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APRIL 16-18 AT STELLA MARIS

REGIONAL CHAPTER TO FEATURE ELECTIONS, INSPIRATIONAL TALKS

The 2010 Regional Chapter in April will feature triennial elections, plus informative and inspirational presentations. It takes place April 16-18 at Stella Maris Retreat Center, Skaneateles, NY.

Friday will be devoted to regional elections and formation, with a presentation by Regional Spiritual Assistant Richard Trezza,

OFM. Father Richard also will serve as a witness to the elections, with National Treasurer Dennis Ross presiding. Additional business and presentations will occupy the rest of the weekend, along with time for prayer and reflection.

Registration is from 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. Friday. Fraternities are expected to send a delegate to hear and vote on region-

al business.

“The chapter is open to all fraternity members,” notes coordinator and Regional Vice Minister Kim Marks, SFO. “This is your opportunity to meet and speak with our Regional Executive Council, our national visitors as well as your fellow Franciscans in this region.”

Registration form is on kateriregion.org.



Donna Roberti, SFO, recipient of the 2009 Peace Award.

FACES OF A CHAPTER: FROM 2009 GATHERING



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**Regional
Minister's
Message**

By MARY FRANCES CHARSKY, SFO

Greetings to all Secular Franciscans and Spiritual Assistants! Pax et bonum!

We are planning an exciting Regional Chapter of Ministers Meeting and the Chapter of Elections scheduled for April 16-18, 2010, at Stella Maris Retreat Center in Skaneateles, NY. This will be a joyful occasion with fourteen newly elected fraternity ministers and fourteen returning ministers. Fraternity Ministers are expected to participate in both chapter meetings. We encourage all Secular Franciscans in the region to consider joining us for all or part of the weekend. It will be an opportunity for prayer, fellowship, formation and refreshment. We hope to renew our spiritual health and spirit by providing information, enjoyment and relaxation with the Lord and each other.

Spiritual Assistants are invited to join Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM, on Thursday, April 15, at Stella Maris in the afternoon to meet each other and to share with each other.

Let us pray for each other in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare.



SEMINAR FOR SPIRITUAL ASSISTANTS PRECEDES CHAPTER



Richard Trezza, OFM

A seminar for fraternity spiritual assistants takes place April 15 at Stella Maris Retreat Center, the day before the Regional Chapter.

Regional Spiritual Assistant Richard Trezza, OFM, notes that the seminar "will give us an opportunity to meet each other and to discuss the joys and

some of the difficulties which accompany our ministry of Assistance to the SFO, along with how it is that the Executive Council can be of assistance to you in your ministry."

Registration will be from 2 to 2:30, with the session beginning at 3 p.m. The afternoon will conclude with

dinner at 5:30 with the Regional Executive Council.

Spiritual assistants are welcome to stay for the chapter, but would need to return a chapter registration form.

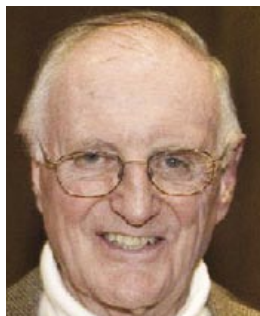
Registration forms for the spiritual assistant seminar and for the chapter are available at kateriregion.org.

3RD ANNUAL SUMMER SEMINAR AT LORETTO

Secular Franciscans again will gather in the beauty of the rolling Alleghenies for a learning adventure at **St. Francis University in Loretto, PA**, from Thursday evening, June 24, to Sunday afternoon, June 27.

The topic for this year's Secular Franciscan Seminar is *Peace and Justice*.

Endorsed by the National Fraternity (NAFRA), the seminar will be limited to 100



Joseph Nangle, OFM

participants. The presenters are **Fr. Joseph Nangle, OFM**, and **Pat Brandwein-Ball, SFO**.

Friar Joseph is secretary/treasurer for Franciscan Action Network (FAN) Board of Directors. Pat is NAFRA's Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) interim chair.



Pat Brandwein-Ball, SFO

The cost for the weekend is **\$240 for single room**, and **\$200 per person for double room**, which includes room, meals, campus shuttle, and registration fee. After April 30, fee goes up to \$265 and \$220, respectively. For a registration form, go to KateriRegion.org.

SCOTUS SCHOLAR AT FRANCISCAN EXPERIENCE

The Annual Central New York Franciscan Experience on March 20 will zero in on the theme, *"Reading the Gospels Through a Franciscan Lens."*

The speaker is Sr. Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ, author of numerous books and articles on Franciscan Theologian John Duns Scotus.

The Franciscan Experience takes place at the Franciscan Center, 2500 Grant Boulevard, Syracuse, NY. Reg-



Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ
Scotus scholar/presenter at Franciscan Experience

istration is \$30. The fee includes workshop materials, coffee and a light lunch.

To register, send check payable to Sisters of St. Francis, along with name, address and phone number, to: Franciscan Experience, Sisters of St. Francis Center, 1118 Court St. #39, Syracuse, NY 13208-1713.

For more information, contact Sr. Patricia Larkin at 315-247-4470 or plarkin@osfsyr.org.

2 PROFESS AT UTICA FRATERNITY

Joanne Lockwood and Rick Roberts made their permanent profession into the Secular

Wall of Honor

In Memory Of

Fr. Kevin Kenny, OFM Conv.
spiritual assistant
remembered by
St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica, NY

Fr. Leon Dicks, OFM Conv.
regional spiritual assistant
remembered by
Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha Regional Council

Helen Harris, SFO
remembered by
Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity
Hilton, NY

Frances Wicks, SFO
Tau-USA editor
remembered by
Bob and Mary Stronach, SFO

In Honor Of

**Joanne Lockwood, SFO
& Rick Roberts, SFO**
on their profession
by St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica

Franciscan Order on Sunday, June 21, during a 2 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph-St. Patrick Church, Utica, where they are members of St. Joseph Fraternity. Both were members of the

organizing committee that launched Mother Marianne's West Side Kitchen in March 2008. Joanne is a supervisor with the soup kitchen and Rick is a special education math teacher.

RITE OF ADMISSION HELD AT DAY OF PRAYER

Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity gathered at St. Leo the Great Church, Hilton NY, on Feb. 6 for a day of prayer with Franciscan Friars of the Renewal from the Bronx. A "Rite of Admission" welcomed two new members, **Bill McGrath** and **Ron Gostomski**.

A talk by Father Anthony Baetzold, CFR, focused on the topic of "*Simplicity in our lives*". The day included a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament, confession and Mass.

SYRACUSE FRATERNITY MARKS 150TH

St. Elizabeth-St. Bonaventure Fraternity in Syracuse marked its 150th anniversary on April 26, 2009 with Mass at the Church of the Assumption and a catered brunch in the parish center.

JOIN UTICA FRATERNITY FOR 150TH ON JUNE 6

St. Joseph Fraternity in Utica will hold a 150th anniversary bash on Sunday, June 6, and will mark the occasion by honoring two agencies that serve the poor and marginalized of the community – Mother Marianne’s West Side Kitchen and Rescue Mission of Utica.

It begins with mass at 10:30 at St. Joseph-St. Patrick Church, followed by dinner at 12:30 at Radisson Hotel-Utica Center. Dinner speaker is Friar Adam Keltos, OFM Conv., of the Franciscan Chapel at Carusel Mall in Syracuse.

Another highlight will be the presentation of the inaugural Mother Marianne Cope Award, named after the Francis-



Stained glass window at St. Joseph-St. Patrick Parish Center portrays Mother Marianne caring for leprosy patient. An award named after her will be presented at the 150th anniversary dinner in Utica.

can sister who grew up in Utica and went on to be declared a “Blessed” by the Vatican for her work with the lepers of Hawaii’s Molakai, Founded in 1891, the Rescue Mission serves the poor, homeless, mentally ill and those struggling with substance abuse, Fraternity Minister Katie Koscinski, SFO, said.

Established in March 2008 at St. Joseph-St. Patrick Parish, West

Side Kitchen provides lunch six days a week to the working poor, the jobless

and the homeless, she said.

“What better way to celebrate our century-and-a-half as a Franciscan fraternity than to recognize others who are working in the trenches – exactly where St. Francis, Mother Marianne and Jesus would be,” noted Katie.

The celebration comes at the conclusion of the 150th year. The fraternity was founded in 1859 after Franciscan Friars took over what today is St. Joseph-St. Patrick Church.

The menu includes an entrée choice of (1) boneless chicken breast

topped with mango pineapple salsa, (2) sliced London broil topped with Portobello mushroom sauce, or (3) haddock with lemon basil. Appetizer will be garden salad, and dessert will be strawberry cheesecake in a champagne glass.

The cost is \$20 per person. The celebration is open to everyone. Make reservations by May 15 by contacting Minister Katie Koscinski, SFO, at 315-797-1985, or Assistant Formation Director Joanne Lockwood, SFO, at 315-896-4449, or by emailing stjosephutica@kateriregion.org.

BINGHAMTON WELCOMES 5 CANDIDATES

St. Francis Fraternity in Binghamton welcomed five new candidates with a January Rite of Admission.

They are Ed Corcoran, Kay Corcoran, Roberta Cushing, Linda Spring and Mary Lou Shupka.

CHECK OUT FATHER RICHARD'S SEASONAL MESSAGE
WWW.KATERIREGION.ORG

FRATERNITIES ELECT LEADERSHIP FOR 3 YEARS

Fraternities across the region conducted elections in the fall of 2009 to decide their council leadership for the next three years. Here are the results by area.

WESTERN AREA

Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rochester

Katherine Schmidt was elected minister Oct. 12. Other officers: Vice Minister Mary Monsees, Secretary Margaret Mannoni, Treasurer Roger Baetzold, Formation Director Rita Hausle, Councilor Mary Hogan.

Glory of the Most High, Rochester

Martin Lynch was elected minister Nov. 13. Other officers: Vice Minister Elizabeth Annechino, Secretary Car-

olyn Barth, Treasurer Maureen Madonia, Formation Director Joseph Madonia, Councilor Tom Hoffend.

Our Lady of Angels, Lewiston

William L. Heinz was elected minister Nov. 18. Other officers: Vice Minister Laura M. Heinz, Secretary Sally Rog, Treasurer Audrey Agnello.

St. Anthony, Lockport

Alfred J. Picogna was elected minister on Oct. 18. Other officers: Vice Minister Ann Albee, Secretary Janice Howell, Treasurer Susan McCanna, Formation Director Robert Goodlander.

St. Bonaventure, Allegany

Carol Samuelson was elected minister

Sept. 20. Other officers: Vice Minister Thomas Schultz, Secretary Barbara Spencer, Treasurer Thomas R. Wachter, Councilor Greg Woz.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Buffalo

Christian Marks was elected minister Nov. 11. Other officers: Vice Minister Kimberly Marks, Secretary James White, Treasurer Stephanie White, Formation Director Anthony Shilen.

St. Francis, Athol Springs

Thomas Miller was elected minister Oct. 27. Other officers: Vice Minister Burt Weigen, Secretary June Zagorski, Treasurer Eleanor Cox, Formation Director Albin Schenck.

St. Francis, Buffalo

Sue Siuta was elected minister Sept. 16. Other officers: Vice Minister David DeWitt, Secretary Milagros Gonzalez, Treasurer Marge Musial, Formation Director Patti DeWitt.

St. Joseph, Buffalo

Daniel Kenny was elected minister Oct. 11. Other officers: Vice Minister Dennis Riley, Secretary Rita T. Celmer, Treasurer Joan M. Fleegal, Formation Director John Phanlon.

St. Irenaeus, West Clarksville

Anita Dutcher was elected minister Nov. 22. Other officers: Vice Minister Betty Hooker, Secretary Bonnie Orsini, Treasurer Michelle Marcellin, Formation Director Larry Orsini.



Kathy Schmidt
Immaculate Heart



Bill Heinz
Our Lady of Angels



Dave Green
St. Peter, Erie, PA



Mary Walker
Holy Family



Cathy Feheley
St. Francis, Binghamton

St. Patrick, Buffalo

Kevin J. O'Neill was elected minister Sept. 20. Other officers: Vice Minister Rick Heist, Secretary Richard Thies, Treasurer Alfonso Radoani, Formation Director Edward Nagel.

St. Peter, Erie, PA

David Green was elected minister Oct. 27. Other officers: Vice Min. Carol Ann Onuffer, Sec. Paul Tarasovitch, Treas. Patricia Lewis.

St. Thomas More, Kenmore

Donald Montero was elected minister Nov. 4. Other officers: Vice Minister Charyll Lindsay, Secretary Roderick Quebral, Treasurer Mary Montero, Formation Director Frank Guglielmo.

CENTRAL AREA**Holy Family, Vernon**

Mary Walker was

elected minister Nov. 3. Other officers: Vice Minister Mary LaForest, Secretary Cindy Dutcher, Treasurer Tutti Wagner, Formation Director Carol Beecher.

St. Agnes of Assisi, Afton

Betty Mayehauser was elected minister Sept. 22. Other officers: Vice Minister Jamie Currie, Secretary Rita Mandyck, Treasurer Katherine Baker, Formation Director Madeline Mertz.

St. Elizabeth-St. Bonaventure, Syracuse

Rosemary Costa was elected minister Nov. 22. Other officers: Vice Minister Bob Costa, Secretary Antoinette DeJohn, Treasurer Paul Streiff, Formation Director Linda Alteri-O'Brien, Councilor Ceil Beard, Councilor Natilie Martin.

St. Francis, Binghamton

Cathy Feheley was elected minister on Sept. 23. Other officers: Vice Minister Mary Frances Charsky, Secretary Dorothy Kasabian, Treasurer Sue Edwards, Formation Director Lena Silba, Councilor Stephen Blabac.

St. John the Baptist, Elmira

Francis Kennedy was elected minister Nov. 21. Other officers: Vice Minister Maggie Stirnaman, Secretary Lillian Henry, Treasurer Margaret Bellizia.

St. Joseph, Utica

Catherine Koscinski was elected minister Oct. 18. Other officers: Vice Minister Robert Stronach, Secretary Marsha U. Kistner, Treasurer Richard Roberts, Formation Director Mary Stronach.

St. Joseph Cupertino, Watertown

Anne Thomas was elected minister Sept. 27. Other officers: Vice Min. Dorothy Delaney, Secretary Marion McGraw, Treasurer Helen Keohane, Formation Dir. Margaret White.

St. Pius X, Corning

August Titi was elected minister Oct. 10. Other offices: Vice Minister John Christofaro, Secretary Margaret Titi, Treasurer James Fagan, Councilor Ronald Snyder, Councilor Cindy Snyder.

St. Stephen, Croghan

Peter Wooschlager was elected minister Sept. 27. Other officers: Vice Min. Jeanne Mertry, Sec. Kathleen Grondin, Treasurer Yvonne Kirschner, Formation Dir. Mae Schneeberger.

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St. Agnes of Assisi



Catherine Koscinski
St. Joseph, Utica



August Titi
St. Pius X



Peter Wooschlager
St. Stephen, Croghan

EASTERN AREA

Immaculate Conception, Schenectady

Carol Slater was elected minister Sept. 28. Other officers: Vice Minister Mary Brouseau, Secretary Barbara A. Thomas, Treasurer Betsy Ricker, Formation Director Guy Martino.

St. Anthony, Catskill

Marie Bitter was elected minister Oct. 18. Other officers: Vice Min. Barbara Shook, Secretary Alice Caulfield, Treasurer Carol Miller.

St. Bernardine of Siena, Loudonville

Michael Dwyer was elected minister Nov. 8. Other officers: Vice Minister Olga Larocque, Secretary Donna Ferlazzo, Treasurer Craig Jones, Formation Director Walt Chura.

St. Elizabeth-St. Louis, Albany

Robert Egan was elected minister Sept. 20. Other officers: Vice

Minister Jean Marks, Secretary Lena Zullo, Treasurer William Sullivan, Formation Director Charlie Morrealec.

St. Thomas More, Fonda

Layna Maher was elected minister Nov. 9. Other officers: Vice Minister Joyce Mancini, Secretary Julia Wray, Treasurer Wayne Carpenter, Formation Director Audrey VanA-
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stine.

St. Michael, Amsterdam

The fraternity postponed elections until June 2010. Joanne Pirfo is still serving as minister. Other officers: Vice Minister Hilda Pirfo, Secretary June McDermott, Treasurer Rita Trader, Formation Director Mary Liccardi.

Little Portion Fraternity in Buffalo and Santa Elizabetta Fraternity in Troy have de-activated. Also, St. Francis Fraternity in Endicott and St. Louis Fraternity in Troy have become inactive.

R.I.P.: FRIARS AND TAU EDITOR

Two friar spiritual assistants and the editor of the national newsletter have embraced Sister Death.

Long-time Regional Spiritual Assistant **Leon Dicks**, OFM Conv., went to the Lord on Oct. 4, the feast of St. Francis. He had retired to Staten Island in 2005 at the age of 79 after serving the region for many years.

At his last regional council meeting, he offered the parting words: *"I call myself a Secular Franciscan – because my heart is with the Secular Franciscans."*

Kevin Kenny, OFM Conv., went to the Lord on Oct. 16 at the age of 69.

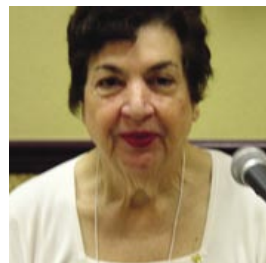
He was director of the Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine and Indian Museum in Fonda and spiritual assistant to St. Joseph Fraternity in Utica and St. Michael Fraternity



Fr. Leon Dicks, OFM Conv.



Fr. Kevin Kenny, OFM Conv.



Frances Wicks, SFO

in Amsterdam.

Frances Wicks, SFO, editor of TAU-USA and wife of past National Minister Bill Wicks, passed away Feb. 18, 2010.

2009 CHAPTER FEATURES STATE-OF-REGION, OTHER REPORTS

Despite 24 deaths being reported, the membership of the Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha Region remains constant at 464, Regional Minister Mary Frances Charsky, SFO, reported at the 2009 Regional Chapter, held April 24-26 at Stella Maris Retreat Center, Skaneateles, NY.

In addition, she said, 37 candidates and 21 inquirers are discerning a Franciscan vocation.

The region consists of 32 fraternities -- soon to be 30 as two merge with others -- with local fraternity membership ranging from 5 to 44, or an average of 15 members, Charsky said.

Countering a declining trend, the number of assigned spiritual assistants has jumped to 26, she noted. They include 15 friars, 6 sisters, 3 diocesan priests, 2 Secular Franciscans.

Regional Treasurer Donna Roberti, SFO, gave the treasurer's



Regional Minister Mary Frances Charsky, SFO

report, which was unanimously accepted 26-0; and proposed a 2010 regional budget of \$29,700, which keeps spending close to the 2009 budget. Ministers and delegates unanimously approved the 2010 budget, 26-0.

Noted Holy Family Fraternity Delegate Tutti Wagner, SFO: "I would like to commend the Executive Council for keeping spending in line in consideration of difficult economic times."

Regional Minister Charsky surprised Treasurer Roberti by presenting her with the 2009 Regional Francis-

can Peace Award. She cited Roberti's work with her fraternity and the region, her work with the poor, and her efforts to provide a safe haven for her granddaughter.

Attendees broke into five small groups for rotating presentations on (1) Franciscan Action Network (FAN), (2) pre-visitation forms and preparation, (3) preparation for elections, (4) Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC), and (5) regional and national annual reports.

Spiritual Assistant Bill Geary, SFO, made a presentation on the

Secular Franciscan vocation and the discernment process that takes place as inquirers and candidates journey toward profession. Quoting a presentation made at the General Chapter in Hungary, he said: "The church recognizes Secular Franciscans as belonging to a real order." He noted that discerning a vocation is a two-way street, involving both the fraternity and the candidate. He also offered a few tips on what to look for in a candidate who may have a vocation.

Rob Breen, SFO, gave an update on the region's Youth/Young Adult efforts, on JPIC and on the Ad Hoc Panel's 11-point vision for the region.

The gathering also included a Chapter of Visitation, conducted by then-National Minister Patrick Mendés and National Spiritual Assistant Fr. Stephen Gross, OFM Conv.

'SMOKE SIGNALS'

CHANGE AND CHALLENGE

Those of us who had been admitted to the Order under the Leonine Rule, which is to say, prior to 1979, will readily agree that change in the Order has played a significant role in our Franciscan experience. Even more than that, it was a life-changing time, as we discerned (only gradually) how to weave into the fabric of our daily observance, the shifting emphasis and adjustments found in the newly promulgated Rule of Pope Paul VI.

As the decades came and went, our lifestyles also underwent change, thereby adding to the challenge for some, and to the discomfort of others. But changes, themselves, were necessary signs of life; and they were beneficial in their fruits. Among many benefits, we saw the birth of regional fraternities, through the nurturing of the National Fraternity.

As each new chal-



Ed Czapla, left, is advisor to the Regional Executive Council and author of the periodic newsletter, Smoke Signals.

lenge appeared, the process was repeated. If, during this time, some of our brothers and sisters had lost sight of our objectives or awareness of our purpose, it should not be surprising. The mission of the Franciscan Family in the Church, however, remains steadfastly the same: to *repair the church* in every difficulty, in every age. Responding to this call demands that we have the stability, the 'tools' and the will to accomplish it.

In recent years, as vocations to the priesthood and the religious life have taken a downward swing, so have vocations to the SFO. Unfortunately for the

Church, this trend continues. Witness such things as the merging of religious communities, and the various diocesan restructuring programs where parish congregations are directed to merge with others, and vacated church buildings are being disposed of. While these measures are calculated to strengthen the communities, they are not the solution to the dilemma. In all this, what is our perceived role in *repairing the church*? One thing is obvious: if we ourselves lack the will or the stability necessary to be of service, we cannot repair the church needing repair... Furthermore, it is true

that our own numbers have been dwindling for quite some time. Today aging members are passing away at a rate more rapid than new-comers come to our doors!

The Ad Hoc Panel, formed to study and discern the potential and future of BKT Regional Fraternity, and to initiate strategic planning, made eleven recommendations to the council. Among them were concerns over **(1)** the lack of growth in numbers, **(2)** the need for improvement in our efforts to live the Gospel, **(3)** the need to train lay leaders, including lay spiritual assistants, and **(4)** the need to acquire a central location to house a regional office, records, archives, library, retreats and workshops. Finally, **(5)** to underwrite the cost of implementing these recommendations, the panel urged the council to engage a professional consulting agency to do
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 the bulk of the fundraising chore. All of this was presented to the local ministers during their annual meeting in 2008, and received their formal approval.

While the issue of the development program and its cost may be troubling for some, it should be generally understood that our concept of Gospel poverty -- and its application -- differs from that of the early Lesser Brothers and of Francis himself. And even there, subsequent friar leadership considered it necessary to lessen the austerity of its observance. Furthermore, we Seculars living in the world are called, not to reject it, but to 'build a more fraternal and evangelical world' and to 'exercise [our] responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service'. (Rule Art. 14.) In this same spirit we routinely pray in our council sessions that 'through our good example, wise decisions and courageous ac-

tion, we may faithfully animate and guide our fraternity...' (Ritual.)

If we Secular Franciscans are to be successful in accomplishing our mission and faithful to our calling, we will find it necessary to look to the future faithfully and prayerfully, but *realistically* and *creatively*. And through it all, may the Holy Spirit guide us along the way. *Amen.*

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REGION TO HOST OCTOBER FORMATION WORKSHOP



Teresa Baker, SFO
*Presenter for Formation
Directors Workshop*

Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha Region is sponsoring a Formation Directors Workshop Oct. 8-10, 2010, at Stella Maris Retreat Center, Skaneateles, NY.

The presenter is Theresa Baker, SFO, author and past chair of the Order's National Formation Commission.

The workshop will run all day Friday and Saturday, with dismissal at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. It is geared to the local fraternity's formation team, but is open to any Secular Franciscan interested in formation.

Mark your calendars now.

Information about how to register will be forthcoming.

Teresa is author of the formation books, "To Set Themselves Free" and "Gospel Living Every Day of Our Lives: A Formation Guide to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order." She also wrote the booklet, "Franciscan Way of the Cross - the Peace Prayer" and co-authored "Come and See" with Lester Bach, OFM Cap.

Teresa hails from Derry, NH, and holds a master's degree in education from Boston College.

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