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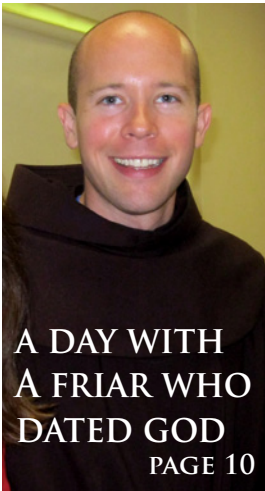
SUMMER
2013

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Region
covering most of Upstate New York & Northwestern Pennsylvania

DON'T MISS SEPTEMBER'S CHAPTER, ELECTIONS

The annual regional chapter set for Sept. 13-15 will feature elections to decide regional officers for the next three years.

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A DAY WITH
A FRIAR WHO
DATED GOD

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WORKSHOP FOCUSED ON LEADERSHIP



Some 70 people attended the Servant Leader Workshop held April 27 at Stella Maris in Skaneateles. International Councilor Mary Stronach, OFS, and Regional Minister Kim Marks, OFS, (below) were two of the presenters.

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Friar Dan Horan photo by Karen Szczesniak, OFS.
Servant Leader Workshop presenters' photos by
Bob Stronach, OFS.



Regional Minister's Message

By KIMBERLY MARKS, OFS

BLESSINGS TO YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Frances Charsky, OFS, for her years of service to our region as our regional minister. We are very grateful to her.

I would ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and be present with us leading up to and during our Regional Chapter and Chapter of Elections scheduled for September 13-15, 2013 at Stella Maris Retreat and Renewal Center in Skaneateles.

I would ask for your continued prayers that we be guided by the Spirit during this process.

We will be taking nominations for each office until election time.

This Chapter is open to all Franciscans in our Region. Please remember: all fraternities need to be represented at this chapter. A registration form can be found in this issue of the Mirror.

Pax et bonum!

REGIONAL CHAPTER TO FEATURE ELECTIONS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE & MEET NATIONAL LEADERS

The 2013 Chapter of Ministers takes place Sept. 13-15 and will feature the triennial election of regional officers.

"We will once again be gathering at Stella Maris Retreat Center in Skaneateles, NY," noted Regional Minister Kim Marks, OFS.

"We are pleased to let you know that the cost for this year's chapter is \$210. We would like to encourage you to remember to include the cost of this meeting in your annual budgets."

National representatives will officiate at the elections, which take place Saturday afternoon. Regional business will be conducted Friday through Saturday morning. Sunday will conclude regional business and hear final remarks by the representatives of

the National Fraternity (NAFRA).

"This is your opportunity to meet

and speak with our NAFRA representatives, Regional Executive Council as well as

your fellow Franciscans in this region," Marks said. "This is open to all fraternity members, not just the minister or their delegates, and we encourage other attendees especially in light of our visitors."

The weekend will offer opportunity for prayer and reflection, she said, as well as the opportunity to share. "Many have found the experience beneficial to their fraternity and fraternal life."

She added: "Please remember that all fraternities must be represented as all of our regional business will be voted on during this gathering... Please remember, if you are a delegate, to bring a letter giving you permission to vote on fraternity business."

*Register Now
For Chapter
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Wall of Honor

In Honor Of

Marie Elphick, OFS
25th anniversary of profession
by Immaculate Heart of Mary Frat., Hilton, NY

Joseph Forte
for helping to start soup kitchen many years ago
by former St. John the Baptist Fraternity, Elmira, NY

In Memory Of

Sister Mary Lawrence Hanley, OSF
remembered by
*Jeannette B. Williams, OFS
St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica*

Frank Tangorre, OFS
remembered by
Mary Smith, OFS

Jane Loverock
mother of Linda Robinson, OFS
remembered by
Mary Smith, OFS

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REGISTRATION FORM

St. Kateri Kekakwitha Region's Chapter of Ministers and Chapter of Elections
Sept. 13-15, 2013 • Stella Maris Retreat Center, Skaneateles, NY
Registration Deadline: Aug. 12, 2013

Please read carefully. Check one:

<input type="checkbox"/> Fraternity Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual Assistant
<input type="checkbox"/> Delegate for Fraternity Minister	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional Council Member
<input type="checkbox"/> Observer/Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> NAFRA Rep

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ ST _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail address _____

Fraternity Name and Location _____

Do you play a musical instrument? If so, what? _____ Would you be willing to assist us with our liturgical celebrations? **Yes/No**

Do you need handicapped accommodations? **No/Yes** Do you have dietary restrictions? **No/Yes**
Please describe the nature of your special needs and how they best can be met:

Anticipated date and time of arrival: _____

(Registration is 8:45AM-9:30AM. We will begin promptly at 9:45AM)

Registration fee ----- \$210.00

Please make checks payable to “Secular Franciscan Order BKTR Fraternity”

ALL ATTENDEES MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED AND PREPAID, EACH PERSON SHOULD HAVE THEIR OWN REGISTRATION FORM

Please return registration **WITH** payment no later than August 12th to:

**Marie Meyer, OFS
169 Heather Rd, Cheektowaga, NY 14225**

Any questions, please contact Kim Marks, OFS at 716-668-3830 or by e-mail kimmarks11@aol.com

Note: If you are unable to attend after registering, it is required that you send someone else from your fraternity since each fraternity must be represented. “No Shows” will not be refunded. Please contact Kim Marks, OFS with any questions at 716-668-3830 or by e-mail at kimmarks11@aol.com. Thank you!

OFS DAY AT FONDA SHRINE IS AUG. 11

The annual *Secular Franciscan Pilgrimage Day* takes place Sunday, Aug. 11 at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Shrine, State Highway 5, Fonda, NY.

Registration starts at 9:30 a.m., followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Lunch is at noon, followed by a presentation



at 1 p.m. on the topic, "*Spirituality of St. Francis and St. Kateri.*" Bring a brown bag

lunch, or purchase lunch for \$6 (please RSVP for lunch with your name and frater-

nity to Helen Carpenter, OFS, at helensfo@gmail.com or 518-396-7640.

PLEASE REMEMBER...

As brothers and sisters in the Franciscan family, Secular Franciscans are asked to remember in their wills -- their local fraternity, St. Kateri Tekakwitha Region and the Alma Kraus Endowment (which helps fund formation education in the region).

If you are interested in making a donation, or a bequest, please fill out the form and send to:

John Sanborn, SFO
Regional Treasurer
1611 West River Rd.
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John may also be contacted via email at sanborn@kateriregion.org.

Yes, I wish to make a donation to my Franciscan family:

_ St. Kateri Tekakwitha Region Development Fund.
\$ _____.

_ Alma Kraus Endowment (formation education).
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Enclosed is check/money order in the amount of:
\$ _____.

In my will I am remembering:

_ My fraternity _____.
Bequest amount/value: \$ _____.

_ St. Kateri Tekakwith Region.
Bequest amount/value: \$ _____.

_ Alma Kraus Endowment.
Bequest amount/value: \$ _____.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

PUTTING FOCUS ON SERVANT LEADERSHIP

REGIONAL WORKSHOP ZEROES IN ON ROLES OF FRATERNITY OFFICERS

Some 70 Secular Franciscans from fraternities across the region participated in a Servant Leader Workshop April 27 at Stella Maris Retreat Center in Skaneateles, NY.

They were immersed in the concept of servant leadership and attended break-out sessions on the various roles of fraternity officers.

The opening general session included a discussion of servant leadership and new council formation, led by Regional Minister Kim Marks, OFS. The closing general session zeroed in on the role of mediation in fraternity life, led by International Councilor Mary Stronach, OFS.

Break-out sessions covered the roles of:

- Ministers and Vice Ministers, led by Kim Marks.



Participants enjoyed engaging in small-group discussions (this page and opposite).

- Secretaries, led by Regional Secretary Joanne Lockwood, OFS.

- Formation Directors, led by Regional Formation Director Linda Robinson, MD, OFS.

- Spiritual Assistants, led by Regional Lay Spiritual Assistant Bill Geary, OFS.

- Treasurers, led by Regional Treasurer John Sanborn, OFS.





OFS DAY FOCUSES ON FRANCISCAN THEOLOGY

BINGHAMTON FRATERNITY HOSTS FORMATION WORKSHOP

"Franciscan Theology and Spirituality" was the topic for an OFS Formation Day June 15 at Sts. Cyril and Methodius Church in Binghamton.

Hosted by St. Francis Fraternity, the workshop featured a presentation by Mary Stronach, OFS, former regional formation director and current international councilor for the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States.

She opened the workshop with a look at St. Francis' meditation on



National Councilor Mary Frances Charsky, OFS, (left) helped to coordinate the OFS Day and introduced the guest presenter, Mary Stronach, OFS (above).

the "Our Father," and went on to discuss:

- Francis' view of and relationship to God, the Trinity, and Jesus.
- How the church and Franciscans have viewed Jesus' role.

- The insights of Franciscan Theologians St. Bonaventure and Bl. John Duns Scotus.

Participants engaged in small-group discussions as part of the presentation.



Participants became engaged in the discussions (above and opposite page). Photos by Bob Stronach, OFS.



DAY OF REFLECTION WITH FRIAR DAN

AUTHOR OF 'DATING GOD' URGES: PRAY WITHOUT CEASING

by Marsha U. Kistner, OFS

A Day of Reflection on June 9 featured Fr. Dan Horan, OFM, author of *"Dating God: Live and Love in the Way of St. Francis."*

Hosted by Holy Family Fraternity in Vernon, the day drew participants from several fraternities.

Friar Dan's presentation covered several points:

As Franciscans we especially need to find out our "true selves"; that is, the good person that God created us to be. This is difficult considering all the people, places and things that try to dictate who we are,



Daniel P. Horan, OFM
Photo by Karen Szczesniak, OFS

with all the "shoulds" that they impose on us. The more we can iden-

tify with how good we are inherently, the more we can acknowledge and praise God for all He does for us.

To more solidly carry out the Franciscan lifestyle, we need to:

1) Do everything in humble service. That is, accepting that no one is greater than anyone else and all are to be taken as they are, without prejudice or politics.

2) Relationships with each other must be the Franciscan priority; in other words, we need to get along with those who do not do or think or act the way we think they "should".

3) Avoid attachments. That not only includes

attachments to material things (the "stuff" in our life) but also attachment to our attitudes toward others and our need to be in control and to have status. The less we are attached, the more we have to praise God and work toward his will.

4) Acknowledge that anything that is good comes from God. When we do God's will, that is, do good, we are already in the Kingdom of God.

5) Pray without ceasing. Not only with words, but with our thoughts, acts, demeanor, body language, and feelings – with our whole self all the time in every way.



Friar Dan Horan poses with a contingent from St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica. Photo by Karen Szczesniak, OFS.

ABOUT FRIAR DAN

Born in Pensacola, FL, and raised in Utica, NY, Daniel P. Horan, OFM, studied theology and journalism at St. Bonaventure University before entering the Holy Name Province of the Order of Friars Minor. He was ordained a priest on May 19, 2012.



National Councilor Mary Frances Charsky, OFS, chats with Friar Dan at the Day of Reflection in Vernon. Photo by Karen Szczesniak, OFS.

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A Wall of Honor page offers a way to remember, honor or thank Franciscans, family members, friends, business associates. Fill out and mail form along with a \$10 donation. Funds will be used to help pay for publications aimed at benefiting the region's fraternities (such as The Mirror and formation materials).

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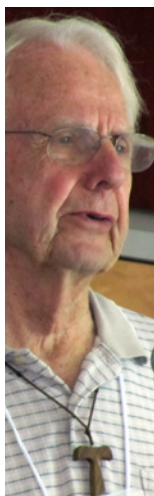
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SUMMER SEMINAR TAKES LOOK AT OFS HISTORY



Bill Wicks

Several Secular Franciscans from St. Kateri Tekakwitha Region participated in the OFS summer seminar July 5-7 at St. Francis University, Loretto, PA, reports Regional Minister Kim Marks, OFS.

In addition to Marks, participants included: Mary Smith of Glory of the Most High in Rochester, Linda Quaranto of St Francis in Binghamton and Suzanne English of St. Irenaeus, West Clarksville, NY. The seminar attracted nearly 60 people and consisted of an entertaining trip through the history of the U.S. Secular Franciscan Order. It was led by National Historian and former National Minister William Wicks, OFS; Tau-USA Editor James Wesley, and Bl. Junipero Serra Regional Minister Cindy Wesley, OFS.



Cindy and Jim Wesley led participants in singing the former Third Order anthem, "Hail St. Francis."

Photos by Kimberly Marks, OFS