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Archbishop William Lori to Headline MCC with Keynote Speech in Jeff City

Monsignor Ralph Kaiser made a plea for all Secular Franciscans to attend the Missouri Catholic Annual Assembly in Jefferson City on October 6 to stand up for their faith and **Religious Freedom** in these perilous times in American history.

The conference will feature a series of workshops on critical social issues facing Catholics today.

The keynote address will be given by Archbishop Lori, Archbishop Lori. He leads the U.S. bishops' religious freedom committee and is the supreme chaplain of the Knights of Columbus.

Recently, Archbishop William E. Lori came into the national spotlight when he spoke in Washington, D. C. at the beginning of a 14 day campaign for Religious Freedom. Bishop Lori told Catholics that they must fight against forces seeking to remove the influence of religion from American culture. In differing ways, both the Church's teaching and our nation's founding



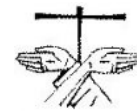
Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, MD

documents acknowledge that the Creator has endowed individuals with freedom of conscience. Such freedom goes to the heart of the dignity of the human person."

After overriding Gov. Nixon's veto of the religious liberty bill (Senate Bill 749), what better person to have as the keynote speaker for the Missouri Catholic Conference's Annual Assembly than the chief spokesperson for the U.S. Bishops on religious freedom issues, Archbishop William Lori?

Four Missouri bishops including Bishop Robert Finn, will concelebrate the closing Mass at the conference.

The diocese is providing buses to the conference and encourages all to attend.





Monsignor Ralph Kaiser, OFS. Spiritual Assistant to Queen of the Angeles Secular Franciscan Fraternity

“One of the greatest contributions of Franciscans to the 21st century, is that we understand love as the deepest form of knowledge.”

*Sister Ilia Delio, OFS
The “Q”*



Sister Ilia Delio, OFS
Keynote Speaker

Monsignor and his Students Win Again!

Those who know Monsignor Ralph Kaiser know that he rarely takes a rest from his job as Pastor of the Church of the Santa Fe and this summer was no exception.

During the week of July 19th, five of Monsignor’s young musical students from his parish participated in the 56th annual Mid-America Music Festival and did very well.

Monsignor Kaiser accompanied three children for their solo performances as well as entering his own trumpet solo.



Not only did Monsignor’s students win high awards, but Monsignor earned a superior rating and trophy for his trumpet solo.

Out of 1,409 entries, judges chose 5 outstanding performers. Monsignor Kaiser’s solo was chosen as one of these five outstanding performances.

He was honored during the awards ceremony and played his solo for the audience. Let’s all remember to congratulate Monsignor for his outstanding accomplishments.

The Secular Franciscan Order in the United States sponsors a Quinquennial Congress every five years to bring together the Franciscan family from all over the U.S. and even other countries. This year, the “Q” was held in Chicago. Despite the record breaking heat, members enjoyed meeting and becoming more knowledgeable about Franciscan spirituality and how to live and evangelize the Gospel to the world.

Franciscan theologian Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF, reminded attendees at the 18th Quinquennial Congress that St. Francis of Assisi had wanted to be a famous knight until he smashed into the reality of battle, ending up as a prisoner of war and ill.



Front (l-r) Dona Gibbons, Linda Mayer, Alice Crews; back: Frank Carpenelli, Claudia Kauzlarich, Janice and Deacon Mark Keeley

the way to search for God begins within, begins with the heart. When God told Francis *to repair My house*, he meant start with the “inner house”. Francis experienced on-going conversion and he couldn’t help but go out and impact the church and the world around him.”

“Francis didn’t choose an apostolic life, or focus on a mission. He simply chose the whole Gospel and focused upon the life of Jesus Christ.”

“That’s what marks Francis’ life,” sister said, “It was a whole-hearted dedication to the life of Christ, with a focus on joy and hope in the risen Christ.”

“But it’s often when times are tough that God speaks to us, and touches our heart,” she said.

“The key to Francis...is not the mind, but the heart,” said Sister Ilia, “Francis demonstrated

Cardinal Dolan Closes both Political Parties Conventions

The New York Catholic Diocese said that Cardinal Dolan's appearance at the Republican and Democratic Conventions is "purely pastoral, not political." But Cardinal Dolan, who is president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, is the nation's highest ranking Catholic and has been the voice of religious liberty, a leading issue for the Republican Party, in the fight over ObamaCare.

Cardinal Dolan said on Sirius Radio that "Part of prayer is conversion of hearts. When you pray you are asking the Holy Spirit to purify us and bring out what is most noble. Part of my prayer, for both

parties, would be that they would be true to the biblical, to the theistic, to the natural law traditions of this country. And that can be prophetic, and that can be a call to conversion when they're not."

Cardinal Dolan, himself, said that the Catholic Church is not siding with the Republican or Democratic party. In fact, he released a statement last week to both Republican nominees Mitt Romney and Paul Ryan, and President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, asking them to sign the Civility in America Pledge developed by the Knights of Columbus. The pledge calls on candidates,

commentators, and members of the media to focus on critical issues and "avoid personal attacks."

Catholics once were solidly in the Democrat's camp in the past. Over the past four decades, they have become a crucial swing vote, a barometer for the general election, according to Bill Donohue, president of the Catholic League.

Dolan was warmly received by the Republicans, sort of like preaching to the choir, according to Donohue. The Democratic convention will be more of a challenge.



*Cardinal Timothy Dolan,
President of the
US Catholic Bishops*

Juan de Padilla Regional Wichita Retreat

Secular Franciscan Fraternities from Kansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri gathered in Wichita, KS to hear Father Curtis Carlson, OFM, Cap. Father Carlson's Retreat was entitled, "Holy Moments in Challenging Times". Father spoke of things



Father Curtis Carlson,
Retreat Master

ture and the Life of Francis to our modern day way of life. His talks also addressed; Difficulties- fears and joys, Suffering—pain and love, the Church- respect and fidelity.

Retired Spiritual Assistant,
Fr. Felix Petrosky, OFM, Cap

was also in attendance and helped to concelebrate Mass and hear confessions.

Each fraternity gave an oral report to the group about its activities, and challenges.



Virginia Forbes shares her thoughts with the group

The Queen of the Angels Fraternity was represented by Dona Gibbons, Dave and Virginia Forbes.



Dave Forbes and Frank
Carpenelli

that take us away from prayer such as technology, "busyness" and work. He related Scrip-

An Irish Prayer
(shared at the Wichita Retreat by Father Carlson)
May those that Love us, Love us,
And those that don't Love us, May God turn their hearts,
And if He doesn't turn their hearts, May He turn their ankles,
So that we may know them by their limping.



Be Part of the Light of the Christ



*Pray the
Rosary
every day
To obtain
Peace
in the world*



This October 13th, is the 95th Anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima.

Area Catholics will gather at the Divine Mercy Park, 3800 Davidson Road, North Kansas City at 6:15 pm, to pray for :

- The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph
- The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung by the Diocesan Choir in front of the 30' Statue of Divine Mercy



- Success for the Year of Faith
- An increase in the Daily Family Rosary

At 7:00 PM Candlelight Rosary Procession begins from Divine Mercy Park to St. Patrick's Church (.8 mile)

There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a homily on Devotion to the Eucharist by Bishop Robert Finn .

Father James Kelleher will also talk about the importance of *Praying The Daily Family Rosary*.



The Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary will be said and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be made by all.

Commitment cards to say the daily family rosary will be available in each parish during the month of September.



Interested in Becoming a Secular Franciscan?

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) is a branch of the worldwide Franciscan Family. We are single and married. We work, worship and play in community where we live.

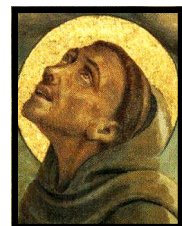
The OFS is a secular movement, established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the gospel to life where we live and where we work.

We look for practical ways to embrace the gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise.

In today's world we are plagued by time schedules, projects and activities that leave us tense and stressed. The SFO becomes our place of refuge and renewal where our brothers and sister in Francis support

and inspire us.

You too, can become a life-time member of our family —if God is calling you. See contact information on back page.

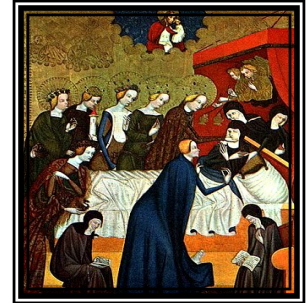


Dying as a Franciscan- The Transitus of St. Francis & St. Clair



All Souls Day

Approaching Our Transition to Eternal Life & Accompanying Others on the Way to Theirs



November 2, 2012 at 6:30 PM

Bring Your Prayer Intentions for Your Friends & Family

Franciscan Prayer Center, Independence, MO

Numerous poignant artistic depictions in the famous Giotto frescoes show us the dying Francis and Clare being cared for and mourned by brothers and sisters gathered around them during the final days of their lives. These beloved friends of our founders journeyed with them, preparing them for that great Transitus which would take each of them from this life through death into eternal life.

Many of us within the Franciscan Family of the 21st century – friars, sisters, seculars and all those associated in any way with the Poverello of Assisi – find ourselves surrounded by those within our own communities and families who are in need of similar accompaniment and companionship as they walk the

fullness of life. And each one of us, one day, will walk the same path ourselves.



Is there a particularly Franciscan manner of approaching our own passage to the Lord and of helping others to do the same?

Are there particular elements within the Franciscan tradition – stories, symbols, rituals, and so forth – on which we can all draw to help us and others whom we accompany in this

ultimate pilgrimage of the human journey? There are indeed!

On November 2, the Feast of All Souls, Secular Franciscans in the Kansas City Metro Area will explore both aspects of this journey through a series of dramatic readings, music and prayer .

Please bring an item to share for a Mediterranean table such as bread, olives, cheese, fruit or wine.

Why Come?

- **To Pray** for your family and friends., living and deceased
- **To Enjoy** to Pan Pipes and a Guatemalan Band
- **To Hear** solos from Francis and Clare.
- **Wear** medieval-like clothing if you wish

New Regional Spiritual Assistant Uses Media to Evangelize

Many fraternities have discussed how to develop more opportunities to involve the youth with the Secular Franciscans.



Juan de Padilla Region now has a new Spiritual Assistant with an interesting background that could add a new dimension to our lives.

Father Mike Scully has spent most of his 40 plus years work-

ing as a minister to youth. He has served as a religion teacher, high school administrator, youth pastor and parish pastor. He has given retreats for high school and college youth and shares his program on Rock Music and Leadership". Father Scully says that rock music can be used in a positive way. "Almost any song will have a message that is what young people experience or know about. Specifically then, to direct what the young people listen to with a specific Christian message in mind can be most effective."

Father finds the message in the lyrics of the songs and com-

pares its message with that of the gospel. He also gives retreats and days of recollection for adults.

Father Scully focuses upon how to live the Gospel in the modern world using contemporary media. His publishes books on the Gospel and society. He also publishes meditations on modern movies such as Avatar, Batman, Chronicles of Narnia, and more, comparing them to the teaching of Jesus Christ. His books; The Gospel in Media, Volumes 1-IV and The Message of Youth can be found at www.capuchins.org.



Father Mike Scully,
OFM, Cap

Queen of Angels Fraternity Continues to Grow

It was nearly two years ago when 5 members of the Holy Eucharist Fraternity decided to branch out and grow in the east side of the KC Metro area in Blue Springs.

It was a bit daunting leaving the large fraternity, the Franciscan Prayer Center and Sister Josephine, the Spiritual Assistant for the Holy Eucharist Fraternity.

Fortunately, we were able to recruit Monsignor Kaiser, the only priest in the diocese who was a Secular Franciscan to be our Spiritual Assistant. He has given the fraternity great support in developing their formation program.

This year, the fraternity has been able to attract the interest of several individuals who have to expressed an interest in the Franciscan spirituality of



Dona Gibbons, Helen Boos, Virginia and Dave Forbes, Cathy Herndon, Kathy Johnson, and Mgr Ralph Kaiser

the secular fraternity.

This springs, the fraternity welcomed Dave and Virginia Forbes as Inquirers at St. Ann's chapel in Helen's home.

Virginia Forbes said that she had been thinking about the Franciscans for some time. She grew up in the eastern part of the US. Her parish was run by the Franciscans. Dave and Virginia will soon be entering their Candidacy phase working towards

Profession.

This fall Frank and Grace Ann Ancona are entering the Inquiry phase and are looking forward to learning more about St. Francis. Frank expressed his love of the Peace Prayer attributed to St. Francis.

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