

Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity
NEWSletter

Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity of Lower Michigan and Toledo OH

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Councilor Marcia DePaurw, SFO takes a minute to relax with a cup of coffee in the lounge area during a tour of St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.

Mark your calendar

August 20-23, 2010

Annual Regional
Ministers Meeting at
St. Paul of the Cross

August 28, 2010

Song and Spirit concert
St. Robert Bellarmine
Church, Redford
songandspirit.org

October 2, 2010

Annual Day of Formation
in Saginaw

Ministers will meet in August at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House

The Annual Meeting of the Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity will be held on August 20 – 22, 2010 at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House in Detroit.

Our guest speaker this year will be Kathy Taormina, SFO who recently left her position as head of YOFRA. Her topic will be The SFO - it's an Intergenerational Thing.

Formation Minister Patti Reynolds says that she is sure that you will enjoy the weekend, that it will be experiential, fun, and at the same time we will be spiritually fed. She and her team have put together several interesting topics including:

- Our Profession and the words we promise – what do they really mean?
- St. Clare, in celebration of her August 11th Feast Day
- Our commitment, or lack thereof, to the Social Justice within the Church
- Go Green! What is your environment footprint?

As always the local minister or delegate will be our guest for the weekend. Of course the meeting will be open to all members of local fraternities, so please make use of the enclosed registration form and join us.

There are a limited number of sleeping rooms available; so we invite you to get your reservations in early to be assured of a room — and to take advantage of the **reduced registration fees**. Overnight guests and commuters who send in their payment with their reservations may request a refund if necessary as late as August 10. Early registration closes July 30. No reservations will be accepted after August 10.

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Sheri Hafeli, SFO

Minister's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As many of you have heard by now, there have been many changes on the Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity Executive Council. Roger Ensign regrettably submitted his resignation as DMRF Minister, and I have moved up from Vice Minister to Minister while Ray Boisevenue has moved from Councilor to Vice Minister.

Let me first extend my most heartfelt thank you to Roger for the many years he served on the Executive Council and for the fine example he has set. We know that this was a most difficult decision for you, Roger, and we will keep you in our prayers. Please know that the new council will try to continue on the path you have begun.

Nancy Maioho also stepped down as Councilor because her new job takes her out state for half the year. Two new Councilors were chosen to fill the vacancies, Maryann Kummer and Barbara McClure. I would also like to thank Nancy for everything she has done, including helping to secure our new location for the annual meeting at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center. Best wishes to you in your new job as caregiver.

During the next two years, I would first ask all of you for your continued prayers as the new Executive Council settles into our new positions. I am humbled, honored and a little overwhelmed that our Lord has entrusted me with continuing the good works that Roger and the previous Councils have begun in moving the Region forward. I will try my best to serve the fraternities. I am confident and so grateful that we have a wonderful team in place that will be able to do this. Many good things have already been put in place by our Formation Team led by Patti Reynolds, and formation will continue to be a strong part of our vision.

For those who don't know me well, I was professed on June 28, 1998 at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity in Southfield. There, I have served as Newsletter Editor, was Vice Minister for 6 years and I was just elected Minister one year ago. I will be stepping down at our next meeting as our Constitutions require that one cannot hold the position of Minister at two different fraternity levels. (Does this sound familiar Mary Bittner?) I also served as DMRF Newsletter Editor from 2002-2005. I was an usher and 3rd grade religious education teacher at St. Michael Catholic Church (now Transfiguration) and am currently a member at St. Clement Church in Center Line. I have volunteered at various non-profit organizations dealing with the homeless including COTS, Oasis, Southwest Solutions, MCREST and SOS, and also at Terra Sancta Pilgrimages.

Although currently unemployed, I have a small side business designing flyers, brochures, newsletters, etc. for customers. I was in various levels of the Office Supply industry for 25 years and then at an Automotive Supplier for about 11 years. I also ask my brothers and sisters for prayer for my mother, as she was recently diagnosed with two primary cancers, breast and lung. As we live together, caregiving has become a great part of my life. Please keep me in prayer also. Because we live literally one day at a time and appointments and treatments are constantly changing, I ask your patience if you call or email me and I don't get back to you right away, or if I have to delegate somebody to follow-up with you.

I have much to learn and I am sure there will be many challenges, but I know that we are all Franciscans, and that the Good Lord and our Seraphic Father, Francis will be with us through this transition.

May God bless you and keep you,
Sheri Hafeli, SFO

Meet the new members of the Executive Council

As many of you will remember, **Ray Bousvenue, SFO** was elected to the Executive Council last August during our Chapter of Elections. In June he agreed to be considered for the office of Vice Minister to replace Sheri Hafeli, and he was chosen by the Council. Ray is an accountant at Wolverine Printing Company and has worked as Controller since November, 1980.

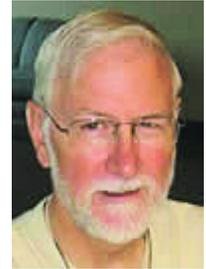
He is a CPA with a BBA from Eastern Michigan University. In the Diocese of Grand Rapids he serves on the Committee for Special Needs People. He is a Commissioner on City of Kentwood Historic Preservation Commission. Ray's local fraternity is Our Mother of Sorrows where he has just been re-elected Vice Minister.

Maryann Kummer, SFO was elected to the position of Minister of the St. Bonaventure Secular Franciscan Fraternity in October, 2009. Before becoming Minister, Maryann served as Director of Continuing Formation and Chair of the Young Adult Task Force for the fraternity.

Maryann is employed at Marygrove College in the position of Executive Assistant to the President. During her 34 years at Marygrove she has worked as Faculty Secretary, Secretary to the Director of Academic Advising, Administrative Assistant to the Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Corporate and Foundation Giving, and Planned Giving.

Although she is new to the Executive Council, **Barb McClure, SFO** says that she is happy to learn and help in any way she can. Barb is presently Minister SFO St. Francis Jackson, doing hospital/nursing home communion ministry and is active in St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. She has completed the Region's Spiritual Assistant program.

Barb is a retired 30 year employee of AT&T as a billing and collections Supervisor. She also became an adjunct instructor for Jackson Community College shortly after retiring.



Ray Bousvenue, SFO



Maryann Kummer, SFO



Barb McClure, SFO

A reluctant farewell from former Minister Roger Ensign, SFO

Considering my present circumstances, and after much prayer and reflection, it is with deep sadness that I must submit my resignation as minister of Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity effective Saturday June 5, 2010. I do feel I owe all of you an explanation, however at this time it wouldn't be appropriate for me to share more detail than this.

All I can say is these past few months I've had to seriously evaluate my life. I've come to the conclusion that there has been a serious imbalance for some time, and it will require a great deal of diligence and commitment to correct and heal.

I have not taken this lightly by any means. I've considered all the options; this has been a long and painful process for me and it was not an easy decision. I have to say that working with all of you has been an honor and pleasure for me, and I feel I have been truly blessed. I ask all of you to please keep me in your prayers as you will be in mine.

God bless,
Roger

St. Paul of the Cross is located on Schoolcraft, off I-96



Ministers and delegates to the April 24 meeting in Lansing were given copies of the Handbook for each member of their local Councils. They also received a folder containing one master set of the new forms for use by the Council.

Additional copies of the 34-page Handbook are still available for any member of a local fraternity who would like one. The price of \$1.50 includes the cost of postage, and an order form can be found below.

Copies of the Fraternity Leadership Handbook are also available for free download anytime at the Regional Fraternity's website www.divinemercuryregion.org/downloads.

Purchase your own copy of the Fraternity Leadership Handbook today.

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