

# Up to Now

Newsletter of the St. Margaret of Cortona Region of the Secular Franciscan Order

Covering the District of Columbia, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia,  
and portions of West Virginia and Pennsylvania



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*Let us begin again, for up to now we have done nothing.*

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## An Introduction to the New Regional Council

On April 21, 2018, the St. Margaret of Cortona Region held elections for a new regional council at the Holy Land Monastery in Washington, D.C. Most of you may not know me, so let me introduce myself. I am Robert (Bob) Longo, a member of the St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, Md. I was the minister of this great fraternity from 2013–2018.

Let me introduce the rest of your regional council:



*Regional Minister - Robert Longo, OFS, Regional Vice Minister - Michael Huether, OFS, Secretary - Peggy Gregory, OFS, Formation Director - Monica Zevallos, OFS, Treasurer - Peter Noyes, OFS*

*Top Row: MD/DE Area Councilor - Barbara Countryman, OFS, Metro DC Area Councilor - Mary Catherine Bibro, OFS, Virginia Area Councilor - Rita Colleran, OFS, PA/MD Area Councilor Peggy Nicholson, OFS*

The council members would like to ask for your prayers that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide us and to keep our hearts and minds open to hearing His voice, not always our own.



## Regional Council St. Margaret of Cortona Region

<b>Minister:</b> Bob Longo, OFS	<b>Regional Spiritual Assistant:</b> Fr. Charley Miller, OFM
<b>Vice Minister:</b> Michael Huether, OFS	<b>Regional Spiritual Assistant:</b> Br. Matthew Hindeland, OFM Cap
<b>Secretary:</b> Peggy Gregory, OFS	<b>Regional Spiritual Assistant:</b> Fr. Kevin Treston, OFM Holy Land
<b>Treasurer:</b> Peter Noyes, OFS	<b>Regional Spiritual Assistant:</b> Fr. Kevin Queally, TOR
<b>Formation Director:</b> Monica Zevallos, OFS	<b>Regional Spiritual Assistant:</b> Anne Mulqueen, OFS (OFM Conv delegated)
<b>Regional Councilor (MD/PA):</b> Peggy Nicholson, OFS	<b>Regional Youth and Young Adult Commission Chair:</b> Harry Ford, OFS
<b>Regional Councilor (VA):</b> Rita Colleran, OFS	<b>Regional JPIC Chair:</b> Vacant
<b>Regional Councilor (MD/DE):</b> Barbara Countryman, OFS	<b>Regional Newsletter Editor:</b> Mary Lou Coffman, OFS
<b>Regional Councilor (DC/Metro):</b> Mary Catherine Bibro, OFS	

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## Regional Minister's Message



Dear sisters and brothers in Francis and Clare,

It is an honor to be the minister of such a vibrant and exciting region. We have so many opportunities to build community and to grow spiritually. Here are a few of them.

### Day of Reflection

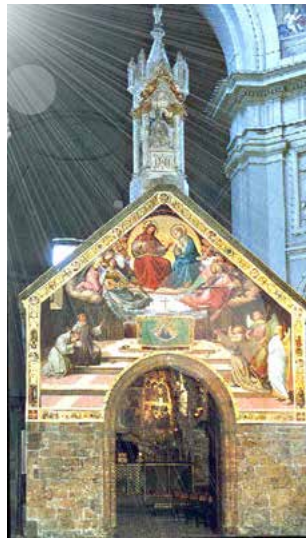
Once again, our past Formation Director, Vicky Spalding, OFS, put together

a day of reflection at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, Md., on April 7, 2018. There were more than 50 inquirers, candidates, and newly professed in attendance in spite of the threat of snow.

### Chapter of Mats

Our upcoming Chapter of Mats, June 29 - July 1, at Priest Field Retreat Center in West Virginia, is just around the corner. Our sister, Anne Mulqueen, OFS, and our brother Patrick Martin, OFS, are working diligently on an all Secular Franciscan Chapter for us. Presenters for the Chapter will all be Secular Franciscans, Anne and Patrick are currently working on obtaining a celebrant for our Sunday Mass.

This is not a retreat, but a gathering of Secular Franciscans coming together to spend time with each other, just as our First Order brothers did more than 800 years ago. A Chapter of Mats gets its name from the time in 1221 when St. Francis



called more than 3,000 friars to the Portiuncula chapel of Assisi for a general meeting, or chapter. Because the small town could not accommodate the large number of visitors, the friars lived in huts made out of reeds and slept on mats.

<http://www.keytombria.com/Assisi/Portiuncula.html>

Please start planning to attend this wonderful event. Information and the registration form can be found in the St. Margaret of Cortona region website at <http://saintmargaretofcortona.com/2017/11/10/2397/> and also on [page 9](#) of this issue. The deadline for registration is June 15, 2018.

Your sisters and brothers are looking forward to sharing this wonderful tradition with you on June 29-July 1, 2018. Anne Mulqueen wanted to let you know there is one exception: You can leave your mats at home. THANK YOU Anne.

### Jubilee Year for 40th Anniversary of the OFS Rule

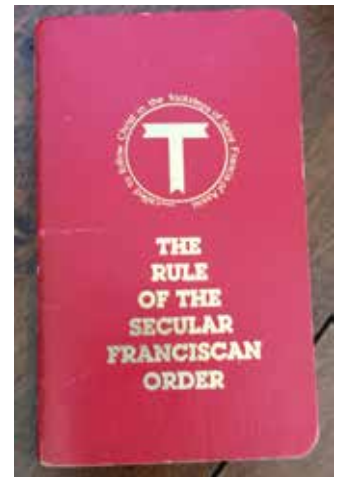
Our Minister General Tibor Kauser has announced the celebration of a Jubilee Year from June 6, 2018 - June 6, 2019, to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the current OFS Rule. Pope Paul VI approved this Rule on June 24, 1978, with the apostolic letter *Seraphicus Patriarcha*.

The Theme for the Jubilee Year will be *Renewed and Confirmed: Live the Treasure! Celebrating 40 Years of our OFS Rule*.

More information on how we will celebrate this beautiful Jubilee Year Anniversary of the OFS Rule to come in our August 2018 edition of *Up to Now*.

Your Franciscan brother in Christ,

*Bob Longo, OFS*



Avoid Creating Trash. Avoid creating trash whenever possible: when ordering food, avoid receiving any unnecessary plastic utensils, straws, etc. (ask in advance), buy ice cream in a cone instead of a cup, don't accept "free" promotional products, buy products with the least amount of packaging, etc. Every little bit of trash avoided does make a difference!

## PRAY THE RULE

O Lord, our God, we intend to make present the charism of our Seraphic Father Francis in the life and mission of the Church, in various ways and forms but in life-giving union with one another. By our profession, we pledge ourselves to live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of our Rule approved by the Church (Arts. 1-3). Help us, we pray, so that daily we may:

- observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St. Francis, going from gospel to life and from life to the gospel (Art. 4);
- seek to encounter the living and active person of Jesus Christ in our brothers and sisters, in sacred scripture, in the Church and in the Eucharist (Art. 5);
- go forth as witnesses and instruments of the Church's mission among people, proclaiming Christ by our life and words (Art. 6);
- conform our thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by the radical interior change which the Gospel calls "conversion," making use of the sacrament of reconciliation on the way to renewal (Art. 7);
- let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all we are and do (Art. 8);
- imitate the Virgin Mary's complete self-giving in her openness to your every word and call (Art. 9);
- faithfully fulfill the duties proper to our various circumstances in life (Art. 10);
- seek the proper spirit of detachment and purify our hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power (Art. 11);
- acquire the purity of heart needed to set ourselves free to love God and our brothers and sisters (Art. 12);
- accept all people as your gift, Lord, and an image of Christ (Art. 13);
- exercise our responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service (Art. 14);
- be in the forefront of promoting justice by the testimony of our human lives and by courageous initiatives (Art. 15);
- esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption and service of the human community (Art. 16);
- cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity and respect for life in our families, striving to make it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ (Art. 17);
- respect all creatures, animate and inanimate "as bearing the imprint of the Most High" (Art. 18);
- be bearers of peace and messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, as immersed in the resurrection of Christ, we serenely tend towards Sister Death and our ultimate encounter with you, our Father (Art 19).

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Brother.

Amen.

—Liam McCarthy, OFM

### *Prints of La Verna Explore Franciscan Imagery at the National Gallery of Art*

Washington, DC—One of the most innovative Italian books of the early baroque period, the *Descrizione del Sacro Monte della Verna*, published in 1612, illustrates the experiences of Saint Francis and the buildings of the Franciscan community at La Verna. Drawing from the Gallery's rich holdings of works with Franciscan imagery, Heavenly Earth: Images of Saint Francis at La Verna contextualizes this publication alongside some 30 traditional representations from the late 15th through the mid-18th century. Heavenly Earth will be on view on the ground floor of the West Building from February 25 through July 8, 2018.

<https://www.nga.gov/press/exh/4906.html>



**Regional Formation Director's Message**  
**CHRIST COUNT ON ME, AND I WITH HIS GRACE**  
Peace and all good my brothers and sisters.

I want to thank our Lord Jesus Christ, because he has called me to serve him in our Region, Thanks to the Ministers of the fraternities who have entrusted on me this service. I know is a great responsibility, I will do my best to serve our Region and all the Brothers and Sisters who feel the call of God to this way of life in their hearts.

Since I will be serving you as a Formation Director, I would like to take the opportunity to present myself and share with you part of my personal vocational journey.

I was born in Lima, Peru, in a Catholic family. I was baptized by a Capuchin Franciscan friar who introduced me in the waters of salvation.

Although in my childhood I was not close to church, later on when I was confirmed, a great desire was born in me to learn about the Church and to know who Jesus was. I began a relationship with him, and this led me to join a youth group in the same parish where I was baptized.

This is when I began to know the Franciscan family; Capuchin Friars were the companions of my spiritual journey. They helped me and guided me when I felt that God was calling me to give my life just to him. In those days, I thought he was calling me to the religious life, so I began formation in a Franciscan religious community. After four years of formation I left that life, but with a restless heart still looking for the will of God.

In 2006, I came to the United States. Two years later, I met another Capuchin Friar in my journey, who has helped me in my vocational search. I began the formation of the Secular Franciscan Order, at the beginning with doubts, but with the confidence that God would let me know if this way of life was for me.

After three years of formation, I professed in the OFS, on April 30, 2011, at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. My search was finished, but a new chapter in my life started, full of adventures, now shared with my brothers and sisters, following Christ.

Since then, many things have changed, I now have brothers and sisters miles around the world, and I belong to a big family. In my fraternity I have had the opportunity to serve as Director of Formation, and also as a member of my fraternity, every year I have the opportunity to serve as a missionary in Central America. Now He asks me to serve as Director of Formation for the region. I firmly believe that God will never ask us anything for which he will not give us the tools and grace necessary to fulfill the task.

Each of us has been guided by the Lord through different paths in life, but what unites us is our love for God, our Mother church and our Franciscan vocation. It doesn't

matter how long it has been since we professed, or how many positions we have had; every day is an opportunity to grow and to be the Secular Franciscan that God dreams for us. We have the responsibility to continue growing and to give the same opportunity to those who came after us.

Please give me time to discover what my responsibilities are and learn where we are as a Region.

I would like to meet the formation directors of each fraternity and be able to listen to their needs and projects and learn how I can help them to make their plans become a reality

Please, I ask for your prayers, so that I can serve with joyful heart and be willing to listen. Let us pray for one another.

May our Father Saint Francis continue to guide us toward God.



*Your sister in Christ  
Monica Zevallos, OFS  
Regional Formation Director*

**New Memorial Feast:**  
**MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH**

Pope Francis recently decreed that the ancient devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, under the title of Mother of the Church, be added to the Roman Calendar. It will be celebrated each year on the Monday after Pentacost. This year that will be May 21. The title of "Mother of the Church" was given to the Blessed Mother by Pope Paul VI at the close of the Second Vatican Council and was later added to the Roman Missal.



## Report from Our Past Formation Director

Brothers and Sisters! Peace of Christ!

I hope this edition of *Up to Now* finds you well and ready for Spring! ☺

I am happy to report that we held our Annual Day of Reflection for our Inquirers and Candidates on April 7 at the Shrine of St. Anthony in Ellicott City, Md. Fifty people registered for the day. The day consisted of inspiring talks, confession, Mass, and the opportunity to visit the Gift Shop.

Our theme for the day was *Beholding the Face of Christ in Others*. We discussed the ability and the ways to perceive Christ in others, including the poor, our enemies, and those in our own families.

I presented our first talk, which was on forgiveness and Divine Mercy Sunday and the great gift Divine Mercy Sunday is to the Church. Each member received a pamphlet of Divine Mercy with the novena and the chaplet. They also received a copy of *My Love for Mankind*, a book written on forgiveness. It was followed up by a short Youtube video by Fr. Mike Schmitz from Ascension Presents. Fr. Mike explained that to forgive from a justice standpoint means to wipe out the debt another owes us. This is what we ask God to do when we pray the Our Father. Forgiveness does not have to involve feelings, because forgiveness is a decision, not a feeling.

Mike Huether, now our newly-elected Regional Vice Minister and Minister of Little Flower Fraternity, spoke of the Condescension of Christ and how we should model that service as Franciscans to others. Mike made a correlation between Christ and St. Francis and how St. Francis implemented the lifestyle of poverty, humility, and service to others.

Judith Tyrrell, Councilor for St. Conrad Fraternity, gave a detailed talk on the life of St. Clare. She spoke of Clare's early childhood and the influence St. Francis had on St. Clare's life. Judith also talked about the necessity to image Christ back to our neighbor, using St. Clare's example of looking in a mirror. She gave everyone a list of reference books, along with materials to read and enjoy. All in all, it was a very efficacious day!

On April 21, 2018, our Regional Elections were held at the Franciscan Monastery in Washington, D.C. A new Council was elected, and I would like to express my gratitude to God for those who have served in the past and for all those who will now serve in the future. Please continue to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who is our Minister General, for all our Franciscan members!

I am happy to tell you that we now have a wonderful, gifted formation director, Monica Zevallos, who will be in contact with you over the next three years. I know she will do an outstanding job in leading you in formation and will be a great asset to the Region. I have spoken to Monica and expressed my willingness to help her in any way I can. I hope to meet with her soon and pass on any information she may find useful in serving you.

In addition, I would like to encourage you to continue to use and spread your gifts and talents among your fraternity and community. We are all called to be evangelists in building up the body of Christ and spreading the Good News of the Gospel message. With God's help, we can do all He asks of us.

May God continue to bless you with good health and spiritual blessings from above. You are in my prayers!

*Fraternally yours in Christ and St. Francis,  
Victoria Spalding, OFS*

## Mark Your Calendar

**June 29 to July 1, 2018 - Chapter of Mats.**  
Priest Field Pastoral Center Kearneysville, WV. [The registration form is on page 9.](#)



**June 9, 2018, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. - St. Anthony Festival** featuring Dr. Scot Hahn.  
Shrine of St. Anthony, 12290 Folly Quarter Rd. Ellicott City, MD.  
The day includes talks, Masses, Confessions, Adoration, Food, children's activities, and more. Admission is free.

**July 12-15, 2018 – Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscans,**  
*Francis, the Troubadour: How Can I Keep from Singing?* July 12-15, 2018, St. Francis University, Loretto, Penn. More information and the registration form can be found beginning on [page 12.](#)

**July 13-15, 2018 OFS Conference at St. Bonaventure University,**  
St. Bonaventure, NY. *Becoming Prayer, Becoming Presence: A*

*Workshop for Secular Franciscans.* More info and registration at <http://stbonavenue.com/events/becoming-prayer-becoming-presence-a-workshop-for-secular-franciscans/>

**July 14, 2018, 10:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Mass – Fifth Annual Holy Land Festival.** Monastery of the Holy Land, Washington, D.C. (1400 Quincy Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20017). The festival will include authentic middle eastern food, music and activities, including a concert by the Magnificat Institute from Jerusalem.



**January 21-28, 2019 – World Youth Day Pilgrimage in Panama.** For more information go to <http://saintmargaretof cortona.com/newsevents/>.

## THE MOUNTAINS ABOVE THE FOG

I live in Cochabamba, the fourth largest city in Bolivia. We are in something of a fishbowl, surrounded by the mountains, and with all the emissions from cars, trucks, and buses... sometimes I get caught in a bit of a foggy haze. As I walk through the streets, the music of an unfamiliar language pours into my ears, and I am twirled and spun into the crowds of people on the sidewalk. On any given day, I am probably lost—even just a little bit—on often unfamiliar or unmarked streets.

In all transparency, friends, not much is “clear” to me these days. In a moment of raw humility last week, I finally admitted the truth aloud: “I do not even know what I do not know.” I am not sure if my life has ever been less clear than it is right now. These past three months have been a tumultuous roller coaster ride of incredible highs and desolating lows.

Every day, I am honestly thankful that I am here, and I have not lost touch with the deep-rooted conviction within me that I am exactly where I am meant to be. However, simultaneously, as I walk through the bustling streets in a foreign land, still wary of my Spanish communication abilities; still in the dark 90 percent of the time when it comes to societal/cultural norms, and still without a set ministry to call home, it is easy to get lost in *what exactly is God’s purpose for me here???*

But then, something beautiful and simple happens. I look up. I see the Andes Mountains. Above the overwhelming sights, sounds, and smells of Cochabamba are these sprawling green peaks that throw me backwards in awe. The cascading hills, stretching miles and miles, hugging the city I now call home—reaching to places I have never visited, or moreover even dreamed of. The majesty, might, and holy grandeur of these rolling green hills, reaching up to the clouds, and far beyond, are a presence that simply cannot be ignored. They project a sheer force simply by *being*.

The revelation of size immediately hits me, and I am reminded of the largeness of this world; and, more importantly—of the infinite and immeasurable size of Our God. The Holy Spirit glides over these monstrous mounds of earth, and I am gifted with a whole new perspective. Looking at their magnificence, I do not feel swallowed whole as I do when my nose is so closely pressed to the ground—so intently focused on me, myself, and I lost in these new streets. When I look up, I feel *liberated*, realizing the magnitude of The God, Designer, and Sculptor. I experience peace as these truths are revealed to me:

1. The size of these mountains point to the power of the Almighty God, and my doubts and fears—that God could be here, present with me, working in my life too—are crushed.
2. The same Artist of these mountains is the same Creator of *me*. He sculpted and designed me too...
3. And so, if He is continuously shaping and changing these mountains through the evolution of time, how can I not trust Him to continue to shape and change my life, and the lives of those around me?

By zooming out from the menial and temperamental fears and successes of my day-to-day, I find a stable and concrete peace. God is present, whether I feel Him or see Him. God is working in my life, whether I see the changes or feel the same from one day to the next. In the timetable of an Infinite God, the three months I have been here are hardly a single spec on the timeline. He is a God that works in slow and unpredictable ways—actually, more often than not, working *in* the fog.

Looking at the mountains helps me see above this fog; helps me look up to God; and helps me hear Him clearly when He whispers gently to my heart in prayer: “Like the mountains, you are being slowly and delicately crafted for My Purpose. Trust in the process. Keep looking *up*! Take your eyes off yourself, and retrain your focus on the grand majesty happening all around you. Remember, I am here, always here, always working. Whether you can see me or not, I am here.”



In my outward and tangible appearance, I am still walking in a fog. I cannot see far down the road I am walking on—and, I am probably still “lost” on a street of which I do not know the name. But, I know that when I take my gaze off of myself—off of my own fears—I can see the grandeur of God. I see Him in my community mates, in the market, in the strangers I meet on the bus, and in the mountains. I see the progress I have made in three months, and I can see the hope I have in the future He is preparing for me. He is present; the same Holy Spirit that is sailing through the mountains is also guiding me on my path, slowly, but surely through the fog.

*Missioner SarahJane Cauzillo shares a revelation she had about God’s omniscience and goodness after her first few months serving in Bolivia. To learn more about Franciscan Mission Service, including how to visit Bolivia with us in August 2018, please visit our website at [www.franciscan-missionsservice.org](http://www.franciscan-missionsservice.org) or email us at [info@franciscanmissionsservice.org](mailto:info@franciscanmissionsservice.org).*

## Around the Region

### NEWLY PROFESSED

Elvia Campos, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
 José Campos, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
 Maria Elena Cruz, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
 Brenda Flores, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
 Sara Gonzales, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
 Rosa Guifarro, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
 Ángel Hernández, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
 Jorge Ramos, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
 Patricia Ramos, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
 Ernesto Umanzor, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.  
 Chon Villatoro, OFS, Del Camino Fraternity, Washington, D.C.



Next to Fr. Moises Villalta, OFM Cap is Jorge Ramos with Patricia Ramos. Behind them is Sara Gonzales and Angel Hernandez. Next to Angel is Maria Elena Cruz. Kneeling are Santos Paniagua and Jose Campos. Behind Jose is Elvia Campos. Behind Elvia is Lucio Perez. Next to Lucio is Chon Villatoro. Next to Elvia is Lourdes Castillo. Behind Lourdes is Brenda Flores. Ernesto Umanzor is next to Brenda. Next to Ernesto is Rosa Guifaro.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED

#### Del Camino Fraternity, Silver Spring, Md.

Minister: Lucio Perez Mendoza, OFS  
 Vice Minister: Jose A. Cruz, OFS  
 Secretary: Maria M. Martinez, OFS  
 Formation Director: Ramon Martinez, OFS  
 Treasurer: Sandra M. Martinez, OFS



Del Camino Fraternity Council: Formation Director, Ramon Martinez, OFS; Treasurer, Sandra M. Martinez, OFS; Secretary, Maria M. Martinez, OFS; Minister, Lucio Perez Mendoza, OFS; Vice Minister, Jose A. Cruz, OFS

#### St. Clare Fraternity, Rehoboth Beach, Del.

Minister: Andrew Zampini, OFS  
 Vice Minister: Carolyn Protin, OFS  
 Secretary: Thomas Carter, OFS  
 Treasurer: Miriam Farrell, OFS  
 Formation Director: Mary Moran, OFS  
 Councilor: Judy Bennett, OFS  
 Councilor Nicole Meringolo, OFS



St. Clare Fraternity Delaware Council: Regional Spiritual Assistant, Br. Matt Hindelang, OFM Cap; Councilor, Judy Bennett, OFS; Minister, Andrew Zampini, OFS; Vice Minister, Carolyn Protin, OFS; Secretary, Tom Carter, OFS; Councilor, Nicole Meringolo, OFS; Treasurer, Mimi Farrell, OFS; Regional Minister, Patrick Martin, OFS; Formation Director, Mary Moran, OFS

#### St. John the Beloved Apostle Fraternity, Alexandria, Va.

Minister: Stephen Piscitelli, OFS  
 Vice Minister: Marcia Campbell, OFS  
 Secretary: Claudia Carpenter, OFS  
 Treasurer: Scott A. Graham, OFS  
 Formation Director: Pat McGrath, OFS



St. John the Beloved Fraternity Council, Alexandria, Va. Minister: Steve Piscitelli, OFS, Vice Minister: Marcia Campbell, OFS, Secretary: Claudia Carpenter, OFS, Treasurer: Scott Graham, OFS, Formation Director: Pat McGrath, OFS, Councilor: Sadie Martins and Spiritual Assistant: Tom McGrath, OFS

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### COME AND SEE

The National Fraternity has created a Vocations Tool Kit with Prayer Resources and material for presentation. It can be found at <http://www.nafra-sfo.org/.frms/>



### St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Fraternity, Aberdeen, Md.

Minister: Bonnie Ng, OFS

Vice Minister: Margaret Wise, OFS

Secretary: Virginia Bahr, OFS

Treasurer: Stan Glodek, OFS

Formation Director: Allen Seigel, OFS



*St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Council: Minister, Bonnie Ng, OFS; Vice Minister, Margaret Wise, OFS; Secretary, Virginia Bahr, OFS; Treasurer, Stan Glodek, OFS; Formation Director, Allen Seigel, OFS; Regional Spiritual Assistant, Anne Mulqueen, OFS; Regional Area Council, Cindy Evans, OFS*

### LOSSES IN THE FAMILY

**Thelma Billow, OFS**, April 5, 2018. She was a member of St. Thomas More Fraternity, Hanover, and was admitted on April 24, 1949, and professed on February 1, 1951.



**Emerita (Emy) Cabigas, OFS**, March 12, 2018. Emy was professed in 2005 and was an active member of the Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity until she was diagnosed with cancer.



**María F. Chicas de Cruz, OFS**, October 27, 1919-March 21, 2017. María made her profession in 1938 in El Salvador and was an excused member of Del Camino Fraternity.

**Joe Dunn, OFS**, 1928-March 5, 2018. Joe was professed on September 27, 1981, and was a member of St. Francis Fraternity, Washington. He lived at Capuchin College and was made an honorary Capuchin.

**LaVergne Marshall, OFS**, 1923-December 19, 2017. LaVergne was professed on December 20, 1997, and was a member of St. Francis Fraternity, Washington



**Julia Anna McKone**, February 6, 1918-April 2, 2018. Julia was professed on May 12, 1955, at the Franciscan Monastery in D.C. at a time when men and women tertiaries attended meetings separately. She was one of the founders of St. Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington in 1977 and served as Treasurer on the council.

**Nita Mullins, OFS**, January 2018. Nita was a member of the Mt. St. Sepulchre Fraternity for a very long time. She had suffered from multiple sclerosis and lived with and been cared for by the Little Sisters of the Poor.



**Br. Saul Soriano, OFM Cap.**, August 18, 1986-May 7, 2018. Br. Saul was a spiritual assistant of the St. Conrad Fraternity, Annapolis. He was born in El Salvador and died unexpectedly. <http://capuchin.com/index.php/760>

**Dennis Webb, OFS**, October 16, 1946-April 26, 2018, St. Thomas More Fraternity, Arlington, Va. Dennis was professed on October 11, 2009. He volunteered his time and talent to facilitating initial and ongoing formation as the fraternity's formation director. He also assisted with catechesis at his home parish, St. Rita, in Alexandria, and sang in the choir. He will be remembered for his courtesy and Franciscan faithfulness.

Tribute from Bill Harris, OFS, Minister  
Dennis and I went through Secular Franciscan Formation together and were both professed in October 2011. Dennis always brought an absolute commitment to living the Gospel life to every part of his life. As the Formation Director for St. Thomas More (Arlington) Secular Franciscan Fraternity, Dennis prayerfully prepared every lesson and brought deep spiritual reflection to every interaction. Throughout his illness, Dennis remained committed to our Fraternity and his final journey with Sister Death was both courageous and life-affirming. We will miss him but know we will meet him again.

### Websites of Interest

Not a Franciscan saint, but a very inspiring one  
<https://aleteia.org/2017/07/06/he-was-an-opium-addict-who-couldnt-receive-the-sacraments-but-hes-a-martyr-and-a-saint/#.WigkZ6NEHKs.facebook>

Using your smartphone's camera  
<http://www.foxnews.com/tech/2018/02/11/5-incredible-ways-to-use-your-smartphones-camera-never-knew-until-now.html>

It hardly seems like 50 years  
<https://www.facebook.com/Scarborough/vid-eos/2014103835531932/>

Proof of the Prophet Isaiah  
<https://www.dailywire.com/news/27462/fantastic-find-israel-proof-isaiah-prophets-hank-berrien#>

A guided tour of the moon  
<https://www.nbcwashington.com/multimedia/NASA-Takes-You-on-an-Up-Close-Tour-of-the-Moon-Washington-DC-479566413.html>

Thank you, Bob Longo

What did the songs of St. Francis sound like?  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qRBFrmTzJUE>

## CHAPTER OF MATS 2018

**Where:** Priest Field Pastoral Center, 4030 Middleway Pike, Kearneysville, WV 25430-3742

**When:** June 29 - July 1, 2018

**Who:** All Secular Franciscans, including candidates, inquirers and spiritual assistants

**What:** Renewed and Confirmed: Live the Treasure!

**Presenter:** TBA

### REGISTRATION FORM INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Submit form no later than **June 15, 2018**
2. Please type or print all information clearly.
3. Only one participant per registration form.
4. NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$50.00 must accompany this form.
5. **Make your check payable to ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA REGION\*** and mail this form with payment to:

Peter Noyes, ofs

2917 Shepperton Terrace

Silver Spring, MD 20904

email: pnoyesofs@yahoo.com

**\*Please make checks payable to St. Margaret of Cortona Region,  
NOT to Peter Noyes or to Priest Field. Thank you.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Fraternity \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check room requirement:

**Rooms are designed for double occupancy for maximum attendees.**

- ~~A) Single occupancy room: \$248.00<sup>†</sup> ☒~~
- B) Double occupancy room: \$228.00 ☐
- C) Double occupancy cabin: \$257.00 ☐
- D) Dormitory: \$184.00 ☐
- E) Days Only: \$126.00 ☐

**<sup>†</sup>Select single occupancy only if there is a serious personal or medical reason.  
Thank you!**

[Directions to Priestfield](#)

Please indicate any special needs you have: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose a roommate, or one can be assigned for you.

Name of preferred roommate: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount enclosed with this form \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## Franciscan Saints, Blesseds and Feasts

(Click on the name to go to a Web link.)

### MAY

- 16 [St. Margaret of Cortona](#), penitent, Third Order Secular, d. 1297, Plenary Indulgence possible (renewal of engagements of the Third Order Secular)
- 17 [St. Paschal of Baylon](#), lay brother, First Order, d. 1592
- 18 [St. Felix de Cantalice](#), lay brother, Capuchin, d. 1587
- 19 [St. Marie-Bernard Butler](#), Virgin, Third Order Regular, d. 1924  
[St. Crispin of Viterbo](#), lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1750  
[St. Theophilus of Corte](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1740
- 19 [St. Yves](#), Priest, Third Order Secular, d. 1303
- 20 [St. Bernardine of Siena](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1444
- 21 [Bl. Franz Jägerstätter](#), martyr, Third Order Secular, d. 1943
- 22 [Bl. John Forest](#), Priest, First Order (d. 1538
- 24 [Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi](#), 1253
- 26 [St. Mariane of Jesus Parades](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular, Hermit, d. 1645
- 27 [Bl. Gerard of Lunel](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular, d. 1298
- 30 [St. Joan of Arc](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular, d. 1431  
[King Saint Fernando III](#), King of Spain, Third Order Secular, d. 1252
- 31 [St. Camilla Battista of Varano](#), Princess, Poor Clare Abbess, d. 1524

### JUNE

- 1 [Bl. John Pelingotto](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular, d. 1304
- 2 [St. Felix of Nicosia](#), Capuchin Lay Brother, d. 1787
- 3 [Bl. Andrew of Spello](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1254
- 5 [Bl. Pacific of Cerano](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1482
- 7 [Bl. Humiliana Cerchi](#), Virgin, Third Order Secular, d. 1246
- 8 [Bl. Nicholas of Gèsturi](#), Capuchin lay brother, d. 1958



- 12 [Bl. Florida Cevoli](#), virgin, Second Ord., d.1767  
[Bl. Jolenta](#), religious, Second Ord.  
[108 Polish Martyrs](#): Bl. Antoninus Bajewski, priest, and companions, martyrs (Pius Bartosik, Innocent Guz, Achille Puchala, Herman Stepień, priests; Timothy Troianowski, Boniface Zukowski, religious), I Ord.
- 13 [St. Anthony of Padua](#), priest, doctor, First Order, d. 1231 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers
- 14 [Lawrence of Villamagna](#), Priest, Third Order Regular, d. 1535
- 16 [Bl. Anizet Koplin](#), priest, and companions, martyrs of Poland (Henry Krzystofik, Florian Stêpniak, Fidelis Chojnacki, Symforiam Ducki), I Ord.  
[Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer](#), Virgin, Third Order Regular, d. 1888
- 17 [St. Albert Chmielowski](#), religious, Third Order, founder, d. 1916  
[Bl. Peter Gambacorti](#), Confessor, Third Order Secular, d. 1435
- 18 [Bl. Guy of Cortona](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1250
- 19 [Bl. Margaretha Flesch](#), Foundress, Third Order Regular, d. 1906
- 20 [Bl. Micheline de Pesaro](#), Third Order Secular, d. 1356  
[Bls. Patrick O'Healy, Conrad O'Rourke, Conor O'Devany, and John Hearnay](#), Friars Minor, Irish Martyrs
- 22 [St. Thomas More](#), Martyr, Third Order Secular, Martyr of England, d. 1535
- 23 [St. Joseph Cafasso](#), Priest, Third Order Secular, d. 1860
- 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 25 [Bl. Bienvenute de Gubbio](#), lay brother, First Order, d. 1232  
[Bl. Jutta of Thuringia](#), Third Order Secular, d. 1264
- 26 [Bl. Andrew Hyacinth Longhin](#), bishop, First Order, d. 1936  
[Bl. Frederick Jassoone](#), Priest, First Order, d. 1916
- 28 [St. Vincenta Gerosa](#), a tertiary before founding another religious Institute, d. 1847
- 30 [Bl. Raymond Lull](#), Martyr, Third Order Secular, d. 1315

## JULY

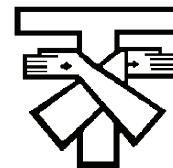
- 1 Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
Bl. Ignace Falzon, Confessor, Third Order Secular, d. 1865  
St. Junipero Serra, priest, First Order, d. 1784
- 3 Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta, Virgin, founder, Third Order Regular, d. 1886
- 4 St. Elizabeth of Portugal, queen, Third Order Secular, d. 1336
- 7 Bl. Oddino Barrotti, Priest, Third Order Secular, d. 1400
- 8 Bl. Gregory Grassi, Sts. Gregory Grassi, Hermine Grivot and Companions, First Order and Third Order religious and Secular Franciscans, martyrs of China (d. 1900)
- 9 St. Nicholas Pick, priest, and companions, Martyrs of Holland, First and Third Order, d. 1572  
St. Veronica Giuliani, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1727  
11 Martyrs of Damascas, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1860  
Bl. Maria of Jesus Crucified Petković, Foundress, Third Order Regular, d. 1966
- 12 Sts. John Jones and John Wall, priests, martyrs of England, First Order, d. 1679  
Sts. Louis and Zelig Martin, Third Order Secular (parents of St. Therese of Lisieux)
- 13 Bl. Angeline of Marisciano, Third Order Regular, d. 1435
- 14 St. Francis Solano, Priest, Missionary, First Order, d. 1610
- 15 St. Bonaventure, Cardinal, Doctor of the Church, Order of Friars Minor, d. 1274  
Bl. Bernard of Baden, Third Order Secular, d. 1458
- 16 Canonization of St. Francis, Canonized 16 July 1228 by Pope Gregory IX  
St. Marie-Madeleine Postel, Virgin, founder, Third-Order Regular, d. 1846
- 18 St. Simon of Lipnica, Priest, First Order, d. 1482  
St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest, Capuchin novice before founding another religious Institute, d. 1614
- 19 Bl. Herman Stepieni, First Order Conventual, Polish Martyr, d. 1943  
Bl. Peter of Cresci, Priest, Third Order Secular, d. 1323

- 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Capuchin, Doctor of the Church, d. 1619
- 23 St. Cunegunda, religious, Second Order, d. 1292
- 24 Bl. Louise of Savoy, Virgin, Second Order, d. 1503  
Bl. Modestino of Jesus and Mary, priest, First Order, d. 1864  
Bl. Antoine Lucci, Bishop, Conventual, d. 1752
- 26 St. Barthelemie Capitanio, Virgin, was a tertiary before founding another religious Institute, d. 1833
- 27 Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinengo, virgin, Second Order, d. 1737
- 28 Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska, Virgin, Capuchin Poor Clares, martyr, d. 1941  
Bl. Mattia Nazarei, virgin, Second Order, d. 1320
- 30 St. Leopold de Castelnovo, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1942  
Bl. Solanus Casey, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1957

## AUGUST

- 2 Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula
- 3 Bl. Frederic Janssoone, priest, 1st Ord.
- 4 St. John Vianney, priest, Third Order Secular, d. 1859
- 6 Bl. Marie-Francoise de Jesus, Foundress, Third-Order Regular, d. 1904
- 7 Bls. Agathangelus and Cassian, Capuchin priests and martyrs, d. 1638
- 8 Holy Father Dominic, priest, founder, Order of Preachers, d. 1221
- 9 Bl. John of La Verna, priest, First Order, d. 1322
- 11 St. Clare of Assisi, virgin, founder of the Poor Clares, d. 1253
- 13 Bl. Mark of Aviano, priest, First Order, d. 1699.
- 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, Conventual, martyr, d. 1941
- 16 Bl. Francis Chici of Pesaro, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1350
- 17 St. Roch of Montpellier, Third Order Secular, d. 1327





***“Francis the Troubadour: How Can I Keep From Singing?”***

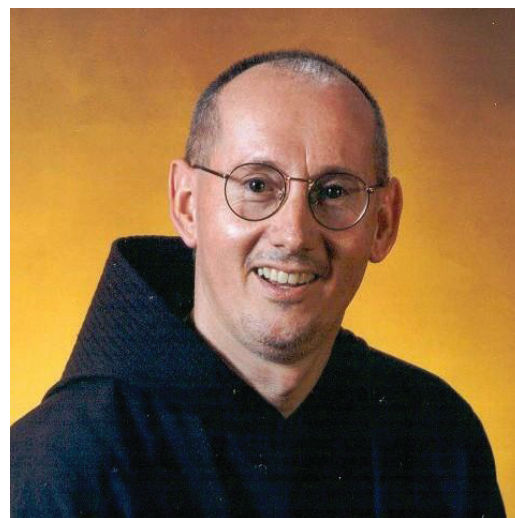
***Presenters***



**Jerry and Cricket Aull, OFS:** Jerry and Cricket are in their 46<sup>th</sup> year of marriage with six children and eight grandchildren. Both have degrees in theology, including Jerry’s Doctorate in Ministry. They have been doing Catholic retreats, conferences and parish missions for over 20 years on customized themes across the US and Canada. Cricket is a professed Secular Franciscan since 2000; she is a published author of four books, has served as a retreat leader and conference speaker for Franciscans and parishes, and has been a Spiritual Director for many years, including Spiritual Direction for the Deacons in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Jerry is a liturgical musician and recording artist who has performed in concert for a number of notable occasions, such as in the Sanctuary of Martin Luther King’s church, for the President of the US, and with John Michael Talbot. A singer/songwriter with 10 CDs, which include the

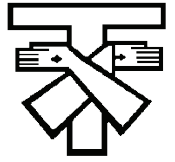
beautiful voices of the Aulls’ five daughters, Jerry is also a jazz and big band musician and singer in Atlanta. Additionally, Jerry has been a conference and workshop speaker for Stephen Covey for over 25 years, and also teaches Theology at The Marist School. Together, the Aulls promote the Catholic tradition through interactive teaching and music.

**Br. Bob Herrick, OFM Cap:** Br. Bob Herrick, OFM Cap. is a friar of St. Augustine Province, headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA. He presently resides at Capuchin College in Washington, DC and is a formator for young friars who are in studies at Catholic University. Originally from Imperial, PA, Br. Bob is one of six sons, and likes to say that he was born into ‘community life’ by living with five other brothers! He was taught by the Franciscan Sisters from Millvale, who were very instrumental in encouraging his Franciscan vocation. Br. Bob attended St. Fidelis High School and College in Herman, PA. In 1977, Br. Bob became a novice with the Capuchins and moved to Annapolis, MD for novitiate, where he professed simple vows on July 15, 1978. He professed final vows at St. Augustine Church on August 22, 1981. Br. Bob has served in many Capuchin parishes, including those in Cleveland and Dover, OH, at York, PA, and at the Hermitage in Herman, PA. Br. Bob served as guardian of the Hermitage in Wheeling, WV for twelve years, where he also served as spiritual assistant for St. Alphonsus Secular Franciscan Fraternity, as regional spiritual assistant for Lady Poverty Region, and as assistant director at the Paul VI Pastoral Center in Wheeling, WV. He later served on the interprovincial novitiate staff in Santa Ynez, CA for four years. He is now in his second stint as formator at Capuchin College. Wherever Br. Bob has served, music has been a large part of his ministry, whether as music director in parishes and retreat centers, or as part of his formation work with the young friars. This year, Br. Bob will celebrate forty years as a Capuchin friar.



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# 9<sup>th</sup> Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscans July 12-15, 2018



## ***“Francis the Troubadour: How Can I Keep From Singing?”***

### **Tentative Schedule**

#### **Thursday - July 12, 2018**

- 12:00-4:30 PM – Registration (*Christian Hall*)
- 5:00 PM – Dinner (*Torvian Dining Hall*)
- 6:30 PM – Opening prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 7:00 PM – Session 1
- 8:30 PM – Social (*Christian Hall*)

#### **Friday – July 13, 2018**

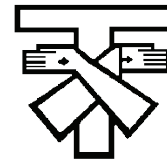
- 8:00 AM – Breakfast (*Torvian*)
- 9:15 AM – Morning prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 9:30 AM – Session 2
- 11:30 AM – Break
- 12:00 noon – Lunch (*Torvian*)
- 2:00 PM – Session 3
- 3:30 PM – Break
- 4:00 PM – Mass (*Immaculate Conception Chapel*)
- 5:00 PM – Dinner (*Torvian*)
- 6:30 PM – Evening prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 7:00 PM – Session 4
- 8:30 PM – Social (*Christian Hall*)

#### **Saturday – July 14, 2018**

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast (*Torvian*)
- 9:15 AM – Morning prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 9:30 AM – Session 5
- 11:30 AM – Break
- 12:00 noon – Lunch (*Torvian*)
- 2:00 PM – Session 6
- 3:30 PM – Break
- 4:00 PM – Mass: Sunday liturgy (*Immaculate Conception Chapel*)
- 5:00 PM – Dinner (*Torvian*)
- 6:30 PM – Evening prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 7:00 PM – Session 7
- 8:30 PM – Social (*Christian Hall*)

#### **Sunday - July 15, 2018**

- 8:00 AM – Breakfast (*Torvian*)
- 9:15 AM – Morning prayer (*DiSepio*)
- 9:30 AM – Session 8
- 12:00 noon – Lunch and Departure



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***Driving Directions to St. Francis University***

**From Northwestern Pennsylvania:** Take **I-79 to Rt. 422 East** to Ebensburg. In town, turn left at the traffic light onto High Street. Continue straight at next light. Turn left on to Manor Road. Saint Francis University is six miles on the right.

**From Cleveland (Ohio area):** Take **Ohio Turnpike East to I-80 East**. Take **I-680 South to Route 422 East** (approximately 120 miles) to Ebensburg. In town, turn left at the traffic light onto High Street. Continue straight at next light. Turn left on to Manor Road. Follow this road for six miles to the Saint Francis University entrance on right.

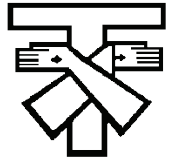
**From Southwestern PA and Southeast Ohio:** Take **Route 22 East** from Pittsburgh to second Ebensburg exit (Ebensburg/Loretto exit). Bear right at end of exit ramp. Proceed straight (crossing over Route 22). Turn right at the first light on to Manor Road. Follow this road for six miles to the Saint Francis University entrance on right.

**From Northeastern PA/Central New Jersey:** Take **I-80 South to I-80 West to Exit 161 (Bellefonte)**. Take **US99/Rt. 220 South** approximately 50 miles to Altoona. Take **Rt. 22 West** to Lilly/Portage Exit. Turn right onto **Rt. 53 North**. Continue on Rt. 53 North approximately two miles to traffic light (Sheetz on left). Turn left at light and continue beneath railroad overpass. 200 yards beyond overpass, bear right at Saint Francis University sign onto St. Joseph Street. Take this road four miles to Loretto. At Village Cross monument on traffic circle, bear left. Saint Francis University entrance is 200 yards on left.

**From Southeastern PA, Baltimore, MD, and Washington, D.C.:** Take **PA Turnpike (I-76) West to Bedford Exit 146 (220 North/I-99 North)**. Turn left after toll booth. At top of hill, turn left onto **US99/Rt. 220 North** to Altoona. Travel approximately 30 miles to Rt. 22 West. Continue from Altoona -- previous paragraph.

If you are programming your GPS, set it to:  
117 Evergreen Drive, Loretto, PA 15940

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**General Information**

- Room check-in is 3 PM, July 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Check out time is 12 noon, July 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Sorry, no early arrivals or late stays.
- All rooms have a bathroom; linens and towels are provided.
- If you need a hair dryer, bathrobe, umbrella, iron, or other amenity, please bring those with you.
- We cannot accommodate special room requests other than handicapped access.
- Commuter registration does not include room or board – meals are paid at the door at the dining hall.
- Shuttle service is provided to/from residence hall, dining hall, and conference center for all attendees.

Air Transportation Information:

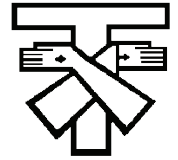
**Please note: No transportation to/from airports is provided by the Seminar. We recommend flying into one of the following options and driving to campus.**

- Johnstown Regional - JST (25 mi.)
- Altoona-Blair County – AOO (30 mi.)
- University Park (State College, PA) – UNV (73 mi.)
- Pittsburgh International - PIT (100 mi.)

***Other questions?***






**Contact Fr. Joe Lehman, TOR, (814) 472-3054  
(daytime) or e-mail [jlehman@francis.edu](mailto:jlehman@francis.edu)**





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**REGISTRATION**

-  **RESIDENT** registration fee includes residence hall room and all meals
-  **COMMUTER** registration fee does not include room or meals
-  Payment must accompany this form and is **NON-REFUNDABLE**
-  **Register before June 1<sup>st</sup>** to receive a \$25 discount on the RESIDENT registration fee
-  Absolutely no registrations accepted after Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup>

**REGISTRATION LIMITED TO 100 PARTICIPANTS**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Fraternity \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESIDENT (ON CAMPUS) REGISTRATION** - Accommodations in Christian Hall

- ☐ Single Room **\$290** /After June 1, 2018 registration is **\$315** per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**LIMITED NUMBER OF SINGLE ROOMS AVAILABLE**

- ☐ Double Room **\$230** /After June 1, 2018 registration is **\$255** per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will be rooming with \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I will need a roommate – match me up if you can

**OR:**

- ☐ **COMMUTER REGISTRATION** – (NO ROOM OR MEALS) @ **\$70** per person = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**To pay by check:** Make check payable to **Saint Francis University**. Please mail your check and this registration form to: **Mission Integration Office, Saint Francis University, P.O. Box 600, Loretto, PA 15940-0600**

**OR:**

**To pay by Credit or Debit Card:** Online registration: <https://my.francis.edu/sfubus/ICFL/ICFLseminar.asp>

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