



Good News Report

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Trillium Regional Fraternity



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MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Friends in Christ. Today we thank the Lord for all His graces bestowed on the Secular Franciscans in the Trillium Region. This past number of months we had the opportunity to share the Eucharist with Ministers and their delegates from across the Region at our retreat in Mississauga on May 11 and at the Celebration of our 20th anniversary in Midland on June 23. Both were well attended and both were spiritually uplifting. Once again we came to realize that though we are widely spread out across Ontario the Franciscan Spirituality is alive and well in every corner.

Also since our last report we joyfully celebrated the canonical establishment of four of our Fraternities and the profession of thirteen candidates. They are truly a gift of God to our Fraternities and to the Region. For all these marvellous activities we thank our first order bretheren from the Ministers Provincials to Fr. Peter Knaapen ofm Conv. and all Spiritual Assistants who so selflessly accompany us on our journey and celebrate as well as witness our professions into the Order. During this time a new Spiritual Assistant was appointed to the Mary Queen of Peace Fraternity in Carlsruhe and we are actively anticipating the appointment of a new Spiritual Assistant at St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity in Welland after many years of absence.

We are also thankful for the addition of two new Fraternities to the Region. St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity – Toronto has after twenty years elected to re join the Region while St. Benedict the Black Fraternity of Mississauga has elected to join after thirteen years of semi- independent operation. Both were started by the Order of Friars Minor under the Leonine rule. The Trillium Region of the Secular Franciscan Order welcomes some 25 new members from these two new Fraternities and we offer our assistance in integrating them into our community.

The World Youth Day at Home program organize in a number of diocese was a great success. In Kingston some two hundred people, mostly young men and women gathered to hear the teaching



SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT

Address given by Fr. Peter Knaapen OFM Conv. at Midland, Ontario on June 23, 2013



HISTORY OF THE TRILLIUM REGION

Part One

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We gather today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Trillium Region and also the 35th anniversary of the Pauline Rule (1978) for without the Pauline Rule there would be no Trillium Region. We are gathered today to celebrate who we are as a Region and to celebrate all those who helped establish the region and those who have helped it to flourish.

Ten years ago I attended a seminar at St Bonaventure University entitled "*The Blessing of Penance: Our Past, Our Future: a reflection of the Rules and ways of life of Secular Franciscans.*" One of the presentations was entitled "the way we were." It was given by Marie Amore. It was a lovely presentation on what the SFO was like when she was young, and how it was then in 2003. She gave us a look back, but also pointed out all the changes and growth that have occurred since she was young. As I was preparing for this presentation today, looking through files and reports of the early regional chapters, I could not help but think of that presentation on "the way we were" Many things have changed over these 20 years and yet many things are the same. There has been a lot of growth over these 20 years, and yet, today, there still are some of the same concerns, challenges, hopes and dreams.

What was it like 20 years ago? It was a time of transition, enthusiasm and hope. The lay Franciscans had a new Rule in 1978 and the provisional General Constitutions were promulgated in 1990. The Rule and Constitutions gave you a new name and a new structure. You were no longer the 'Third Order Franciscan' but now the 'Secular Franciscan Order.' No longer were you a province under a branch of the First Order

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of two archbishops and be present by video link in Brazil with the Holy Father and those gathered there for this unique event

A number of our Fraternities have celebrating Transitus of our seraphic father Francis throughout the Region with members of their respective parishes and guests. What a wonderful opportunity we have to promote the vocations for both our young friends and members of our communities.

Regional Council members presided over eight local elections and conducted ten formal visits throughout the region since our last newsletter. We thank the Lord for all those friends of St. Francis who were motivated to stand for office, dedicating their own time for the well being of their respective Fraternities. The renewal of Leadership is so very important in the life of Fraternities. Thank you one and all for the gift of your time, leadership and witness. To help all Council the Region provided handouts to all Fraternities on the *Care and Feeding of Fraternity Councils*, the *Forming of Formators 5 DVD sets*, the *FUN* formation material accompanying CDs, material for YouFra formation and on *Justice Peace and the Integrity of Creation* the latest Secular Franciscan program, *Reflections on the Holy Rule*, by Fred Schaeffer ofs, our brother from the USA, and a biblical study program called *The Faith we Believe* for the Year of Faith 2012-2013. [Hamilton Diocese]

The Regional Council's remaining time in office will be taken up with the organization of the new Chapter of Elections. At our meeting on September 14 the Council adopted the theme of the *Perfect Joy* for the Chapter. The location of the meeting has been set at Mount Mary Retreat Centre in Ancaster, ON. for the weekend of May 23 – 25, 2014. We are looking forward with great anticipation to the visit of Mr. Tom Wilkinson ofs, National – Vice Minister and his presiding over the elections. During the Chapter we will be discussing and deciding on a number of proposed changes to the Statutes of the Trillium Region most of which were necessitated by the changes to the National Statutes in 2012 as adopted by the National Fraternity and ap-

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but now you were a Region of the National Fraternity of Canada. In Ontario we had three provinces each under the Obedience of a First Order Province: there was the Capuchin Province of Good Shepherd, the Conventual Province of St Francis of Assisi and the OFM fraternities of Immaculate Conception Province. These would form the new Region of Trillium under the Patronage of St Clare of Assisi. The big difference was that there would no longer be three 'third Orders' but only one 'secular Franciscan Order.' This was what Pope Paul VI declared when he approved the Rule in 1978. Article 2 states you are "*an organic union of all Catholic fraternities scattered throughout the world and open to every group of the faithful*". With the Pauline Rule you became a single Order with a single International Minister. The new structure was outlined in art. 20 of the Rule: "*The Secular Franciscan Order is divided into fraternities of various levels — local, regional, national, and international. Each one has its own moral personality in the Church. These various fraternities are coordinated and united according to the norm of this rule and of the constitutions*".

Article 21 laid out a new leadership structure. According to the Rule of Pope Leo XIII the Friar/Priest was in charge and a president/prefect was appointed by him. The other officers were selected or appointed. Now the rule of Paul VI stated: "*On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister (or president) who are elected by the professed according to the constitutions...*" By 1993 most fraternities had started electing their council and yet some were still appointed.

The other significant changes were formation and the requirements for profession. The rule would simply state in art. 24 that "*admission into the Order is gradually attained through a time of initiation, a period of formation of at least one year, and profession of the rule.*" The entire community is engaged in this process of growth by its own manner of living. The age for profession and the distinctive Franciscan sign are regulated by the statutes. In Canada the age for profession would be eighteen and the distinctive sign would be any form of the Tau Cross. We went from cord and scapular to the Tau cross. We went from a very loose formation to a more structured and formal one.

One of the biggest structural changes was the Region. The process of moving from the old structure of fraternities and provinces under the jurisdiction of a First Order Province - to a Region as part of a National Fraternity was called 'regionalization.' In 1990 a regionalization steering committee was formed. It was chaired by Richard Juneau, the Minister/President of Good Shepherd Province. The steering com-

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proved by the International Fraternity. Following the next Regional Council on November 30 in Burlington we plan to provide all Fraternities with wording of the proposed changes.

During the last ten months we all were called upon to assist spiritually with prayers and fasting as well as financially our secular Franciscan brothers in other parts of the World and Franciscan International, the voice of the poor on the International stage. And you have responded with significant support without hesitation. Supporting missionary work by your very presence and through donations in Haiti, Guatemala and parts of Africa to say nothing of the less well off brothers on our streets. May the Lord richly reward your self-sacrifice.

Yet daily we are reminded in the news of the suffering of God's people in places like Pakistan, Afghanistan, Syria, Africa and many other parts of the Word. The International Fraternity has reached out once again in the hopes to ameliorate their sufferings to the extent possible. In view of this and in light of the fairly significant decline in overall membership of Secular Franciscans in Canada, an appeal is conveyed to you for your missionary spirit. In order for us to effectively carry on with these works of the Lord we need "Labourers in the Field".

Would you kindly review your situation and that of your neighbourhood and parish to see what can be done with prayer and active engagement to attract new members to our Order, to our unique community of love. As our Rule 22 states – *The local fraternity . . . is a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be a privileged place for developing a sense . . . of the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic (and missionary) life of its members.*

May the good Lord grant us all the wisdom and the strength to work more effectively in His vineyard. Happy thanksgiving.

Prayers and blessings,
Les Alberti, ofs

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mittee was composed of representatives from the three 'provinces' mentioned above. Most were either on the provincial council or local fraternity ministers. I recall some of the names. David Westley, who was the secretary of the steering committee, Sylvia Lauzo, Alan & Gillian Brown representing Good Shepherd Province, Mildred Cope and Helen McGuire representing St Francis Province, Solange Ouellette and Steve Kalley-Kadet representing the Immaculate Conception (OFM) province. There was a conference of major superiors who attended many of the meetings. It was comprised of Br. John Corriveau, OFM CAP, Fr. Joe Madden OFM CONV, Fr. Celestine Pennisi OFM and Sr. Celestine Geirtych, CSSF. They were true leaders, great thinkers and visionaries who supported the process with their wisdom and guidance. It is interesting to note that Br. Corriveau went on to be the Minister General of the Capuchins and later Bishop of Nelson, BC. Sr. Celestine went on to become the Mother General of the Felicians. There also was a conference of Spiritual Assistants made up of Br. David Connelly, Fr. Celestine, Sr. MaryAnn Olekszyk, and myself. I joined this committee about halfway through their work. It was a very impressive committee. The committee worked for over 3 years to set up the Trillium Region, to organize the first Chapter of elections, and to draw up the first Statutes and guidelines for the Region. In so many ways they laid the foundation for our Region. We are indebted to them. I must admit that Richard Juneau's organization skills kept us on track.

The steering committee had three underlying principles to guide their work: 1. *Secular Franciscan needed to be clear about their own unique identity as separate and equal members of the Franciscan Family.* 2. *Growth and administration of the Secular Franciscan Order must be self-directed.* 3. *Vital reciprocity must exist between the First and Third Order.*

The committee members made a commitment to attend the steering committee meetings and to educate the local fraternities about the purpose and process of regionalization. It was important that all members understood the changes that were about to happen and that they took ownership of what was happening. Finally all their hard work came to fruition. All the requirements of the Regionalization terms of references approved by the National Fraternity of Canada were fulfilled. The Ministers of twenty-six Fraternities in Southwest part of Ontario consented to be part of the new Region. The geographic boundaries were defined as being within the Province of Ontario, all land west of a line drawn from Sudbury to Kingston.



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FROM THE FORMATION CORNER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Greetings and Peace.

Well, summer is over and we have celebrated with our Franciscan month of September. What a glorious way to start off our new year of 2013- 2014! The awesome feast day of St. Padre Pio on September 23, followed by our seraphic Father St. Francis on October 4. Some of us gather together and celebrate the Transitus in our home fraternities, and we also have the option to attend a Transitus at one of our Franciscan Parishes. At each seminar that I have given, I have provided a Transitus Celebration format which you can follow.

This year we are planning Mini-Meetings with all regions, at which most of the regional directors will be present. Please try and attend these meetings. We have had meetings and seminars in the past year, and now wish to have your feedback and thoughts on your fraternity, and what we can do to help. These mini-meetings are “your turn” to talk and we, as regional to listen.

Please keep in touch with me at, donnadooling@gmail.com if you have any issues, concerns, or suggestions.

I wish all of you a Blessed, Happy, Peaceful St. Francis Day! And a Joyful, Thankful and Blessed Thanksgiving!!

Donna Dooling ofs



TREASURER'S LETTER

This past August I had the joy of attending the Eastern Regional Retreat in Cacouna, Quebec with guest speaker, Fr. Lester Bach. What a pleasure to see, hear and meet the author of so many of our Franciscan Formation books. His talks were centred on ‘Relationships.’

Fr. Lester’s opening reflection was, “*And if we walk on and talk on and work on and pray on and hold on and love on in faith we shall overcome. Overcome weakness, overcome fatigue, overcome exhaustion, overcome pain and loneliness, overcome frustration, overcome the prejudices and the stereotypes, the anxieties, the grief, the fears, the negative attitudes- all these barriers and boundaries that keep us apart; overcome racism and classism and sexism and materialism, all those ‘isms’ that keep us apart.*” In My Own Words Thea Bowman FSPA.

We all live in relationship to one another through God, family, friendship, workplace, fraternity, creation and community to name just a few. St. Francis always saw himself in relationship with Creation through sister moon, brother fire, sister water and brother wind. His gentle, fraternal heart attracted thousands to the Franciscan vocation. His understanding of God was based on relationship; he saw the Father revealed through the Son, and the Son revealed through the Holy Spirit. For Francis, the humanity of Christ enables one to see God with the ‘eyes of the Spirit.’ As we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis this year may we all grow in our own relationships.

One of Fr. Lester’s last talks was on ‘Dialogue,’ an essential ingredient in building relationships! Dialogue requires wanting to understand why other people act the way they do. So we need to be attentive listeners. We ask the other person to listen to us so they know why we act the way we do. The goal is to understand each other. If we win, that is nice, but it is not necessary for good dialogue. When we understand why we speak or act a certain way, we can keep the relationship alive and get together again to talk about our differences. It is one way to keep relationships alive. This is very important for Franciscans. St. Francis illustrated this point on Dialogue with the Sultan. They had a wonderful talk and came to an understanding without changing each other’s mind. St Francis please pray for us and our relationships with Our Creator and one another.

Catherine Payne ofs



20th Anniversary Celebration of the OFS Trillium Region Martyrs Shrine, Midland, June 23, 2013



YOUTH COORDINATOR'S LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

What a beautiful summer this has been!! A good balance of sun and rain; a balance of prayer, family, friends and work.



Balance- this is what we always seem to strive for. Personally, I know that when I think I have achieved balance in my day to day living, I feel a greater Peace! As Jesus said: *"Peace I leave with you my friends, peace the world cannot give."* (John 14:27) When we received the sacrament of Confirmation, the Bishop said, *"Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit."* and then extended his hand and said, *"Peace be with you."* I suspect that the 3.5 million people who attended the final WYD Mass in Rio were open to receive the gifts of peace, hope and love from our Holy Father Francis and from one another! Amen!

At the Minister's meeting I presented *"The Call to Evangelize: Ourselves, Youth, the World."* We must begin with introspection. Matthew Kelly's book, *"Four signs of a Dynamic Catholic"*, challenges us to look at ourselves first and foremost. Is our prayer life constant? Are we studying continually? Are we generous with our time, talents and treasures? Are we evangelizing? If these four areas are balanced in our lives then outreach to Youth and to our community is probably at work in our lives. Check out and pass on to Young Adults www.DynamicCatholic.com. Buy copies of Kelley's *"Rediscover Catholicism"* and give them as gifts. We are giving this book as a gift to all Confirmation candidate Parents when we visit families in their homes.

In an article entitled *"St. Francis the Preacher"*, a writer from marysaggies.blogspot.ca, reminds us that St. Francis' life and his words were critical to his mission as an evangelist. Others cannot know Jesus (notice I did not say know 'about Jesus') unless we talk about Him and the difference He has made in our lives. Witnessing by our very lives is necessary - but witnessing with our words is just as necessary!! 1 Peter 3:15 proclaims, *"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."*

"World Youth Day at Home" in Kingston had four FRANCISCAN tables: Conventuals, OFS, YouFra, and the Poor Clares from Lennoxville, Quebec. At the YouFra table I had general info and

my laptop to show Marzio's videos. I also provided material for 150 backpacks to promote Franciscan Spirituality: YouFra Brochures, Franciscan websites for Youth, a Novena to St. Clare, and a Salt and Light magazine with Pope Francis on the cover. Thanks to Bonnie Beverely and Anna Marziliano from St. Bonaventure for providing St. Anthony Messenger magazines and St. Anthony prayer cards for the backpacks. The day included catechesis, small group discussions, multicultural dance and song, Mass and a candle-light Taize service with the *San Damiano Cross* at the center of the altar! Stunning and rich!

I have joined the 'Big Tent forum,' begun by Robert Breen OFS from Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Region in New York. It provides dialogue on various topics with Franciscans interested in starting YouFra groups. It is truly helpful in defining a vision for Franciscan Youth and in sharing our questions and attempts! They have created a brochure, which is worth using as a model to promote St. Francis and St. Clare's spirituality to Youth. I will distribute hard copies to those attending regional workshops and send by email to our Fraternity Youth contacts.



St. Elizabeth of Hungary region in northeastern US has decided to *"fish"* for young adults by having their OFS plan a pilgrimage to *WYD Kracow in 2016*. They are hoping to gather a small group of 18-35 year olds to study writings of John Paul II.

They are thinking of organizing fundraisers like sacrificing a couple of dollars a day for the next three years. I suggested to Kim Tison OFS leader, that they approach any Polish priests or communities. Could we do the same or could we work towards a more local mini Young Adult gathering to focus on Franciscan spirituality that could then lead to the pilgrimage of *Giovani Verso Assisi* the next time it is offered in the summer in Italy? It will probably be in 2015.

ADDITIONAL IDEAS for Your Fraternity to connect with Young Adults, ages 18 to 30:

1. Sponsor an "Ask a (Franciscan) Priest" night.
2. "Come & See" after Mass & Show the video on "Francis the Saint and the Pope": <http://youtu.be/BcOU3bYmMOA>

3. Give out "Peace Prayer" or "San Damiano Cross Prayer before the Crucifix" prayer cards before & after Mass and to people on the street
4. Creation Walk with Canticle of the Creatures/ Scripture passages at various intervals

AN APPEAL

If your fraternity is able, in any way, to support a Teens mission trip led by Lisa Deschamps-Therriault of St. Clare Fraternity, please contact her at ltherriault@smcdsb.on.ca. Valley of the Angels Orphanage in Guatemala is run by Franciscans.

Heads up for next July in Toronto: *Steubenville Toronto July 4-6, 2014*. We, as Seculars, need to be present as witnesses. The Archdiocese of Toronto has an organizing committee and as soon as I know who is in charge of organizing outreach materials and/or tables for display, I will pass this info to you.

Mary Star of the New Evangelization, pray for us!!

Peace and All Goodness,
Silvana Rossi Loughheed

SECRETARY'S LETTER

The Franciscan Effect in Port Elgin

The presence of Franciscans in our parish is quite prominent in all areas. We gather formally once a month for our meeting, with prayer, learning and sharing. This coming together gives us the strength and stamina needed to keep doing what we do during the weeks that follow.

We have many who meet for Faith Sharing once a week. They and other parishioners read and study the readings and gospel to be better prepared for the upcoming weekend masses.

Another small group meets daily at 3 o'clock in front of the Blessed Sacrament to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, the rosary and other chosen devotions. Many Franciscans attend the weekday masses at both churches in our dual-town parish. Some of us are Ministers of the Eucharist, and others, trained as Lectors and Proclaimers of the Word.

A few fraternal members have taken on the task of looking after the weekly collection of food items for "Canadian Food for Children". Parishioners bring in donated food items mentioned in the bulletin, and place these in containers in the vestibule of the church. These are then packed away in a designated cupboard before being boxed and shipped by a volunteer driver to Dr. Simone's warehouse in Mississauga.

As a Fraternity, our apostolate (nick-named "Bags of Love") by Dr. Simone, complements our year-long drive for needy families. Items are collected specifically for the bags such as toys, hygiene items, school supplies and baby needs. The bags are sewn by parish volunteers throughout the year and filled during one special packing day. The bags are then labelled with tags indicating the gender and age of the recipient.

There is not only the community work of the Secular Franciscans, but also the more intimate sharing of one Franciscan with another. We all have our daily challenges and struggles; at times, these might seem insurmountable. As a family, we know we can share personal hardships with another. The kind attentive ear and heart, help the load become a little easier to carry. Having that brother or sister as your prayer angel really makes your burden seem weightless!

The Franciscan spirit is alive and well in our part of the province. We've lost a few members, especially through moving. Those dear friends can never be replaced. They leave behind their ideas, enthusiasm and love with us. These keep growing despite their physical absence. We are thankful for the new candidates who are beginning their lessons at this time. The gifts they bring to the Fraternity are already evident.

We come together for our beautiful Transitus ceremony and we celebrate Mass and the First Friday Adoration on our Seraphic Father Francis' Feast Day. We are very blessed in our Fraternity. Praise be to God.

St. Francis, pray for us.
Lucie Desbiens



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Martyrs shrine, Midland, June 23, 2013



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JUSTICE, PEACE, AND INTEGRITY OF CREATION

It seems a day does not go by without an event or issue which illustrates man’s inhumanity to man, or mankind’s disregard for God’s creation. It’s enough to make one’s head spin. Thankfully, as Secular Franciscans, and members of the Franciscan family, that does not happen...or does it?



There have been a number of issues which have come to the fore in the last little while, but perhaps the most striking and overshadowing is the civil war in Syria. The atrocities which have taken place, and continue to take place, should be the source of righteous indignation in all of us. In an article entitled “MidEast Bishops Speak Out Against Western Military Strike on Syria” (August 29, 2013) Edward Pentin writes that military intervention will only make matters worse and possibly result in a world wide conflict. Further to that, the English Speaking Conference of Franciscan Friars (OFM) issued a press release in which they stated:

“No one should be surprised that Franciscans, with a long tradition of peacemaking, call for a nonviolent response to the tragic situation. But, ours is not a naive hope about nonviolent conflict resolution, rather, it reflects the wisdom that war and violence cannot achieve peace. Our experience affirms Pope Francis's words, ‘Never has the use of violence brought peace in its wake. War begets war, violence begets violence.’ In no uncertain terms, military action by the U.S. or any other nation will not resolve the crisis in Syria. Worse yet, we fear that, not only will more children, women and men die, it will further harden the hearts of those on all sides of the conflict, making a permanent resolution increasingly remote.

What is needed is a clear, prophetic call for a stop to the violence. Pope Francis issued that call when he proclaimed a day for prayer and fasting on September 7, 2013. Our friars and our ministries joined other people of faith in the call for peace and a turning away from violence. As peace makers we welcomed these voices of reason in a world too quick to revert to violence.”

The Council committed themselves to continue praying and fasting for peace in Syria, led by Pope Francis. They also planned To petition elected officials to:

- + *Vote against the use of military force in Syria.*
- + *Seek to de-escalate the violence by stopping the flow of arms to all sides.*
- + *Pursue an immediate ceasefire, as the first step in the peace process.*
- + *Increase the flow of humanitarian assistance to Syria and to its citizens who are now refugees in other nations.*
- + *Work with the international community to pursue a just political settlement with all the stakeholders.*

The Conference of Franciscan Friars concluded: *“..we have a particular responsibility to call for restraint and an approach that reflects Gospel values. Dropping bombs and declaring, ‘We have done our part,’ is not an adequate response to this crisis. We believe that nations must work to repair relationships which are broken through a dialogue which ultimately leads to reconciliation and a just peace. Only then will we fulfill our responsibility to one another to be ‘instruments of peace.’ We pray that the Spirit of God that embodies Wisdom itself will guide our thinking and prompt our actions as we set about the task of bringing peace to a troubled world.”*

Yes indeed, we do have a particular responsibility as members of the Franciscan family. Everyone around the world witnessed Pope Francis lead in praying for Syria, and not long afterwards a breakthrough was reported, pulling all parties back from the abyss of war.

Prayer does work. God does listen. Peace is better than war. But our work is not yet done. Consider the Conference’s action plan. Let us join with all Franciscans around the world, to continue to pray and fast for peace.

Pace e bene
Marzio Apolloni ofs

Local Fraternity Bulletin Board

PROFESSIONS

Mount Alverno Fraternity.

Celebrating holy mass was Bother David Connolly ofs, cap., Minister Provincial. Deacon Michael Robertson ofs assisted. Theresa was professed by Minister Frankie Burg-Feret ofs, assisted by Dan St Pierre ofs, and Formation Director.

Theresa's entire family was present along with Cecilia and Stephen Young Sik Huh ofs. as friends of Theresa and as representative of the St. Jean Vianney Fraternity. Many visiting Capuchin friars also attended. .

St. Damian Fraternity - London and St. John Vianney Fraternity - Don Mills

With great joy we received six new Franciscans into the Order on August 18th during holy Mass at the Queen of Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga.

One new member joined St. Damian Fraternity of London: Mary Sook Kyung Choi ofs.

Five new members joined St. John Vianney Fraternity of Don Mills: Jemma Shin Bae Shin ofs, Stella Kyung Sook Choi ofs, Bernadette Woo Ae Shin ofs, Martha Youngsook Kang ofs, Rosemary Eunsoo Kwak ofs.

There were also four members who made their temporary profession at the weekend retreat - and they are: Felix Jasoo Koo, Agnes Misun Kim, Rachel Inock Lee, Cecillia Gi Young Song

Trillium Certificates

For Trillium Certificates to mark Professions, Anniversaries of Profession & Service Recognition for Spiritual Assistants, (usually 5 year milestones) please contact: **Clelia Malerba, ofs**; malerbac@yahoo.com

Please apply in good time if you wish to have them on the profession day or anniversary date.

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is the official newsletter of the Secular Franciscan Order, Trillium Region. We aim to publish it in the middle to the end of September, December, March & June.

Any items you wish to include are warmly welcomed and will be published space permitting. Articles may be sent by the 8th of the month of publishing, to *Deacon Maurice Prindiville, ofs*, mprindiville@golden.net Note: If you no longer wish to receive the newsletter, please let us know as above.

OBITUARIES

St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity in Toronto

Surrounded by much sadness and much love, **Paul Carmel Galea ofs**, a long-time member of the fraternity, had his Funeral Mass on Thursday April 4, 2013 at St. Maria Goretti Church in Toronto. Paul's son Fr. Edwin A. Galea, presided at the funeral, with Bishop Vincent Nguyen attending.

Rose-Marie Daigle ofs passed away in her home on Thursday May 9, 2013 with her husband Jeff Daigle, ofs by her side. Rose-Marie was a long-time member of the St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity in Toronto. Her funeral was held at St. Lawrence Martyr Church in Toronto and attended by so many who loved her dearly.

Immaculate Conception Fraternity, Toronto

Salvatore Casullo ofs passed away on June 8, 2013 in his 85th year. Salvatore has been a long time member of the Fraternity.