926 as the Meade Resort until 1946 when it was purchased by Cylda and Clara McAllister. It then became known as McAllister's Lodge or McAllister's Leaning Pines Resort. It was purchased by the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration (FSPA) in 1966 and since then has been the center for the northern province of FSPA until 1985 when it became the center of the FSPA Eastern Region until 1998. The foundation for Marywood becoming a spirituality center began in 1992 and was approved in 1993. Marywood Spirituality Center is one of five centers sponsored by the FSPA. It is devoted to those seeking meaning and support in their spiritual journeys.

Since 2006 the Regional Council has had a major meeting during which plans were laid for the following year's

Districts and Chapter gatherings. Items discussed would be dates, locations of Districts, who would present the topics, guest speakers and themes just to mention some of subjects. Regular Council meetings are only one day and just about 5 hours long which does not allow for much discussion or many topics. It was decided to have a major planning meeting that would be during a weekend which would afford the Council enough time to thoroughly discuss and plan for the different events of the following year. This has worked very well for the Regional Executive Council (REC).





Art from the November 2014 edition of "Crossed Arms," the Fox Valley Secular Franciscan newsletter



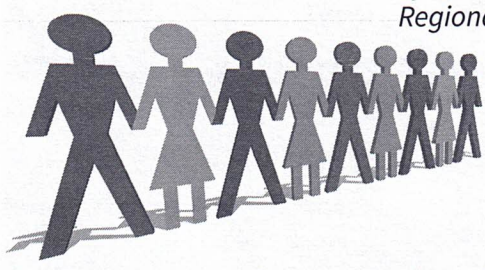
## Cancelled Stamps

St. James Fraternity collected cancelled stamps for Burlington Missions for more than 20 years to help their cause. They box them up and are paid by the pound. One year we had 30 pounds for them. Then they are sorted, put in bags, and sold in hobby stores such as Michaels or to stamp collectors.

The Portiuncula Fraternity learned of this ministry from Lila Thornton. With Lila's direction they now collect cancelled stamps for the Burlington Missions. It is easy and they feel they are contributing to the missions.

## So Many Resources!

by Barb Spies, OFS,  
Regional Formation Director



Sometimes it's easy for us to just continue to do things the same way we always have. It's not that we don't want to offer our best. It's just that our lives are busy and doing a new thing takes more effort. I have the special joy of teaching university students. Each semester there is always that one student who does something extraordinary. This semester it was the student who taught us the intricacies of 3-D printing for her informative speech. She had samples, she brought in the printer, she had video, she had images, all of which made for an outstanding speech. She could have gone with the standard format and just chosen one way of presenting her ideas, PowerPoint being the most common approach. But, she went all out. The class loved her work and she left the room knowing that she had offered them information that they were able to grasp in a manner they hadn't been able to before her speech.

I know that approaching formation at fraternal gatherings can be something that I do with great excitement or something that I do as just another thing on my list for that week. But, I really want it to be the first approach more often than the second. Jumping into things in a new way is something that helps make a difference. I have realized along the way that there are so many resources for me to turn to in planning Initial and Ongoing Formation for our emerging fraternity. Sure, we have standard approaches with certain books that we use. But, when we go outside those sources, we can liven up the formation parts of our gathering. Many times it's as simple as opening up that huge FUN Manual. There are so many ideas within those pages. One thing I like to do is use the actual binder for my hunt, then find that page on the electronic pdf copy so that I can cut and paste it into my outline of what I'm doing for the evening. Let's say our topic in formation refers to a certain aspect of the Franciscan Family. I can find something in the FUN manual that will coordinate with that topic and include it in the discussion. I might use the image of the Franciscan Family tree to make copies and share.

The FUN Manual is a treasure trove of resources. Including tidbits here and there in formation adds to the discussion, offers important information about the Order to our gatherings, and provides a simple way to talk about subjects that we otherwise might not have remembered to share. It's a huge resource, so it's kind of hard to forget that it is there. But, just in case, I want to remind us all that the FUN Manual is a beautiful collection of content that we can make use of every time our fraternity gathers.

# October 2014 Regional Executive Council Photos



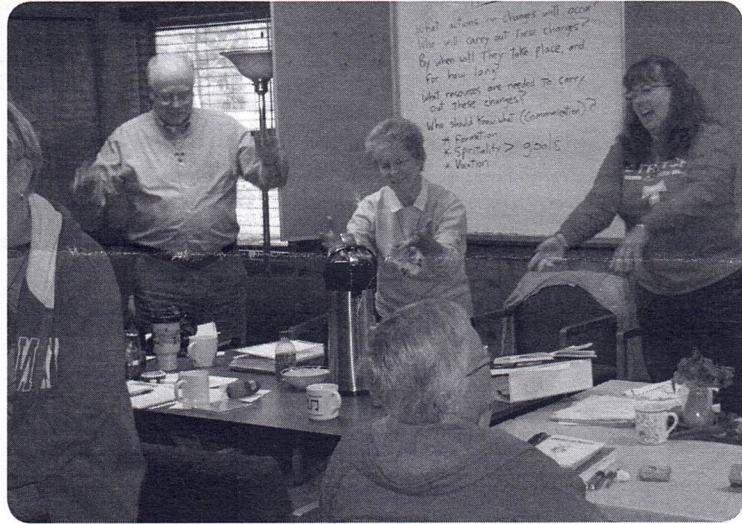
*La Verna Region Executive Council*



*Beautiful Trout Lake*



*A different perspective of a tree*



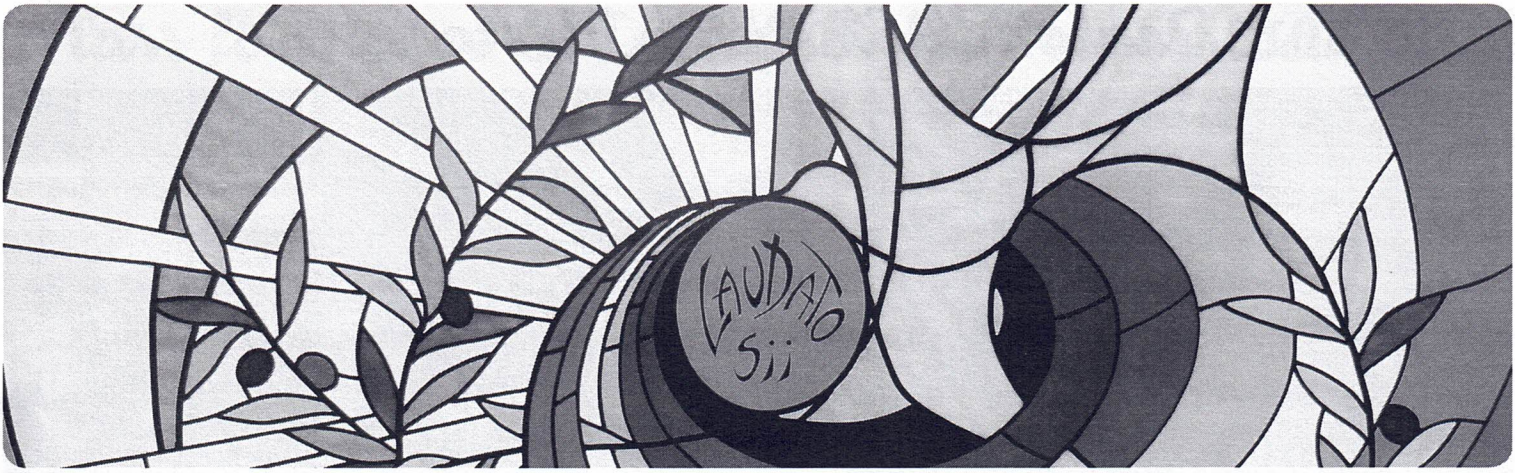
*Let's all do the Hokey Pokey!*

## Regional Executive Council

**James Carlson**, Minister  
**Jeff Gumz**, Vice Minister  
**Ed Boss**, Spiritual Assistant  
**Lee Ann Niebuhr**, Spiritual Assistant  
**Elsa Ruscoe**, Treasurer  
**Kathy Sutliff**, Secretary  
**Teri Doughty**, Councilor  
**Sharon Dale**, Councilor  
**Peter Bekkers**, Councilor  
**Bob Crane**, Councilor  
**Barbara Spies**, Formation Director



*A joyful council gathering*



## A Christian Prayer in Unity with Creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures. They came forth from your all-powerful hand; they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

*Praise be to you!*

Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made. You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.

*Praise be to you!*

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good.

*Praise be to you!*

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you. Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made. Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live.

The poor and the earth are crying out. O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.

*Praise be to you!*  
**Amen.**

*Prayer from Laudato Si, Pope Francis' encyclical letter on the care of creation, given on May 24, 2015.*



## Serving Veterans



The Portiuncula Fraternity of Franklin, Wisconsin recently began a supportive connection with the Voluntary Services Office at the VA Medical Center of Milwaukee. Stephanie, the director of the department, saw a need for an outpatient group of veterans in therapy for various handicaps and of meager financial means especially at the end of the month. Her suggestion to us was to provide a healthy lunch for these veterans on the last Monday of

the month. Our initial venture was a success of having over 30 veterans being served. We now expect more veterans to make it to their last therapy session of the month knowing our Fraternity will be there with a healthy lunch. In this small way, we are grateful to serve the men and women who served us through their service to our country.

*Submitted by Suzanne McKinney, OFS*

# June 2015 Regional Chapter Photo



at St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon, WI

## Blessing of Saint Clare



May the God of gentleness be with you,  
caressing you with sunlight and rays.

May God turn his sight on you  
to warm all in you that is hurt or lonely.  
May the blessing of gentleness be on you.

May the God of compassion be with you,  
holding you close when you are weary,  
and hurt and alone, when there is rain in your heart.  
May you be the warm hands and warm eyes of compassion  
for your friends when they reach out to you in need.  
May the blessing of compassion be on you.

May the God of peace be with you,  
stilling your heart filled with fear or doubt or confusion.  
May your peace, the warm mantle of your peace,  
cover whatever is in you or thers that is troubled or anxious.  
May the blessing of peace be with you.

May the God of love be with you,  
listening to you, telling you secrets, giving to you,  
drawing you close as you tremble on the edge.  
May God's love glow in your eyes and meet God's love  
glowing in the eyes of all.  
May the blessing of love be on you.



## Airport Chapel

The creation of an Chapel at Mitchell International Airport will be a haven for travelers and employees. When built, this Chapel will join the 150 world-wide Airport Chapels.

One way to help obtain funds is to use "Smile Amazon." The Chapel has been accepted as one of their many non-profits to receive a percentage of each purchase.

It is simple procedure-go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and select the Interfaith Airport Chapel of Milwaukee as your recipient.

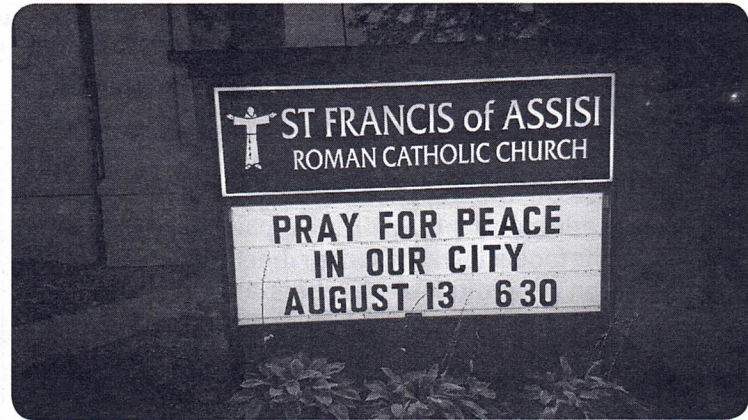
The Portiuncula Fraternity is proud to be a part of this inspiring project and you can as well.



# Mass for Peace & Candlelight Procession

Secular Franciscans from St. Josaphat Fraternity were among the hundreds who joined Archbishop Jerome ListECKI on August 13 for a Mass for Peace and candlelight vigil to stop the violence on the streets of Milwaukee.

*Photos submitted by Kurt Keidl, OFS.*



# Financial Report from 2015 Chapter

submitted by Elsa Ruscoe, Chapter Treasurer



The proposed budget for 2016 reflects activity which is expected for next year. For example we budgeted 21 visitors to the 2016 Chapter, we are anticipating an increase in members for Fair Share, and the sale of 4 of the Fraternity record books. On the expense side we foresee inviting 3 speakers in addition to the stipends paid to the Spiritual Assistants. The food allowance for our meetings has increased in anticipation of additional members attending. We have added a new category for the Spiritual Assistants workshop which will be held every year and made it a separate listing. We do not currently have a printer for the Vision newsletter from the region, hence we approximated the amount for that entry. We had 13,139 miles traveled by our Regional Executive council for various trips and the reimbursement for that has been added. There is also an anticipation of 43 members of the Regional Fraternity attending the Chapter next year as well as a visit from the NAFRA council for our Fraternal Visitation. This budget was approved and will be our guide for 2016.

The revenue and expenses from 2014 were also reviewed and accepted. We received over \$3800 in donations from the REC members, and our interest for the year for the retreat endowment fund and the education fund was \$1369 which is 5% of the total amount of that fund. The Fair Share totaled over \$21700, however, I had to remind the ministers and treasurers that we needed to have accurate counts for all active and excused members as well as all candidates. The candidates start being assessed \$25.00 this year and we need to have an accurate count of them as well. The member numbers have to match what we send into NAFRA at the end of the year. Please be sure to refer to your year-end report and compare it to your actual membership. Although there are additions and subtractions during the year, at the end of the year the report needs to match what is being sent on to NAFRA. The assessment which we send you should equal your membership list of active and active excused members.

## 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET

	12 Months Budget 2015	Last YR total 2014	YTD Est. For Budget	Proposed 2016 Budget	
<b>REVENUE:</b>					
DONATIONS -----	0.00	3,000.00	3821.35	2,771.20	3,000.00
INTEREST INCOME & CASH BK BONUS-	0.00	250.00	35.37	250.00	250.00
INT. RETREAT ENDOWMENT FUND	0.00	625.00	684.50	670.00	625.00
INTEREST EDUCATION FUND	0.00	625.00	684.50	700.00	625.00
SPECIAL MEMORIALS -----	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00	850.00
CHAPTER -----	0.00	1,500.00	1204.00	1,204.00	1,500.00
FAIR SHARE ----- -424 @ 50-	0.00	21,200.00	21722.50	19,000.00	22,850.00
SA WORKSHOP	0.00				250.00
MISC INCOME -----	0.00	650.00	455.95	556.00	156.00
TOTAL REVENUE -----		28,950.00	28,608.17	26,251.20	30,106.00
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					
STIPENDS -----	0.00	2650.00	3125.00	3,125.00	2,900.00
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES -----	0.00	500.00	406.00	728.00	750.00
EDUCATION/TRAINING -----	0.00	1625.00	25.00	1,155.00	625.00
MEETING ROOM & FACILITIES -----	0.00	1200.00	1255.00	100.00	150.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES -----	0.00	75.00	208.86	95.96	150.00
DONATIONS -----	0.00	100.00	70.00	70.00	100.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP -----	0.00	360.00	774.97	360.00	360.00
NEWSLETTER -----	0.00	1800.00	1853.40	1,800.00	1,756.00
TRAVEL EXP -----	0.00	9082.00	8754.95	7,620.71	8,340.00
FAIR SHARE TO NAFRA -----	0.00	7208.00	7310.00	8,172.50	8,200.00
ANNUAL CHAPTER -----	0.00	3150.00	5047.81	5,040.00	5,100.00
VISITATION / ELECTION -----	0.00	500.00	641.00	350.00	750.00
RETREAT SUBSIDY -----	0.00	625.00	235.00	235.00	625.00
SAWkshop					250.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE -----	0.00	50.00	400.00	0.00	50.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS -----		28,950.00	30,106.99	28,852.17	30,106.00

**La Verna Regional Fraternity SFO**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUE & EXPENSE**  
**FOR PERIODS ENDED DEC 31, 2014**

	THIS YEAR Y. T. D. 2014	12 Months Budget 2014	Budget Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	LAST YEAR TOTAL 2013	6/29/2013 Approved Budget 2014
<b>BEGINNING BALANCES:</b>					
REGULAR CHECKING -----	4,106.59			3,669.83	
RETREAT SUBSIDY FUND -----	2,577.72			2,500.31	
EDUCATION/TRAINING FUND -----	369.20			674.00	
RETREAT/EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FD ---	25,000.00			16,924.15	
INVESTMENT SAVINGS CD-----	0.00			4,994.55	
VISA CREDIT CARD -----	(97.04)			(674.64)	
CASH ON HAND -----	0.00			50.00	
<b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND &amp; IN BANKS -</b>	<b>31,956.47</b>	-		<b>28,138.20</b>	
<b>REVENUE:</b>					
DONATIONS -----	3,821.35	3,000.00	821.35	3262.43	3,000.00
INTEREST INCOME & CASH BK BONUS-	35.37	250.00	(214.63)	146.95	250.00
INT. RETREAT ENDOWMENT FUND	684.50	625.00	59.50	359.91	625.00
INTEREST EDUCATION FUND	684.50	625.00	59.50	0.00	625.00
SPECIAL MEMORIALS -----	0.00	1,100.00	(1,100.00)	10020.00	1,100.00
CHAPTER -----	1,204.00	1,500.00	(296.00)	1991.72	1,500.00
FAIR SHARE -----424 @ 50-	21,722.50	21,200.00	522.50	18802.50	21,200.00
MISC INCOME -----	480.95	650.00	(169.05)	919.00	650.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE -----</b>	<b>28,633.17</b>	<b>28,950.00</b>	<b>(316.83)</b>	<b>35,502.51</b>	<b>28,950.00</b>
<b>TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS -----</b>	<b>60,589.64</b>			<b>63,640.71</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>					
STIPENDS -----	3,125.00	2,650.00	(475.00)	2900.00	2,650.00
RENT INCLUDING EQUIPMENT -----	0.00	25.00	25.00	50.00	25.00
MATERIALS & SUPPLIES -----	728.00	500.00	(228.00)	510.23	500.00
EDUCATION/TRAINING -----	25.00	1,625.00	1,600.00	2140.70	1,625.00
MEETING ROOM & FACILITIES -----	1,255.00	1,200.00	(55.00)	1000.00	1,200.00
OFFICE SUPPLIES -----	208.86	75.00	(133.86)	89.52	75.00
DONATIONS -----	70.00	100.00	30.00	0.00	100.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXP -----	774.97	360.00	(414.97)	537.24	360.00
NEWSLETTER -----	1,853.40	1,800.00	(53.40)	1222.87	1,800.00
TRAVEL EXP -----	8,754.95	9,082.00	327.05	8285.53	9,082.00
FAIR SHARE TO NAFRA -----	7,310.00	7,208.00	(102.00)	7225.00	7,208.00
ANNUAL CHAPTER -----	5,047.81	3,150.00	(1,897.81)	5946.75	3,150.00
VISITATION / ELECTION -----	641.00	500.00	(141.00)	1021.90	500.00
RETREAT SUBSIDY -----	235.00	625.00	390.00	282.50	625.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE -----	78.00	50.00	(28.00)	472.00	50.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS -----</b>	<b>30,106.99</b>	<b>28,950.00</b>	<b>(1,156.99)</b>	<b>31,684.24</b>	<b>28,950.00</b>
<b>GAIN OR (LOSS) FOR PERIOD ---</b>	<b>(1,473.82)</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>(1,473.82)</b>	<b>3,818.27</b>	-
<b>ENDING BALANCE -----</b>	<b>30,482.65</b>			<b>31,956.47</b>	
<b>CURRENT BALANCES:</b>					
REGULAR CHECKING -----	2,770.73			4106.59	
RETREAT SUBSIDY FUND -----	2,342.72			2577.72	
EDUCATION/TRAINING FUND -----	344.20			369.20	
RETREAT / EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FD ** --	25,000.00			25000.00	
	0.00			0.00	
VISA CREDIT CARD -----	0.00			(97.04)	
CASH ON HAND -----	25.00			0.00	
<b>TOTAL CASH ON HAND &amp; IN BANKS --</b>	<b>30,482.65</b>			<b>31,956.47</b>	

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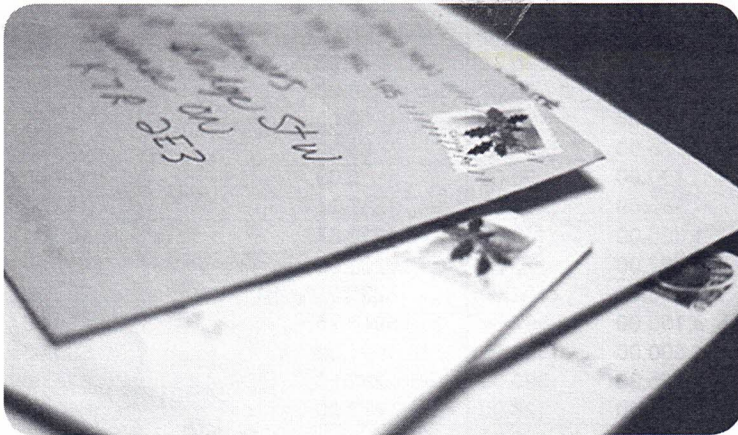
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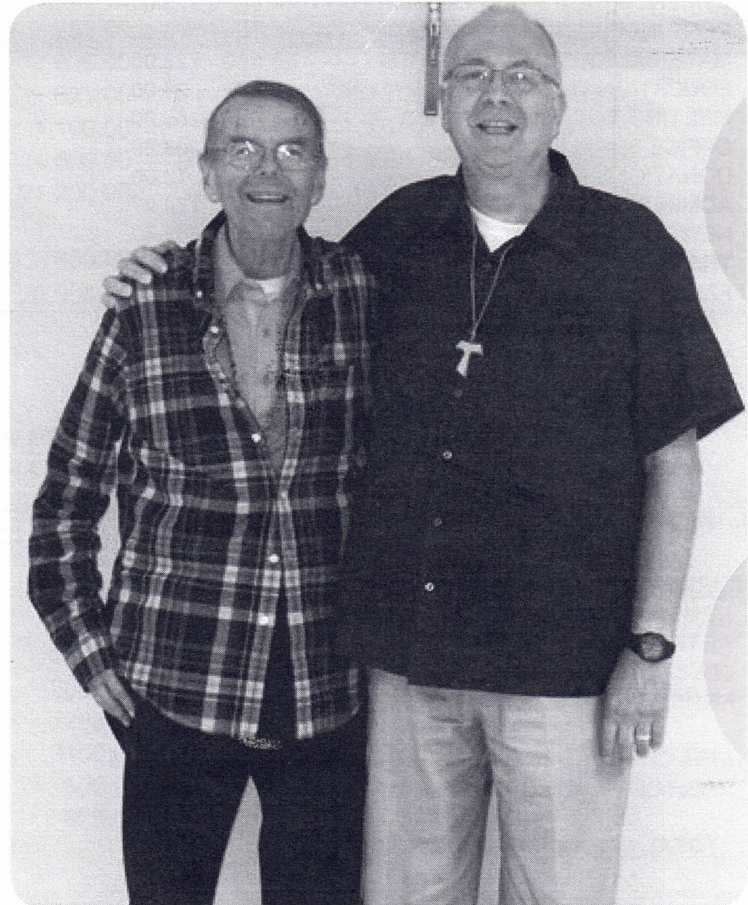
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## ***A Way to Stay Connected to Homebound Members***

We send our homebound secular members copies of the liturgy, Father Hugh, our priest liaison, prepared for that day, any new prayers, or items of interest, also a stamped, self addressed envelope in the event they wish to contribute to the fraternity. This keeps them “connected” to the fraternity.

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