

Come to the great north this August

Plan now to attend the upcoming Chapter of Elections being held on August 17 – 19, 2012 in Conway, Michigan. Ministers, delegates and guests will begin arriving late Friday afternoon, and the gathering will end with lunch on Sunday.

We have received several nominations for each of the Executive Council offices, and there will be two more opportunities for Perpetually Professed members to make nominations from the floor before the Saturday afternoon Elections.

On Saturday evening many of us may want to let our hair down a bit and take in the sights and sounds of Petoskey's Festival on the Bay being held that same weekend. As a special treat, the Executive Council will arrange to award several premium event tickets as door prizes. Activities that evening will include the Celebration of the Sunset and a Midway with exotic and not-so-exotic taste treats. Entertainment Tent events will run all evening.



To find directions to the Augustine Center using internet maps you will need to type in the following address: 2798 N US Highway 31, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Local councils will be receiving a detailed notice and registration forms in the mail as soon as the agenda has been approved. Don't miss this very special gathering in northwest Michigan this summer.



NAFRA Still soliciting nominations

Please nominate well-qualified permanently professed Secular Franciscans to serve the National Fraternity as Minister, Vice Minister, Secretary, Treasurer or Councilor.

Please send your nomination (Name, Address, Zip Code, Email Address) either via e-mail or via snail-mail to both:

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and

Linda Grady OFS 6001 Harvard Drive – Kokomo IN 46902 lgradysfo@sbcglobal.net

It is imperative that you send your nominee to both addresses to avoid the possibility of any nomination being lost in the mail/email.

The election will take place on October 20, 2012 in Denver, Colorado. Nominations will close on July 1, 2012.

Spiritual Assistant Training begins

The Executive Council has been busy these past few months putting together a Regional training program for Spiritual Assistants. The sessions include three training days or weekends per year. The curriculum is centered around the *Franciscan Family Connections* book and features various keynote presenters, elective credits, independent study and homework.

This pilot program is set up to include six different modules to be presented over the next two years. With the cooperation of local councils, participants eventually will be eligible to be placed in local fraternities as Spiritual Assistant Trainees.

The first training weekend with 12 aspirants was held on May 5-6, 2012 at Indian River with long-time Spiritual Assistant Fr. Harry Speckman, OFM. Further discussions and overnight prayer and discernment continued at the Augustine Center in Conway .

The next session will be held in September in Rochester Hills with Marie Amore, OFS and Deacon Richard Hulan, OFS as presenters. The final session for 2012 will be held in conjunction with the Forming the Formators weekend on October 12-14 in Saginaw.

The program is being facilitated by Jean Martin, OFS and Marcia DePauw, OFS in cooperation with the Poor Clares from Saginaw, Sr. Laura Hammel, OSC and Sr. Diane Doughty, OSC.



Remember the Q

It is not too late to register for the XVIII Quinquennial Congress being held in Chicago on July 3-8, 2012.

The deadline for per day/commuter registration is June 24.

Registration forms are available on the Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity website at www.divinemercuryregion.org.

For more information please contact
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You are invited

St. Anthony Fraternity in Indian River and Queen of Peace Emerging Fraternity in Sanford invite you to join them in celebrating a Day of Reflection and Recollection on Sunday June 17, 2012 at the Augustine Center in Conway, Michigan.

The day will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. and close around 3:30 p.m. In the morning Sylvia Jagielski, OFS from Lumen Christi Fraternity will speak on Theology for Dummies. Following lunch Jim Graczyk, OFS, the Minister of Queen of Peace Fraternity will relate some of his experiences in working with youth. In a second session he will speak about Forgiveness.

For more information please contact Marcia DePauw, OFS 7469 Wildwood Rd, Indian River, MI 49749 231-238-9797 djm49749@gmail.com

Formation News

How are you doing with the challenge of presenting at least two chapters from the FUN Manual this year? I hope all is going well and that you are experiencing a sense of renewal in your Initial Formation and Ongoing Formation programs for your fraternity. Please let me know. I would like to hear from all of the fraternities via email during these summer months.



Patti Reynolds, OFS

Please note that beginning in 2013 the For Up to Now (FUN) Formation Manual will be the main source of Formation for our Region. As previously indicated in workshops and newsletters, there are specific formation resources that can be used in connection with the Manual in both Initial and Ongoing Formation. The Manual's corresponding CD of resources will help in presenting the chapters you choose. The resources include PowerPoint presentations, lesson plans, Church document and Encyclicals, writings on point from our brothers and sisters in CIOFS and NAFRA, as well as a plethora of other pertinent information.

Please contact me by phone or email if you have questions or need assistance. Also remember that our second of three Forming the Formators weekend will be October 12-14 at the Ministry Center in Saginaw.

Called to Build a More Fraternal and Evangelical World - Rule, Art. 14

This year's Forming the Formator's training weekend will coincide with the annual Day of Formation geared toward Inquirers, Candidates, Newly Professed, and Formation Ministers/Teams. The dates are October 12, 13, 14th; and we will be meeting at the Center for Ministry, 5802 Weiss Street, in Saginaw.

We are excited to share the following information:

Forming the Formators: Friday, October 12th, at 6:00 pm – Sunday, October 14th, at 2:00 pm.

This includes FUN, socials, training, hands-on planning sessions, Sunday Mass, the shared Day of Formation with our Initial Formatees/Newly Professed, two nights accommodations, 5 meals and team-building. Please consider contributing to the Friday night social; the E.C. will host the Saturday social. Last year's donations were fabulous and so delicious! This weekend is strongly recommended for all Formators to attend. It is very important that we work together to build this Initial and Ongoing Formation program using the FUN Manual with the most up-to-date resources.

To help defray the individual cost, please consider asking your Fraternity Council to help fund the weekend. If you cannot pay and your fraternity cannot help pay, then consider asking the Regional Executive Council to help by paying half if needed.

Annual Day of Formation: Saturday, October 13th, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

The cost for the day will be \$20.00 each for Inquirers, Candidates, Newly Professed, and Formation Team members who do not attend the whole weekend. This includes continental breakfast, lunch and guest speaker. Please note that Kyle from Franciscans, Etc. will be here with books, Franciscan articles and other Catholic items for sale.



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July 3-8, 2012

XVIII Quinquennial Congress
Holiday Inn Chicago North Shore
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August 17-19, 2012

Annual Ministers Meeting and
Chapter of Elections at Conway

October 12-14, 2012

Formation Weekend

October 13, 2012

Candidate Day - Inquir-
ers, Candidates and Newly
Professed at Saginaw Min-
istry Center and JPIC



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