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NEWSLETTER

SAINT CLARE REGION

Winter 2022

Sister Earth, Our Mother!

Almost seven inches of snow fell at my house this past week. The snowfall was certainly a huge reminder that we are still in the winter months.

I find it refreshing to see a layer of snow blanketing Mother Earth in its pristine and pure nature. It seems to set a tone of a quiet and peacefulness about it all.

St. Francis certainly was reflecting on this when he wrote in his Canticle of the Creatures, *“Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains and nourishes us...”*.

Yes, snow is nourishing and necessary. And when I see the very distinct season of winter revealed on Sister Mother Earth as I did this past week, it reminds me that all things work for good (*Romans 8:28*) and that all things are in the proper order and time. How refreshing each season is to my soul!

Peace & All Good, Always! Chris Blood, OFS



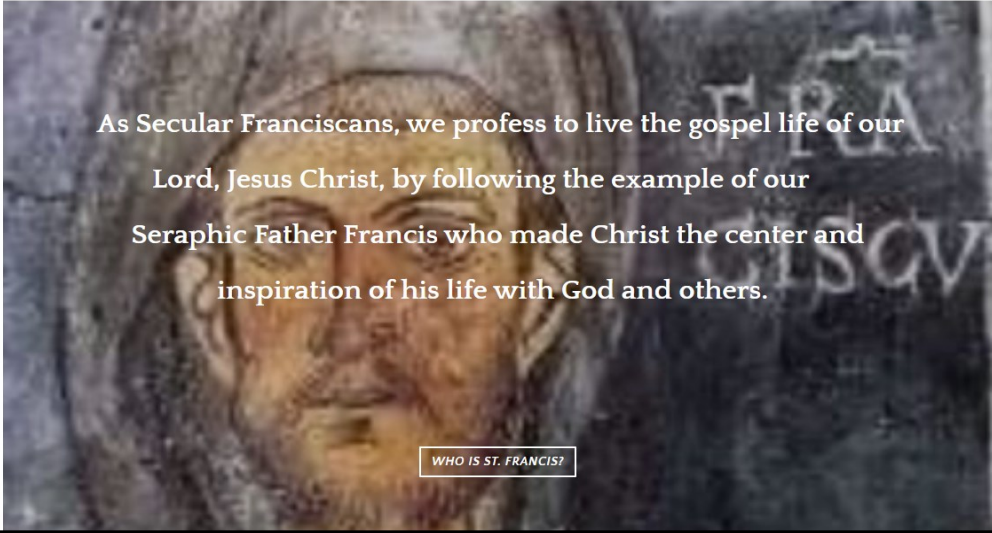
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The Secular Franciscan Order was established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the Gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for ways to embrace the Gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise.

ST. CLARE REGIONAL FRATERNITY SECULAR
FRANCISCAN ORDER USA

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As Secular Franciscans, we profess to live the gospel life of our Lord, Jesus Christ, by following the example of our Seraphic Father Francis who made Christ the center and inspiration of his life with God and others.

WHO IS ST. FRANCIS?

St Clare Region Website: www.stclareregionofs.org

Our New Website is LIVE!

We are up and running with our new website. On our website we have information on all of our fraternities, our regional formation workshops and resources, our archived newsletters, and more!

As we continue to add and build the site, please email us to add more information on your fraternity, your formation suggestions, your newsletters...

The website is designed to be a repository for ALL of our fraternities. Let's build this together!

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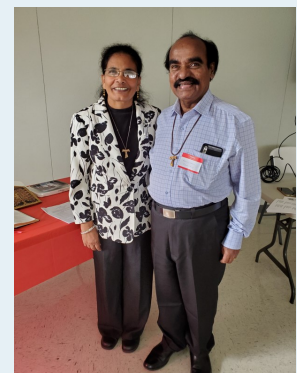
St. Clare Region Annual Ministers Meeting November 13, 2021—Rolla, MO

Our Region's Ministers Meeting

Our meeting was a lovely and blessed time because we were able to gather once again at the parish meeting center of St. Patrick's Church in Rolla, MO on November 13. We gathered, sang songs, shared prayers and food (of course!). Annapoorna Mary, our Region's Formation Director, gave a reflection on 'Experiences of Pre-Inquirer Call & Discernment Status' and how very, very important it is to do all we can to help those discerning the call to the OFS. We had breakout sessions which stimulated even more sharing on our own person callings to the Secular Franciscans and our formation experiences.

Chris Blood presented the State of the Region summary which included business items as well as the progress and updates on:

1. Our new region website (www.stclareregionofs.org)
2. The Clarion Newsletter (quarterly)
3. The Q Gathering in August, 2022 in Phoenix, AZ
4. The National Database—March 2022
5. Upcoming Regional Formation Workshops
6. Regional Spiritual Assistant Training
7. Regional Visitations to every fraternity in 2022
8. Support newly forming groups & collaborate with other regions



Annapoorna Mary & Guru Arumugam

Elections

JOYFUL SERVANTS

November 20, 2021

ANSWERING THE CALL TO SERVE



Mary Ann Puglis, Secretary; Becky Bouck, Formation Director, Terrie Foltz, Councilor; Debbie Noland, Vice-Minister; Mary Gibbens, Councilor; Connie Shanks, Minister; John Kemper, Treasurer; Deacon Joe Puglis, Spiritual Assistant

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December 8, 2021



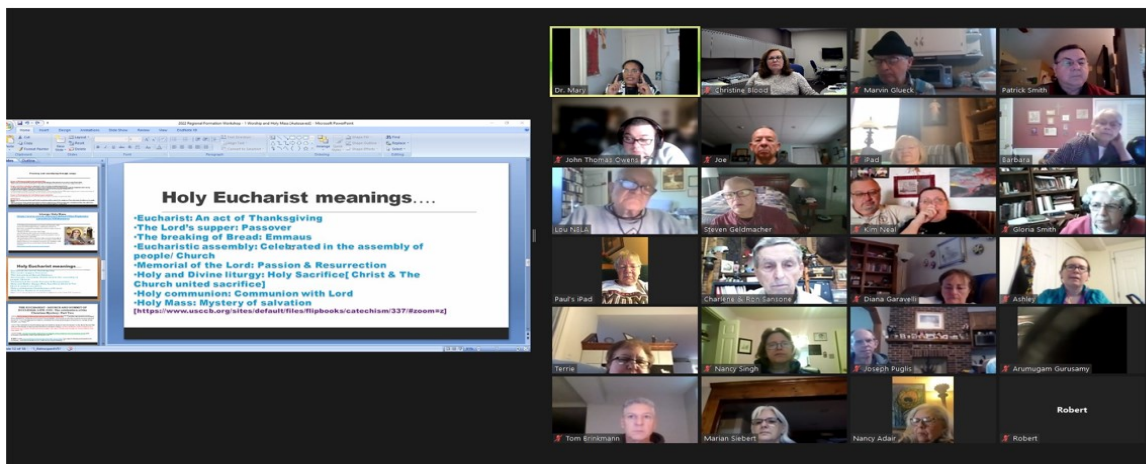
Gloria Smith, Councilor; Deacon Steve Schisler, Vice-Minister; Pat Smith, Minister; Becky Fouts, Treasurer; Debbie Schisler, Councilor; Rita Baughman, Secretary. Not pictured: Mimi Siebert, Formation Director; Mary Wainscott, Spiritual Assistant

REGIONAL FORMATION WORKSHOP

On January 8, 2022, Annapoorna Mary (our Regional Formation Director) and members from the St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity, hosted our first Regional Formation Workshop. 25 Secular Franciscans from around the region attended the Zoom Presentation Meeting.

The theme was: Franciscan Prayers: Praying with St. Francis. Topics included: Worship & Holy Mass; Praying with Our Rites & Rituals; Lectio Divina; Liturgy of the Hours; Meditation on the 5 Wounds of Jesus; Praying with St. Francis of Assisi and Prayer for Family. And we had a special visitor, our National Minister, Jan Parker, OFS!

The entire workshop can be viewed on our website under the *Formation* tab or click here: [Formation Workshop](#). The next workshop will be on Saturday, May 7, 2022.



ST. CLARE REGION- SEASONAL SPIRITUAL RETREAT—LENT

Our Region will be having a Seasonal Spiritual Retreat on Lent hosted by Sr. Joann Nowak, OSF and Annapoorna Mary, OFS.

The Retreat will be on Saturday, March 19, 2022 from 9am– 12pm.

Sr. Joann will presents two talks and a meditation. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Here is the Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82638480503>

This Retreat Presentation will be recorded.

REGIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT TRAINING

Mary Wainscott, OFS, Spiritual Assistant for St. Francis of Assisi & St. Anthony of Padua Fraternities is offering to assist anyone who feels called to learn more about or even becoming a Spiritual Assistant for your fraternity. Please contact her at: marywainscottofs@gmail.com or 314-420-7475

AROUND THE REGION

The San Damiano Fraternity gathered to sing Christmas carols for the Salvation Army Bucket donations at a local Dierbergs on Sunday, December 12, 2021.

We raised money while spreading the Christmas cheer!

After signing, we gathered to support a St. Vincent De Paul family in need, providing the family with Christmas presents to assure them a Happy Christmas Day.

They we shared Fraternal joy and cheer amongst themselves with a Christmas Pot Luck dinner.

A very good day for all.

- Stan Kiger, Minister



Members & families from the San Damiano Fraternity

A WEEKEND AWAY AT IL RITIRO



The REC is hosting A WEEKEND AWAY at the Il Ritiro Franciscan Retreat Center in Dittmer, MO for our region.

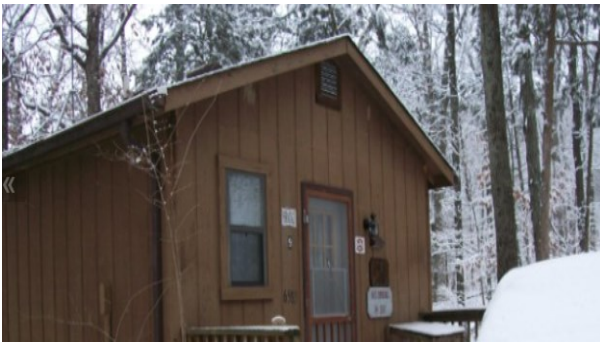
The weekend is April 1-3, 2022.

The capacity is limited and the pricing is still to be determined (on-site meals, etc). Details will be emailed to every fraternity minister by Friday, February 25.

However, if you are interested and would like to reserve a spot, please contact

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NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL FRATERNITY



**Register NOW for the OFS-USA
Quinquennial
Franciscan JUBILEE!**

REGISTER BY MAY 27

****Avoid 'Late Owl' cost increase****

Full 'Regular'	\$ 205
Full 'Late Owl'	\$ 250
One Day Only	\$ 100

Registration closes July 1, 2022 - We cannot accommodate walk-ins


Register for the Q: <https://ofs-usa.regfox.com/20th-quinquennial-congress-2021-jubilee>

The National Fraternity for the USA will be having its elections in Detroit, MI October 11-16, 2022.

Secular Franciscan Order - USA
2021-2022 OFS-USA Theme

**Be strong, take courage,
all you who hope in the Lord.**

Psalm 31:25



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