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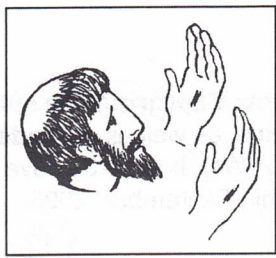
A Action

U Unity

The theme chosen by the LaVerna Regional Council for the next three years is:

We are people of the **TAU**. St. Francis selected the sign of the **TAU** as the symbol of his vocation and that of his followers. He marked the places he lived and the letters he wrote with the **TAU**. May we wear it as a sign of the Gospel life we have professed to live.

This year the focus will be on **Transformation**. Benet Fonck, O.F.M writes in a statement for the 16th Quinquennial Congress that the **TAU** cross is a sign that one is chosen, sent forth, and empowered by God to be a new crusader, committed to **Transformation** in our own day. **Transformation** suggests "change" and "conversion". Let us recall some of the **Transforming** moments of our own lives. Let us think about some changes we might engage in that would make a difference in the lives around us. How has the **Transforming** power of Christ entered into our lives?



Ministers View:

-- Option to setting Goals - Living a spontaneous life!

Our lives are so busy these days. We seem to come and go so very quickly that we seldom take time to "smell the roses", to enjoy and take the opportunity when it comes to us. In our personal lives, family lives and our social lives, everything seems to have a time factor to how, when and what will get done. We are always on a rush - rush pace to accomplish things. Do we really think of the opportunities that are there?

It seems that we are told to set goals. Goals to achieve, to get ahead in work environment, and yes goals in our prayer life. Do we set goals in our lives for personal, family or spiritual reasons? Do these goals keep us fulfilled? Do these goals gain what we really want from life that will gain us access to eternal life?

"There is no doubt in my mind that we Franciscans have an incredible gift to share. We have values that are desperately needed on our world today. We are the ones who, like Francis, can embrace the excluded as well as the wealthy. We can live and value the simple life rather than consumerism. We value the gifts of all, and reverence the God in all of creation. Many speakers reminded us of the necessity of constantly asking ourselves, are we allowing the poor, the excluded, the marginalized, the lepers of our day to transform us? Do we open ourselves to this conversion? Are we really following the path of Francis, who experienced conversion because he was

willing to risk embracing that which he had feared?" (Donna Graham, OSF

- The Newsletter /St.John the Baptist Province OFM.)

We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned and set goals for, so as to have the life that is waiting for us as our final reward. We know those who are affected by the goals we set. Sometimes it is a good thing but sometimes it is not. Do our goals set our actions or do our actions set our goals? Are we allowing ourselves to be available to all in need of what we chose as our Gospel Life? Our lives have been changed by circumstances that weren't on the planning calendar. All the planning and goal setting does not take us in the direction we should be going in. We may need to re-evaluate what it is we are to be doing with the time the Holy Spirit has allotted to us.

When we set goals for ourselves we lose the option of acting on the spur of the moment. Being able to act spontaneously means we are open for any opportunity that comes along. Allowing ourselves to be open to what the Spirit brings to us as encounters day by day. Setting goals to action does not allow us to be available. We sometimes lose focus on what is reality and only see the task that we have set to be done. Erase all planned goals and allow us to be open to the Will of the Spirit. Taking the freedom to experience the leper that comes to us each day will, I am most positive, gain us greater Joy in Heaven.

We need to act on the events of today and carry out the Will of the Father as it comes before us. The Grace of the Holy Spirit will enlighten us and lead us into the Gospel Way of Life. As Francis and Clare lead a life of total dedication to the Gospel, so we desire to follow in their footsteps as Gospel People. May we continue to support each other in living out this journey.

Reflections

Regional Spiritual Assistant
Lester Bach OFM Cap

Dedicated Secular Franciscans

The SFO is an Order in the Church that needs to stay young at heart. It is essential for secular Franciscans to spend quality time at their gatherings learning better ways to live a Franciscan life in the everyday world of the 21st century. The commitment of profession, if it is an honest commitment, requires seculars to influence and impact their world and the Church. If seculars do little about influencing the world with our Franciscan spirit, something needs to be done.

Every secular, young, old, or in between, is responsible. If the monthly gathering is only filled with prayer it is not fulfilling its role. Prayer is vitally important and prayer leads to compassion and concern for people.

Without prayer-prompted action, gatherings can become isolating events that hinder the fullness of being a secular Franciscan. Councils must examine the way they conduct the monthly gathering. People should leave with a desire to evangelize. They do not evangelize aggressively, but with understanding. It is done by listening as well as talking. However it is done, we cannot fulfill the SFO Rule without grasping this ideal. If seculars lack understanding of their SFO life and ministry, good ongoing formation can change that.

The regional council, prompted by some Secular Franciscans, have designed an ongoing formation program. We invite seculars who are willing, to gather at a time other than the monthly gathering. This could be done in homes or other places if gathering in homes is not workable. The goal is to have a full evening or a longer afternoon time frame to address issues together. It is frequently difficult to do this at a regular gathering since time often does not allow for extended and focused discussion.

The regional council asks fraternity members to commit to this program, meeting at a time other than the monthly gathering. The region is

providing a book: **Capturing the spirit of Francis & Clare**, as well as a **Leader's guide** for this program. We hope to have both books published by mid-September, 2006.



Capturing the Spirit of Francis & Clare

Seculars wishing to participate in this program should notify their local fraternity minister/secretary. Fraternities that are close together could develop common gatherings. Leadership can rotate within the group.

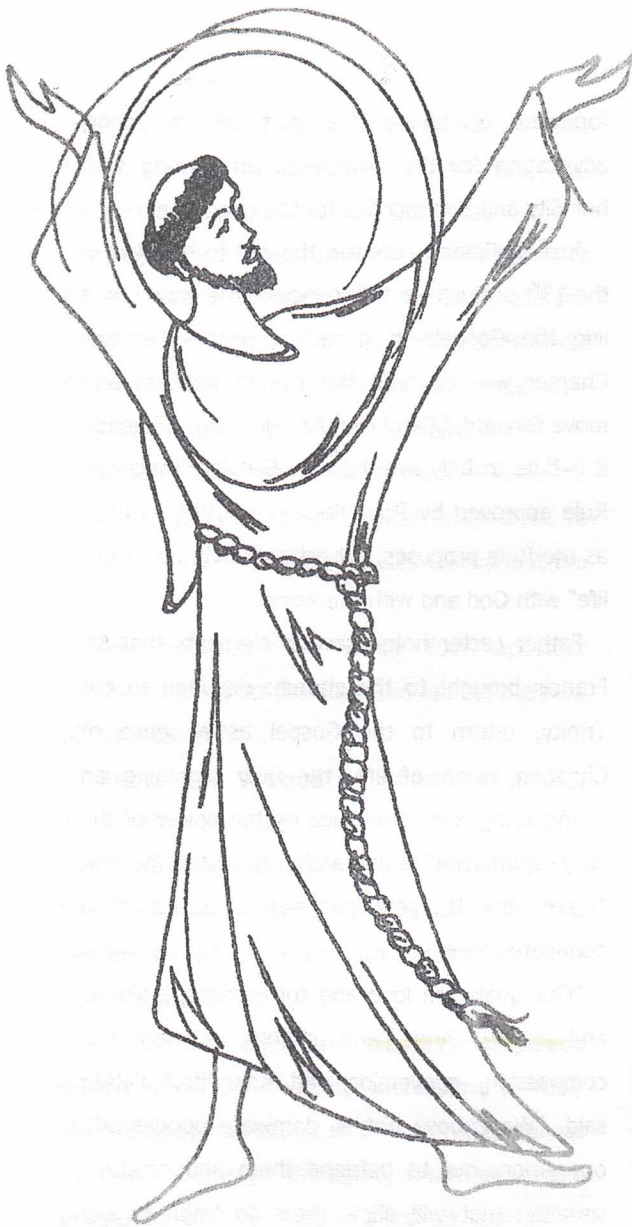
The program works best with from 8 to 12 people (or less) in a group. The regional council asks local councils to inform us of the names of the people seeking the program. We need to be kept informed about people and dates. A member of the regional council can meet with the groups at their beginning session to share ideas about the program.

The program will assist us in understanding Franciscan spirituality as well as enriching our commitment to the ministries of the SFO. The result we dream about, is a renewed dedication that will influence how we touch the people of our world with the Franciscan vision. A good by-product is that we get to know one another better.

The greater the participation in this program the more vibrant our region will become. People dedicated to the SFO way of life serve as good models for attracting new members.

The excitement of fresh discoveries keeps us young and alive and alert to life. Without On-going formation we become bored, out-of touch and bland people who do little to share our Franciscan spirit with the people of our world ... The experiences and knowledge of the participants must be shared for these sessions to be effective. Everyone is called upon to participate in the dialogue. May the Holy Spirit guide you in this ongoing formation in our Franciscan spirit.

(Capturing the spirit of Francis & Clare
Preface - Page ii-iii)



"Apostolic drive" of the Seculars is encouraged

The international fraternity of the Secular Franciscans met with the pope in November, and Benedict XI hoped that all might show "renewed apostolic drive when it comes to spreading the gospel everywhere, following the example of St. Francis." The pope greeted representatives of the Secular Franciscan Order at a general audience and encouraged them to witness to the gospel in the world. The participants were in

Italy for the general chapter, attracting members from 57 chapters, 46 countries, and 30 observers and relators.

Before taking leave of the 25,000 pilgrims gathered at St. Peter's Square, the pope expressed the hope that the Secular Franciscan's general chapter "will be for all of you an opportunity of renewed apostolic drive when it comes to spreading the gospel everywhere." The order comprises lay people who follow the rule and Franciscan spirituality. Its origins go back to 1221. Today there are 435,000, professed members in 99 countries.

The report given at the international chapter indicates that the past three years have seen intense activity. There was continued growth and maturation of the national councils, and there is a gradual awareness of a sense of the mission that Seculars are called to, and of the absolute need to be present in the domain of our life by means of courageous initiatives that are properly "secular." There is a substantial group of national and regional councils, as well as many local fraternities and individual brothers and sisters, who are working seriously to overcome the temptation of being "closed in" and living in a spiritual dimension that is more inward-looking than directed outwards. This is a fundamentally important subject which the chapter needed to consider in depth and breadth..."



International presidency and chapter speakers. Carol Gentile and Lester Bach (far right)

National Secular Franciscan Minister Carol Gentile and Capuchin Franciscan Friar Lester Bach Give Keynote Talk at International Chapter of SFO

The spirit of St. Francis is as relevant today as it was in the 13th century... they told the 2005 General Chapter of the Secular Franciscan Order held in Assisi.

"Our Franciscan heritage is meant to be shared with a world on the verge of spiritual and physical suicide, violence, revenge and hatred, depression and loss of hope, greed and the desire for power to dominate," said Lester Bach, OFM Cap.

"Francis' spirit seeks to transform these destructive elements in our world and among its people," Father continued. "Secular Franciscans, in particular, are expected to be in the middle of things in the world and bring Francis' Gospel spirit wherever they are."

The challenge for people of faith, particularly Secular Franciscans, is to share the message of Christ; in fact, "to BE his message," added Carol Gentile, national minister.

The answer to that challenge is in the Gospels and in St. Francis' Rule for Secular Franciscans – and the time for action is now, she said.

The included a day at the Vatican for a general audience with Pope Benedict XVI, urging Secular Franciscans to witness to the Gospel in the world with a "renewed apostolic drive."

"We cannot receive Christ in the Eucharist and go back into our homes, our places of employment and be uninvolved with the world around us," Carol Gentile said. (Referring to the Second Vatican Council's Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, Lumen Gentium - Light of the Nations), Secular Franciscans must be in the

forefront of taking the part of the poor, advocating for the powerless, and acting with humility and self-sacrifice for the good of all.

Just as Francis received the call to holiness in the 13th century – a call to rebuild the church and live the Gospels in a radical way – "at this Chapter we will hear the call to holiness and move forward," Carol Gentile said. After 25 years, it is time to fully live the new Secular Franciscan Rule approved by Pope Paul VI in 1978 so that, as the Rule proposes, "Christ is the center of our life" with God and with the world.

Father Lester noted several elements that St. Francis brought to the church: devotion to the Trinity, return to the Gospel as a sense of Christian vision of life, the laity regaining an evangelizing role, a reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit, and a hierarchy of authority that "serves the brothers and sisters" rather than dominates them.

"Our goals are love and forgiveness, dialogue and mercy, hope and charity, sharing and compassion, conversion and new life," Father said. "We choose not to dominate people with our vision, but to befriend them and create a situation that will allow them to listen to our vision with openness. Even if they do not change (since conversion is the work of the Spirit), we plant the seed of conversion through our words and our Franciscan lives."

And, he said, the Secular Franciscan Rule shows the way.

Added Carol Gentile: "Today, at this very moment in history, we need to see with the eyes of Christ and hear with the ears of Christ, and speak with the words of Christ."

How? Articles 15-19 of the Rule offers direction based on scripture, she said:

"I would like to speak of the direction we have taken in the United States of America, not because it is the best practice, but because it is one with which I am familiar." In an attempt to foster practical applications of the Rule, and the Gospel vision behind it, she said the U.S. National Fraternity created four "apostolic commissions" – Peace and Justice, Work, Family, and Ecology.

These national commissions offer documents, on-going guidance, and practical suggestions to the regional and local fraternities throughout the U.S.

She explained how these four apostolic commissions reflect the Rule and are "at the core of our mission."

"Peace and Justice" is reflected in Articles 15 and 19 of the Rule.

"Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives."

"Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon."

She listed 25 practical ways to fulfill the living of "Peace and Justice." A few examples -- pay attention to news reports about problems in the world where peace and justice is needed; volunteer to work in a soup kitchen; participate in a non-violent peace demonstration; pray daily for peace; write or visit someone in prison; send a letter to legislators on a peace/justice issue; attend a program or read a book about world hunger.

The **Work Commission** is given voice in Article 16 of the Rule, she said.

"Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in creation, redemption, and service of the human community."

Carol Gentile listed 25 practical ways to live out the Work Commission. Some examples -- tutor a person in preparation for a job; help complete a job application or resume; assist with support groups and material resources for the unemployed; mentor a student; hold a fraternity workshop on the spirituality of work; write letters to the editor on work-related issues; see the presence of Christ in others at work.

Family Commission is reflected in Article 17 of the Rule, which, she said, "identifies the family as the core of our activity at home and in the world."

"In their family they should cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity, and respect for life, striving to make of it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ. By living the grace of matrimony, husbands and wives in particular should bear witness in the world to the love of Christ for his church. They should joyfully accompany their children on their human and spiritual journey by providing a simple and open Christian education and being attentive to the vocation of each child."

She listed 25 practical ways to live out the Family Commission. A few examples -- watch a movie with family; teach a child how to pray; hold hands while saying grace; laugh and smile often; plan a weekend with family; call a grown child to say how much you love him/her; share a compliment with each other.

Ecology Commission comes from Article 18 of the Rule.

"Moreover, they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which

Again she listed 25 practical ways to implement the Ecology Commission. Some examples – pick up trash when you see it; substitute one organically produced item for a conventionally produced product when you shop (to support environmental stewardship and family farms); spend time outside with nature giving God praise for its variety; turn down air conditioning and heating to conserve energy

bear the imprint of the Most High, and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship."

(within healthful limits); participate in a group that adopts a highway to keep it free of litter; support land conservation; bring your own mug to fraternity meetings to reduce the use of plastic and paper products.

She concluded: "This vision and mission, lived out in practical ways day in and day out, would ultimately 'build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the Kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively' (Rule 14)."

Expenses for Local Fraternity Ministers, attending Regional Chapter Gatherings

We are responding to some voiced confusion as to how the cost of attending a Regional Chapter is to be paid. The process of paying for attendance is mirrored by how the National Fraternity covers the expense of the regional ministers attend the national chapter as follows:

It is the responsibility of the local fraternity to cover the traveling cost to and from the regional chapter. Once the minister is at the chapter site, the region will cover the cost of attendance.

Any person expected to attend a chapter, be it minister or any other person invited by the council, is covered in the same way.

We, as council, hope this helps in clearing any misconceptions. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact myself, or any member of the regional council.

Peter J. Bekkers, SFO
Regional Treasurer

PLEASE REMEMBER US IN YOUR WILL

We value our life as Secular Franciscans and wish to have our way of living the Gospels continued through generations. If you as an individual feel strongly about this, we ask you to remember the La Verna Regional Secular Franciscans in your will.

Please advise your attorney to have the request read:

"I give and bequeath the sum of \$_____ unto the La Verna Region of the Secular Franciscan Order for the purpose of furthering the ideals of the Secular Franciscan Order."

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Work Commission
Reflections by Ed & JoAnn
Boss, SFO St. Paschal Baylon
Fraternity

In our daily work activities, where ever that would be, we need to "put on the armor of God" so that we may stand firm doing all that our duty requires. (Eph 6:13)

This armor is "the armor of light" ...which helps us cast off deeds of darkness so as to "live honorably as in daylight." (Rom 12: 12-13)

As you go to work or abut your daily tasks, do you have a prayer, or gesture of commitment to God?

Our mission statement of the SFO National Work Commission reminds us to embody prayer in the workplace or fraternity.

Let's start or continue discussion at all levels of fraternity life on presenting a viewpoint that is authentically Franciscan on work, workers, and the workplace. An example is our upcoming SFO National elections at St. Anthony's Retreat Center in Marathon, WI in October 2006.

Detail ... Details ... Details ...

How can Franciscans help with the "behind the scenes" work of getting the national elections ready? I don't know what that may be as of this writing, but one attitude maybe to keep the meetings running as smooth as possible.

Most Secular Franciscans are coming to St. Anthony's Retreat Center from different parts of the country and my need rides to and from the airport. They will need help upon arrival at the Retreat Center for welcoming. During the meeting there are the details that always need attention: handling out prayer sheets, daily agendas, songbooks, setup arrangement in the

chapel. I don't know what the work may be, but it will be easy to fit-in somewhere to help someone.

WORK: "Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption, and service of the human community." (Article 16 – The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.)

In her book, On My Way to Work, Vinal Van Bentham, sfo, writes about the men and women she met while working in the Chicago Loop. She trained her writer's eye to listen spiritually. I feel she developed a tighter spiritual observation between herself and her book characters, and that may be our clue, too: it's not who we are but what we do for others ... in the spirit of work and love for the Lord.

In our manner of working and in our hopes and aspirations for material success, Secular Franciscans should mirror the work of the Holy Trinity in the garden of this world, the laboratory of life and the classroom of human endeavor.

(Mission Statement, 2003 Work Commission)

Occupation -- RETIRED

When I have the urge to work,
I lie down until the urge passes.



FOOD PANTRY PROJECT

Our Lady Queen of the Universe fraternity has discovered a relatively easy way to obtain tons of food for the local food pantry every Labor Day weekend. In the beginning of August, several members of our fraternity go to area grocery stores and ask them to donate paper bags. Each of the 3 stores in our area donates 250 paper bags, so we have a total of 750 bags to work with. We then run off 750 copies of a handout that suggests items that the food pantry needs. We also include a short blessing at the end of the handout. Then with staplers loaded, we staple a handout to each bag. Members then sign up to pass out these bags at the masses the weekend before Labor Day. When the people leave mass, they get a bulletin and a paper bag. An announcement is made from the pulpit that people are to fill their bags and bring them to church the next week. In the meantime we make arrangements with someone from the pantry to have the doors open after each of the masses so we can bring the food directly to the pantry. We also ask our Knights of Columbus to help us carry the bags into the food pantry.

On Labor Day weekend we have cars and trucks parked at each church entrance. People carrying heavy bags seem to come from every direction and place their grocery bags directly into a vehicle.

There are a number of benefits from this event. First, the food pantry gets the food it so badly needs to support unfortunate families. We collected 8 tons of food the 1st year, and over 6 tons the 2nd year. Second, all the donated food is weighed, and the federal government match the weight

we donate in its allotment of commodities two months later. Third, our Secular Franciscan fraternity gets a lot of positive feedback from this event, so we schedule our tea for those interested in knowing more about becoming Franciscans within two weeks of our food pantry project.

Lee Ann Niebuhr, SFO



HOMELESS

I was hungry,
and you formed a humanitarian
group to discuss my hunger.
I was imprisoned,
and you crept off
to your chapel
and prayed for my release.
I was naked,
and in your mind you debated the
morality of my appearance.
I was sick,
and you knelt and thanked God
for your health.
I was homeless,
and you preached to me of the
spiritual shelter of God's love.
I was lonely,
and you left me alone.
to pray for me.
You seem so holy,
so close to God.
But I am still very hungry
and lonely
and cold.

NEWS -- NOTES



New Vice Minister La Verna Region

Congratulations to Lee Ann Niebuhr upon her accepting the role of Vice Minister of the Regional Council by the choice of the full council. She replaces Don Ryder who resigned for personal reasons.

Peter Bekkers recognized:

Peter Bekkers, (St Joseph's Fraternity – Appleton), our regional treasurer, was recently recognized by the Appleton Post Crescent for his volunteer work with Making The Ride Happen program, coordinated by the Thompson Community Center in Appleton. Peter has been driving for the program for 1 1/2 years and also drives for the Theda Clark Medical Center in Neenah. As stated in the article "He willingly gives his time to drive for those who no longer can drive a vehicle themselves".

Rainbow Cell in Madison:

St. Pascal Baylon Rainbow Cell in Madison was invited to participate in the Vocations Expo conducted by the Madison Diocese. They set up a booth and displayed SFO pictures and brochures. They have also been asked to participate in a Parish Leadership Day and a meeting with Bishop Morlino and the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis from the Madison Diocese.

SE District Book Discussion Group:

The next gathering of the Franciscan Book Discussion Group will be held on Sunday April 30th at 1:00 pm at the OFM Friary in Franklin. The book to be discussed

is The Lessons Of Francis by John Michael Talbot. At the January gathering, all 5 local fraternities were represented. Further information can be obtained from Mary Fedor at 414-545-3340 or

Email at ralphmary3@tds.net

New On-going Formation Book:

A new book for on-going formation is in the final stages of completion by Fr. Lester Bach as

well as the Regional Council. Members of the Regional Council are compiling a Leader's Guide to accompany the book. It is planned to have the book available by the fall of 2006. Watch for more details.

District Meetings:

Thirty-eight to forty some Seculars gathered in Green Bay, Rhinelander and West Allis for their district gathering. Each area had keynote speakers along with Fr. Roch Niemier, OFM who presented a power point presentation on The Missal of San Nicole. Discussions lead by Fr. Roch in Green Bay, Sr. Maria Vinton in Rhinelander, and Paul Salarno – Fr. Linus, OFM – Carol Neikash in West Allis, lead to transformation and how to bring it about through desire, prayer and fraternity. Each gathering was well received.

Franciscan Resources:

If you are looking for supplies, books, and/or other resources related to the Secular Franciscan Order, Franciscan Resources is the place to go. They are now on the computer with their materials as well as their mailing of a catalog.

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Thought for the day:

You won't get indigestion by swallowing your pride!

Quinquennial Congress 2007

National Secular Franciscan Order to hold Congress -- PLAN TO ATTEND

Begin to save now! If you have not attended a congress before, you have missed one great event.

We will work on planning to take a bus if enough folks are interested. Starting now you will see continued information related to this great event. This is a tentative / workable agenda to give you an idea of the congress.

The dates are July 3 - 8 2007

- July 3 Tuesday** Arrivals all day.
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Opening mass – Bishop of Steubenville – preceded by introductions, etc., by National Minister
- July 4 Wednesday**
7:00 to 9:00 Breakfast
9:00 Morning Prayer (English)– Field House – followed by announcements
10:00 Keynote speech – one hour, followed by short period of questions
12:00 Lunch
2:00 Congress Fraternities
4:00 Mass – Syro Malabar – Fr Peter Vettickanakudy, OFM Cap
6:00 4th of July picnic, cook-out, sing along, and fireworks
- July 5 Thursday**
7:00 to 9:00 Breakfast
9:00 Morning Prayer (Philippine)– Field House – followed by announcements

- 10:00 Major speech – on theme - one hour, followed by short period of questions
12:00 Lunch
2:00 Congress Fraternities
4:00 Mass – Korean – Fr Francis Kim, OFM
6:00 Dinner
7:30 Festival of Cultures – Part 1

- July 6 Friday**
7:00 to 9:00 Breakfast
9:00 Morning Prayer (English)– Field House
10:00 Workshops 3 or 4 venues – one hour plus questions
12:00 Lunch
2:00 Workshops repeated–
4:00 Mass – Eastern Churches – Bishop John Kudrick (Parma) DD-TOR
6:00 Dinner
8:00 Social

- July 7 Saturday**
7:00 to 9:00 Breakfast
9:00 Morning Prayer (Vietnamese)– Field House
10:00 Major speech – on theme - one hour, followed by short period of questions
12:00 Lunch
2:00 Congress Fraternities
4:00 Mass – Spanish – Fr Moises Villalta, OFM Cap
6:00 Dinner
8:00 Festival of Cultures – Part 2

- July 8 Sunday**
7:00 to 9:00 Breakfast
9:00 Morning Prayer (English)– Field House
10:00 Closing remarks by National Minister; Blessing and sending forth
12:00 Lunch followed by departure



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La Verna Regional Events 2006

- **April 9, '06** 1:00 PM - SFO Regional Council meeting - Monte Alverno Retreat - Appleton
- **June 13, '06** 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM - **50th jubilee of St Anthony Fraternity**
- Marquette, MI Pavilion of Presque Isle
- **June 16-18, '06 La Verna Regional Chapter** - St Anthony Retreat - Marathon, WI
(More details to follow - watch for La Verna Vision and letters to local ministers.)
- **July 15, '06** 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM - **SFO Regional Council meeting** - Green Bay, WI
- **September 9, '06** 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM - **SFO Regional Council meeting** - Green Bay, WI
- **Oct. '06 Franciscan Retreat** St. Anthony Retreat Center Marathon (More information to follow.)
- **October 22-24, '06 National Executive Council meeting** - St Anthony Retreat, Marathon
- **October 25-29, '06 NAFRA Chapter of Elections** - St Anthony Retreat Center - Marathon, WI. Observers are welcome from Wednesday (Oct 25) to Sunday (Oct 29).
- **November 4, '06** 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM - **SFO Regional Council meeting** - Green Bay, WI
- **2007 Quinquennial Congress - Ohio - see TAU USA for details - PLAN AHEAD!**