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Saturday, July 2, 2016

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Morning Prayer
9:00	Fr. Dan Horan
10:00	Break
10:30	Mass
12:00	Lunch
1:30	Guest presenter : Br Keith Warner, ofm
2:45	Breakout Sessions (participants have chosen one in 8-10 choices at registration)
4:00	Little Fraternities
5:00	CNSA meeting
6:00	Dinner
7:30	Entertainment ST LOUIS Event

Sunday, July 3, 2016

7:00 – 8:00	Breakfast
8:30	Morning Prayer
9:00	Fr Dan
10:00	Break
10:30	Little Fraternities; Little Fraternity Facilitators submit Summary Reports from Little Fraternities (either electronically or in writing) to Q Committee
Noon	Lunch
1:30	Guest Presenter: Carolyn Townes
2:45	Breakout sessions (participants have chosen one in 8-10 choices prior to or at registration)
4:00	Break

5:00	Dinner
6:30	Praise and Worship (optional)
7:00	Closing Mass

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE Q!!!

**Your sister servant,
Alice Crews OFS
Regional Minister**



“What is JPIC?”

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I get asked this question a lot, by secular Franciscans and by persons who are not secular Franciscans. I’ve tried to answer this question before, but one day it occurred to me: Susan, really, you are making this too hard.

As a matter of fact, my guess is that all of us practice Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation more than we imagine.

Here are some examples:

- When we study Laudato Si, our Pope’s most recent encyclical on stewardship of our environment, when we recycle, when we pick up trash, when we encourage groups with which we are affiliated to care for our environment, we are caring for and protecting the integrity of God’s Creation. When we take action on any life issue that addresses the sanctity of life, we are protecting the integrity of God’s Creation. We are also practicing and/or advocating for justice.
- When we pray for peace, when we practice non-violent living, when we live in collaboration and cooperation with one another, we are practicing peace. When we teach others, including our children, conflict resolution skills, we are practicing and teaching and living peace.
- When we advocate for and/or help our poor brothers and sisters, when we seek and advocate for better housing, health care, employment opportunities and public services that help people fulfill their greatest possible potential, we are living for justice. When we seek to right injustices resulting from racist or sexist or other discriminatory practices, we are living justice.

Prayer is a part of this process as well, as we seek the guidance from our Lord concerning our actions.

So really, you probably know more about JPIC than you think you do! I will work harder to try and animate, or help to present/create opportunities for you to live JPIC, also known as the social Gospel. Thanks for your prayers and your actions as you seek to make our world a better, more peaceful and just place!

By Susan Tabor OFS

JPIC Animator for Juan De Padilla Region
and NAFRA JPIC Commission Member



THE FORMATION CORNER



Janice Keeley
Formation Director
In the Sea of Galilee

I am writing this on a sunny, warm day, realizing it is still February, but also looking forward to and trusting that spring is arriving soon. With spring, many of us think of planting our gardens with the hope of flourishing bounty, come summer.

So—I am going to give you a list of seeds that you might think of sowing in your gardens:



Plant 3 rows of Peas:

Peace of Mind by turning all our worries over to our Father and Mother.
Peace of Heart by loving as Christ loved us.
Peace of Soul by living our lives according to our Father's will for us.



Plant 4 rows of Squash:

Squash gossip wherever we hear it.
Squash indifference, especially toward people and issues that are unpopular.
Squash grumbling when things are not like we think they should be.
Squash selfishness realizing that everything we have is a gift of God.



Plant 4 rows of Lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful to our profession and our fraternity.
Lettuce be kind to all we meet.
Lettuce be patient in dealing with people we consider difficult.
Lettuce really love one another as the Father loves each of us.



No Garden is complete without Turnips:

Turnip for quiet time with the Lord.
Turnip for Fraternity gatherings.
Turnip for service to our neighbor.



To Conclude our Garden, we must have Thyme:

Thyme for prayer, especially the Holy Mass
Thyme for our families
Thyme for our friends



Water freely with Prayer and Franciscan Charisms and cultivate with love. There will be much fruit in your garden, because you reap what you sow. And, the best part about this garden is that it can be kept growing year round.

I look forward to seeing very many of you at the summer, regional retreat. I have been speaking with our retreat director by phone and I am convinced that the Holy Spirit chose him for us. Also, I hope that many of you will be able to attend the Quinquennial Meetings in St. Louis. Deacon Mark and I went 4 years ago and we met so many inspiring seculars. It is a very worthwhile event. Ask for a scholarship if you need one. Just try to attend.

I would like to give credit for the idea for my column to whoever wrote the original "Garden of Daily Living" poem.

All peace and all good with prayers for you all,

Janice OFS

I Showed Mercy...Testament of St. Francis

Juan de Padilla Regional Retreat June 10-12, 2016



Father Chuck Faso OFM

Father Chuck Faso OFM will lead this year's annual regional retreat which is titled "***I Showed Mercy... Testament of St. Francis***", a perfect topic during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. This year's retreat will be held in Oklahoma for the first time!

Father Chuck Faso is a Franciscan Friar and a Catholic Priest. He joined the Franciscans (OFM) in 1960 and was ordained a priest in 1967. Fr Chuck and his two brothers and two sisters were born in Chicago Heights. He was ordained in Teutopolis IL, taught in Oak Brook IL and Chicago. Fr Chuck ministered at St Peter's-in-the-Loop Church (1978-1998), preached parish missions (1998-2008), ministers to Franciscans (men & women, religious and lay, since 2008), leads pilgrimages to the Holy Land (36 times), and other countries in the world.

Degrees: Philosophy (1964, Cleveland OH), in Theology (1968, Teutopolis IL). Music Education (1972, DePaul University, Chicago), Liturgy (1976, Notre Dame University IN).

Teacher: Music & Religion in High School Seminary (1968-1974), Liturgy at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago (1976-1986)

Preacher: Parish Mission preacher 1998-2008. Preaching retreats to Franciscans since 2008.

Retreats: Fr Chuck preaches retreats to Franciscans - men and women, lay and religious

Secular Franciscans: Fr Chuck is Spiritual Assistant to two Secular Franciscan Fraternities in Crystal Lake IL and Mayslake Village, Oak Brook IL.

Pilgrimages: Fr Chuck leads pilgrimages to the Holy Land (36 times from 1980 to 2015), to Italy, Turkey, Greece, Russia, France, Spain, Portugal, etc.

*"Oklahoma, where the wind comes
sweepin' down the plain,
And the wavin' wheat can
sure smell sweet,
When the wind comes right
behind the rain."*



For the first time ever, the annual Juan de Padilla Regional Retreat will be held in Oklahoma at the beautiful facilities of the **Catholic Pastoral Center in Oklahoma City, OK.**

Let us connect as a growing fraternal region with a great retreat master, known for his common sense and humor. Please plan to attend this annual event, get to know your brothers and sisters through learning, prayer, fun and relaxing activities and socials. *We all need a break, let's go. OKLAHOMA or BUST!*

FASO-ISMS

- It is hard to be happy because we refuse to let go of things that make us sad.
- Always remember that your present situation is not your final destination.
- The mind replays what the heart won't delete.
- You cannot hang out with negative people and expect to live a positive life.
- Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it.
- We decide whether something will be a blessing or a curse by the way we choose to see it.
- Jesus never said to count the sheep - just feed them!
- "Live in such a way that those who know you but don't know God will come to know God because they knew you."
- When I forgive someone, I let a prisoner go free - and that prisoner is me!
- Begin the day with gratitude. On waking, name five blessings for which you are grateful - "Thank you, God, for...."

2016 OKLAHOMA CITY FRANCISCAN RETREAT

Hello Everyone!

I am writing this extra “blurb” to try to get you all excited about our Retreat in Oklahoma City, June 10, 11, 12. The planning committee is excited! We had a planning day yesterday and there are going to be some of the usual happenings, but also new things and improvements that you all have requested from previous years. We want it to be a very Franciscan Retreat.

To make a retreat Franciscan, we have to have a very Franciscan retreat director. We believe that Fr. Chuck Faso, OFM was chosen by the Holy Spirit for us, because his previously scheduled pilgrimage was cancelled and he just happened to come across my phone number in his list of callers. Look up Fr. Chuck (or Charles) Faso on the www, and you will see that he leads retreats for all branches of the order and is a spiritual assistant to two fraternities near Chicago. He regularly leads pilgrimages to holy sites and has taught music and is a liturgist. The title of the retreat is “I Showed Mercy”-Testament of St. Francis.

You are going to enjoy the comfort, conveniences, beauty and spirituality of the Diocesan Spiritual Life Center (www.archokc.org) which used to be a seminary. The price is slightly reduced for rooms comparable to previous years. If you want to upgrade your room to a private bath, you can do so. Everything is in one building with an elevator available and convenient. There is a very nice area close to our rooms where we will have our evening socials.

An important addition is that the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the chapel for adoration during quiet times. There are also several times set aside for getting to know your fellow Franciscans. During adoration time and anytime, Father Chuck will be happy to hear your confessions.

To practice our Franciscan spirituality, we will be praying Liturgy of the Hours, morning and evening, with comments and guidance from our Retreat Director. Bring your Breviary or Christian Prayer books. We will pray the Franciscan Crown Rosary, so if you have a 7-decade rosary, bring it with you. We will also practice “Franciscan-style” contemplation.

A book store will make Franciscan resources available. If someone needs a room to handle a handicap, let us know. Arrangements will be made to fit the circumstances.

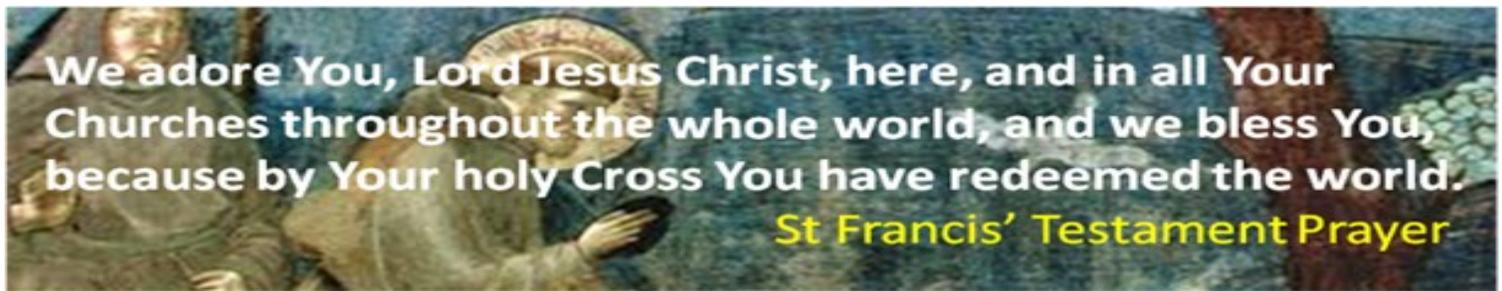
The Registration Form, more information and a map are in this newsletter. Let us know if you need a scholarship. We want to be sure that anyone who wants to attend is able to do so.

Pray with us for a spirit-filled, uplifting retreat.

Peace to you all,

**Janice Keeley OFS,
Regional Formation Director**





Juan de Padilla Regional Secular Franciscan Retreat "I showed mercy" - Testament of Saint Francis

Retreat Director: Fr. Chuck Faso, O.F.M.

Dates: Friday, June 10 – Sunday, June 12, 2016

Location: Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73132

GENERAL INFORMATION

Schedule: Retreat check-in begins on Friday, June 10, between 3:00 and 6:00 PM in the Pastoral Center, north-east entrance, attached to a parking lot. Dinner is available at the Pastoral Center at 6:00, with advanced notice for \$7.50. The retreat begins with Mass at 7:00 PM in the Chapel. The Retreat ends on Sunday after lunch.

Please register upon arrival. You will receive your room assignment, retreat schedule and other information at registration. You can then enjoy the grounds or relax until the first session at 7:00 PM on Friday evening. A variety of restaurants are nearby on Northwest Highway, if you choose not to eat Friday dinner at the Pastoral Center, but please register first.

Cost: The cost is \$110.00 per person for a shared room (double occupancy) and \$125.00 for a single occupancy. The cost includes 2 nights lodging, 3 meals on Saturday, breakfast and lunch on Sunday, snacks, retreat director's stipend and facility costs. Bed linens, pillows, and towels are furnished. Your room may be upgraded to private bath. See costs on registration form.

A \$35.00 *non-refundable* deposit is due at the time of registration.

Commuter Fee for the entire weekend is \$75.00 (includes 3 meals Saturday and 2 Sunday). Fee for Saturday only, including only the noon meal, is \$45.00. Please contact Janice Keeley: phone (918)-456-9334 or email catholics2@hotmail.com [if you have further questions about the cost.](#)

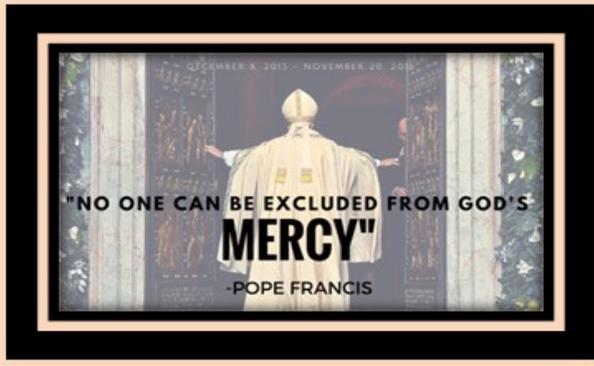
Rooms: Accommodations at the Pastoral Center vary. Specific handicap rooms are not available at the Pastoral Center. If special accommodations are needed, please state that on your registration form or contact Janice Keeley: (phone (918)-456-9334 or email catholics2@hotmail.com) so that arrangements (possibly off-campus) can be made. One bathroom is shared between two rooms; however, rooms with private baths are available. If you have a roommate, please include their name on your registration form. We can also assist you in finding a roommate. There is an elevator convenient to rooms and activities.

Meals: The Pastoral Center is unable to accommodate special diets, but a good salad is always available.

Dress: We suggest modest, comfortable clothes and shoes as some outside walking may be desired. A sweater or jacket is a good idea.

Emergency Phone Number: Alice Crews 1-816-872-5123.

Please fill out and return the Registration Form on the following page by May 1, 2015.



2016 Juan de Padilla Region
Secular Franciscan Retreat

“I showed mercy” - Testament of Saint Francis
REGISTRATION FORM

Pastoral Center, Oklahoma City, OK
Friday, June 10 – Sunday, June 12, 2016

Please print clearly

Name: _____

Local Fraternity _____

Servant Leadership Position: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number(s): Home _____ Cell _____

Email address: _____

Please check your room choice among the following which will be the total cost for your retreat:

_____ I will share a room with an adjoining bath. Total cost per person is \$110.

_____ I request a private room without a roommate, with an adjoining bath. Total cost is \$125.

_____ I will share a room with a private bath. Total cost per person is \$120.

_____ I request a private room with a private bath. Total cost is \$145.

_____ I will be commuting. I understand my cost will be \$75.

_____ Single day attendance with one meal will be \$45.

_____ Friday evening meal will be \$7.50 (**must reserve now**).

_____ Scholarships are available from the Region. Contact Alice Crews, Regional Minister 1-816-872-5123

If you are sharing a room please list the name of your roommate _____

OR check here _____ if you would like us to find a roommate for you.

Please list any requests regarding rooms (if you need a handicap accessible room, please notify us ASAP):

For your registration to be complete, please:

Return your registration form, the full amount or a non-refundable deposit of \$35 by the deadline of May 1, 2016. Balance due upon registration on June 10th.

Please include a \$35.00 deposit. Checks should be made payable to: Juan de Padilla Region.

Mail forms and check to:

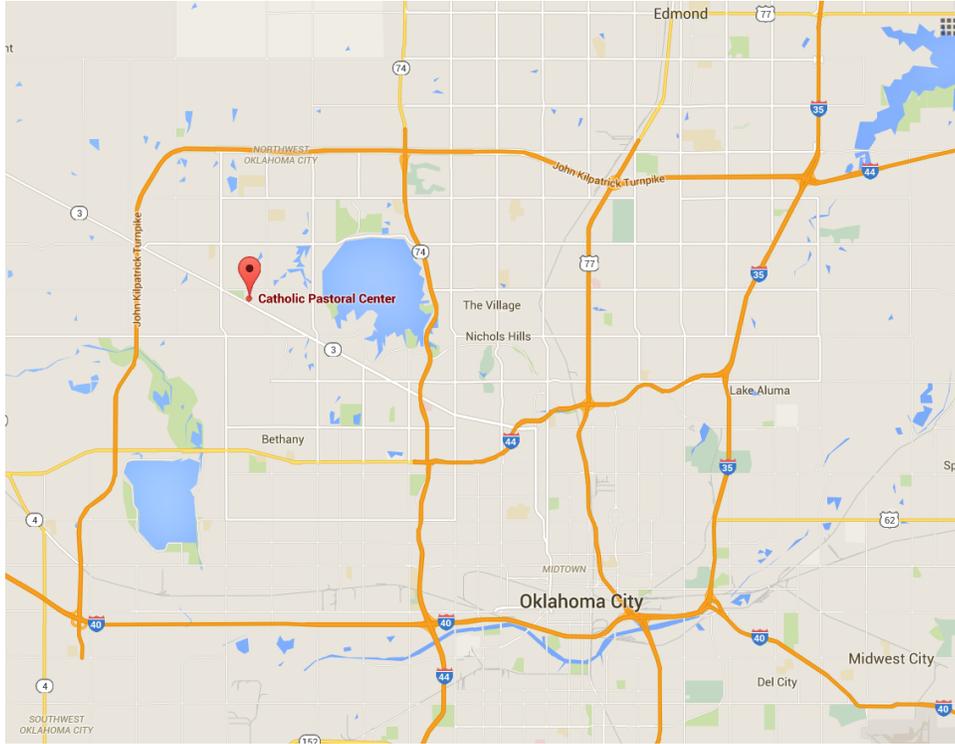
Claudia Kauzlarich, OFS
2007 Maverick Trail
Harrisonville, MO 64701

Questions: Janice Keeley: phone (918)-456-9334 or email catholics2@hotmail.com

Pastoral Center, 7501 Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73132



North Entrance



Pastoral Center Grounds





Fraternity News

Our Lady of Sorrows Fraternity, Olathe, KS & Holy Eucharist Fraternity, Independence, MO
Unite for a Joint Profession at the Franciscan Prayer Center



Elisa Sands, Stan Sikorski, Glenda Meis, Helen Agrusa, Carol Ridder, Kelli Stallman, Amy Scheitler, Emily McCue and Sherry McAuliffe.



Mr. Elms gives candle to Holy Eucharist Formation Director, Stan Sikorski as Carol Ridder and Maria Epperson look on.



Back row: Nick Novello, Stan Sikorski, Kelli Stallman, Emily McCue, Sherry McAuliffe, Elisa Sands, Helen Agrusa, Carol Ridder, OLS, Glenda Meis, Amy Scheitler, Sister Josephine



Father Curtis Carlson OFM Cap and candidates wait for the procession to begin .



Father Carlson blesses the meal after the profession ceremony



CALENDAR EVENTS 2016

Sacred Heart Elections	April 9	Emporia, KS
Little Portion Elections	April 16 or 23	Tahlequah, OK
Queen of Angels Elections	May 28	Blue Springs/Buckner, MO
JDP Annual Retreat	June 10-12	Pastoral Center, Oklahoma City, OK
St. Francis Visitation	June 12	Oklahoma City, OK
The Quinquennial "Q"	June 30-July 4	St. Louis, MO
Holy Eucharist Elections	August 14	Independence, MO
St Monica Elections	September 18	Kansas City, MO
Regional Chapter of Elections	September 24-25	Wichita, KS
Day of Reflection by Fr. Mike Scully	October 1	Franciscan Prayer Center , Independence, MO

Don't forget to provide a stipend to your regional visitators.

Diocese of Dodge City Welcomes Secular Franciscan Fraternity from Liberal, Kansas



Eappan and Anna Medathil, Eva Hickman, and Father Jim Dieker, made their profession to the Secular Franciscan Order at a special Mass of Thanksgiving at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe January 23, 2016 in Dodge City.

Father Felix Petrovsky OFM Cap, Father Jim Dieker OFS, Bishop John Brunghart (bishop of Dodge City) Eva Hickman OFS, Eappan "EP" Madathil OFS, Annie Madathil

It was an historic first for the southwest Kansas diocese because this is

the first time Secular Franciscans have been professed there. Chris Hickman, who, upon moving to Liberal in 2011, found that the closest third order Franciscans were in Hays, KS. After several months' discernment, Hickman sought and was granted permission to begin a fraternity in Liberal. The new group chose the name of St. Frances Cabrini, an Italian missionary to the United States and South America, as its patroness.

Chris Hickman, group leader, said that this is the first Secular Franciscan Profession in the diocese of Dodge City as far as anyone can remember! The Profession Mass was celebrated by Bishop John Brungardt at the Dodge City Cathedral. The profession rite was performed by members of the sponsoring St. Joseph Fraternity, Hays, Kansas: Minister Brenda Lager OFS, Formation Director Geri Rupp OFS, and Spiritual Assistant Fr. Felix Petrovsky OFM Cap. St. Frances Cabrini now has the five professed members required to qualify as an emerging fraternity!

Praise to be said at all Hours

God, all powerful, most holy sublime ruler of all, you alone are good -supremely, fully, completely good, may we render to you all praise, all honor and all blessing may we always ascribe to you alone everything that is good!

Amen



Father Felix with newly professed; Rev. James Dieker, Eva Hickman, and Eappan and Annie Madathil.



Our “Pro-Life Papa” Makes Historic Pilgrimage on the March for Life



Kansas City–St. Joseph’s diocesan paper, The Catholic Key, referring to Monsignor Ralph Kaiser OFS said that “no stronger, no more veteran a voice” spoke to the pro-life pilgrims that their bus journey to and from Washington D.C., wasn’t going to be easy, even under the best of circumstances.

And the best of circumstances didn’t happen. The Pro-Life Pilgrims got stuck on the freeway in western Pennsylvania in the historic blizzard that blanketed the northeast.

Monsignor had prepared the pilgrims by celebrating Mass at St. John LaLande in Blue Springs, MO on January 20 at 5 a.m. He told them to remember that “this is a pilgrimage...by its very nature, it has penitential value..”. He recalled the martyrs who witnessed the truth with their lives. It is the blood of the martyrs that built up the Church. He said that that what they were about to endure was well worth the prize of witnessing the truth to the nation that every unborn child is a gift from God.



Monsignor Ralph Kaiser OFS, Spiritual Assistant to Queen of the Angels and Pastor of the Church of the Santa Fe in Buckner, MO. Monsignor is a former Navy Chaplain. He became a Secular Franciscan in the seminary at Bonaventure University in 1954.

Monsignor said that we must pray that the minds of those who make our laws will return to the mind of Christ.

Monsignor’s words proved to be prophetic. The pilgrims were stuck in buses on the freeway during the historic blizzard for more than 22 hours. All snacks, food and water were gone from the buses. The National Guard came to their rescue with food and water. *(There was little secular media coverage of the numerous pilgrims from all over the USA.)*



Sister Death

NAME	FRATERNITY	CITY, STATE	DATE
Joyce Maurer OFS	St. Elizabeth	Leawood, KS	December 11, 2015
Mary Iovan OFS	St. Clare	Norman, OK	January 15, 2016
Janice Turner OFS	St. Stanislaus-St. Adalbert	Broken Arrow, OK	January 21, 2016
<i>(Please let Alice know of any deaths in your respective fraternities.)</i>			