



"Commemorating the Stigmata"

**Brothers and Sisters of St Francis R
Annual Regional Gathering**

August 9-11, 2024



Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis Region
Secular Franciscan Order

Alabama · Georgia · North Carolina · South Carolina · Tennessee

WELCOME TO OUR 2024 ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING

Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC

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Opening Prayer

Oh, my dear God,

we pray for the guidance of your most Holy Spirit.

Enlighten our minds and give us courage to serve.

Help us to speak the truth to one another in a spirit of love.

Help us to openly listen to and witness one another.

Give us humility and a spirit of good will toward one another.

Teach us the way of dialogue which is the way of love.

Help each of us to discover "what is ours to do."

Not our will Lord, but Thy will be done.

Glory to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



"Let us begin, for up to now, we have done nothing."

- St. Francis of Assisi

"May the Lord be with us always, and wherever we are, may we be with Him always."

- St. Clare of Assisi

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS REGION
ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING**

Ridgecrest Conference Center - Ridgecrest, North Carolina

August 9-11, 2024

Friday August 9, 2024

- 1:00pm Meeting - REC + National Visitors
Johnson Springs Board Room
- 3:00pm Setup: Apostolate, Fraternity Tables, Flags
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- Book store set up
Rhododendron Room 2A-B
- 4:00pm Registration
*Pritchell/Main Registration Area
(Franciscan Family of Greensboro Fraternity)*
- 5:00pm Liturgy of the Hours Evening Prayer
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- 5:25 Introduction of Apostolate
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- 5:30-6:30pm Dinner buffet (tickets required)
Main Dining Room
- 7:00pm Welcome, Opening Prayer – Ellen Ferrone
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- 7:10 Visitor Remarks – Josh Molidor, OFS and Fr Jerome Wolbert, OFM
- 7:25-8:30pm Presentation, Fr. Bob Menard, OFM Regional Spiritual Assistant
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- 8:30pm Happy Centenary, Franciscan Family! Social with cake
Rhododendron Room 1A-C and Lobby
- 8:35 pm. Choir practice for cantors and musicians
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)

SATURDAY August 10

- 7:15-8:15 Breakfast buffet (tickets required) (*Main Dining Room*)
- 8:30am Lectio Divina *Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)*
- 8:45am Celebration of the Eucharist, Commissioning of New Spiritual Assistant, Procession to Eucharistic Chapel *Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)*
- 10:30-11:00am Break
- 10:45 – Noon Regional Fraternity Council Meeting
Rhododendron Room 4 (Second Floor)
- 11:00-Noon Birth of our Region Project and Q&A with Anniversary Members
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- Noon - 1:00 Lunch buffet (tickets required) (*Main Dining Room*)
- 1:15-2:45pm Local Fraternity Ministers and National Visitors Meeting
Rhododendron Room 4 (Second Floor)
- 1:15-2:45 Presentation “How do we “do” Social justice In today’s politically-charged world?”,
Becky Bresnahan - *Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)*
- Break 2:45-3:00pm
- 3:00-4:00pm Fraternity members and REC Q&A - *Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)*
- 4:00- 5pm Breakout with the Animators 2nd Floor
You/Fra - *Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)*
JPIC/MCC - *Rhododendron Room 4 (Second Floor)*
Formation - *Rhododendron Room 3B (Second Floor)*
Information regarding the Spiritual Assistant Program 2B (First Floor)
- 4:00 – 5:30pm Commissioned Spiritual Assistants to meet with Fr. Jerome Wolbert, OFM
Rhododendron Room 3A (Second Floor)
- Dinner 5:30 – 6:30 pm (tickets required) (*Main Dining Room*)
- 7:00 pm Recognition of New Councils, New Attendees, Anniversaries, and Newly Professed-
Renewal of Commitment (all Professed)
Memorial for Deceased Members of Region
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- 8:00-8:30 Transitus of St. Clare - *Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)*
- 8:30pm Announcements, Brothers and Sisters Social Time – refreshments

Rhododendron Room 1A-C and Lobby

8:30pm Franciscan Charismatics- Praise, Worship and Healing prayer
Rhododendron Room 3A (Second Floor)

8:30pm Sacrament of Reconciliation – 2B (First Floor)

*******Reminder Check Out is 10am Sunday morning*******

Sunday, August 11 - Feast of St. Clare of Assisi

7:15-8:15am Breakfast buffet (tickets required) (*Main Dining Room*)

7:15-10am Please check out by 10am

8:30am Franciscan Crown Rosary *Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)*
Announcements

8:30am Sacrament of Reconciliation – 2B (First Floor)

9:15-10:15am Visitation Closing Comments by Fr. Jerome and Josh Molidor, OFS
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)

10:30 am Celebration of the Eucharist
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)

12 Noon Closing Comments and Prayer
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)

**BSSF All-Fraternity Apostolate of Blessing our Gathering Space
Please assist us in putting the rooms in the order we found them**

*****Sign-up sheets for Adoration, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,
and Next Year's ARG Planning Committee
on table in the back of the room*****

*****Please sign the Prayer Books on table in the back of the room
Sisters and Brothers in the Holy Land
Sisters and Brothers of St. Joseph Apache Mission ****

**FRANCISCAN BOOKS AND ARTICLES WILL BE FOR SALE
(St. Francis Springs Prayer Center)**

Rhododendron Building – 1st Floor, room 2 A

A Chapel will be open for Eucharistic Adoration

9:45 am Sat until 9:45 am Sn

Please sign up to spend quiet time with our Lord.

(Chapel: Mountain Laurel Building, lower level - conference room #5)

Our ARG Apostolates

Prepare Gleaning Bags for the Society of St. Andrew

Leave Our Gathering Space Blessed

Carbon Off Sets

see gleaning table area for info on all three

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***** Please complete the Evaluation*****

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2024 ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING ATTENDEES

Honored Guests

Fr Jerome Wolbert, OFM National Spiritual Assistant
Joshua Molitor, OFS National Councilor
Fr Bill Robinson, OFM Conv

AREA ONE

ALABAMA

St. Joseph Cupertino – Bessemer (4)

Gabrielle Cruz-Uribe, OFS, Formation Director & BSSF Area 1 Councilor
David Cruz-Uribe, OFS, Minister & BSSF Multicultural Commission Chair
Kelly Horwitz, OFS Secretary
Lannie Neuman, OFS Councilor

GEORGIA

Immaculate Conception – Jonesboro (2)

Laura Cleary, OFS, Minister
Carmen Madero, OFS Vice Minister

Stigmata of St. Francis – Johns Creek (16)

Jack Farren, OFS
Lisa Howell, OFS
Phyllis Howell, OFS
Sherry Kridle, OFS, Secretary
Ralph Kwiatkowski, OFS
Jan Murina, OFS
Daniel Murina, Guest
Danny Navarro, OFS Treasurer
David Panter, OFS
Jo Ann Rademacher, OFS
Sari Reid, OFS
John Reid, Guest
Christine Reynolds, OFS Councilor
Allison Salerno, OFS BSSF JPIC Animator
Deacon Tom Shaver, OFS, Formation Director
Margi Williams, OFS, Minister & BSSF Area 1 Councilor

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Augusta (12)

Judy Ankuta,
Becky Bresanhan, OFS, JPIC Animator & BSSF Area 2 Councilor
Theresa Christie, OFS, Formation Director
Susan McArthur, OFS, Minister
Carrie Murga, Orienteer

Martha Roman, OFS, BSSF Vice Minister
David Roman, OFS Councilor
Peg Saam, OFS
Maria Smith, OFS, Councilor
Ken Wessling, OFS
Nora Wessling, OFS Vice Minister
Andrea Witt, Orientee

The Five Georgia Martyrs –St. Simons Island (0)

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg – Blairsville (6)

Matthew Moore, OFS, Minister
Jennifer Moore, OFS, Vice Minister
Pat Tomczyk, OFS Secretary
Ron Tomczyk, Treasurer
Kathi Traywick, OFS
Rose Clawson, OFS

St. John Vianney Emerging Fraternity – Lithia Springs (5)

Cindy Kasmier, OFS
Sharon Loiselle, OFS, Leader
Carmen Matero, OFS
Deacon Greg Smiliski, OFS
Laurie Smiliski, OFS

NORTH CAROLINA

Padre Pio – Raleigh (18)

Shannon Brooks, OFS
Mary Cockrill, OFS Secretary
Jeanette Cottone, OFS
Lee Cunningham, OFS, BSSF Area 3 Councilor
Valerie Davis, OFS
Glen Davis, Guest
Ellen Ferrone, OFS, BSSF Minister
Michael Hancock, OFS
Joan Monti, OFS
Marianne Norris, OFS Inquirer
Anna Rzewnicki, OFS
Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS
Zubair Simonson, OFS, BSSF Treasurer
David Shick, OFS,
Lourdes Shick, Guest
Gladys Whitehouse, OFS Formation Director
Debbie Wickwar, OFS Candidate
Sharon Winzeler, OFS, Minister & Communio Editor

St. Maximilian Kolbe – Charlotte (7) Commuters (2)*

Frances Acosta, OFS Vice Minister
Linda Beauregard, OFS

Mark Ceraldi, OFS*
Janet Ceraldi, OFS*
Gabe Conway, OFS
JC (Jungyeon) Liu, OFS, Minister
Jennye Taylor-Johnson, OFS, Councilor
Catherine McElveen, OFS Secretary
Jerome Wagner, OFS Treasurer

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Elizabeth City (4)

Pam Barber, OFS Formation Director
Dory Davis, OFS, Minister
Wendy McGrath, OFS Candidate
Doreen Warren, OFS Councilor

Fraternity of St. Clare – Winston-Salem (6)

Janice Howell, OFS, Secretary
Betti Longinotti, OFS, Minister & BSSF Area 3 Councilor
Mary Miller, OFS, Councilor
Anne Modrow, OFS Treasurer
Elsa Sabio, OFS
Hernan Sabio, OFS

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament – Burlington (8) Commuters (2)

Paul Bobak, OFS Vice Minister
Rose Ann Bobak, OFS, Secretary
Irene Crowder, OFS, Minister
Marian Decowski, OFS
Flo Echevarria, OFS
Joe McKnight-McKenna, OFS, Formation Director
Mary McKnight-McKenna, Guest
Brian Ward, OFS
Paula Zanker, OFS Councilor*
Alan Zanker, OFS*

St. Francis of the Hills – Hendersonville (5) Commuter (1)*

Brenda Harris, OFS, Minister
Joanita Nellenbach, OFS, Secretary
Gene Ray Magruder, OFS, Treasurer
Greg Pozzi, Guest
Gina Roe, OFS
Mark Taylor, OFS*

Fraternity of Brother Francis – Newton (8) Commuters (1)*

Rita Borst, OFS, Councilor
Renaye Chapman, Orientee
Esther Kelly, OFS, Minister
Mike Oeser, OFS, Secretary
Lynn Oeser, OFS, Formation Director & BSSF Formation Director
Xiomara Palma, OFS, Councilor
Donna Schronce, OFS

Roger Stewart, OFS*
Jane Wilson, OFS

St. Thomas More – Wilmington (7)

Celia Lourenco, OFS
Carlos Lourenco, OFS
Robert Pape, OFS Minister
Bud Tascone, OFS Treasurer
Clara Tien, OFS
Francis Tien, Guest
Mike Yamat, OFS, Councilor

Franciscan Family of Greensboro – Greensboro (6)

Holly Bessey, OFS
Bob Person, OFS Councilor
Patti Rivera, Guest
Susan Russell, OFS Vice Minister
Georgette Schraeder, OFS, Councilor
Judith Walsh, OFS, Treasurer

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey – Morehead City (3)

Pat Kasprzyk, OFS, Formation Director
Joan Rogers, OFS, Minister
Bob Sabisch, OFS, Treasurer

St. Clare – Asheville Commuters (9) *

Gail Carroll, OFS, Formation Director*
Cathy Champon, OFS, Minister*
Louisa Emmons, OFS*
Barbara Freeman, OFS, Secretary*
Gwen Hobson, OFS, Vice Minister*
Tony Lazaro, OFS, Councilor*
Joseph Shank, Guest*
Veronica Shank, Guest*
Alan Wyatt, Candidate*

SOUTH CAROLINA

Our Lady of Good Counsel – Greenville Commuters (2)*

Valerie Baronkin, OFS* Minister
Shelia Dartez, OFS* Formation Director

Fraternity of Blessed John Duns Scotus – Murrell's Inlet (2)

Mary Sacavage, OFS, Minister, BSSF Secretary
Eric Schwartzkopf, Orientee - delete

Crucified Christ – North Charleston (2)

Denise Bamond, OFS Candidate
Joe Bamond, Guest

St. Michael the Archangel – Spartanburg (5) Commuters (2)*

Sara Nell Boggs, OFS
Michaeleen Davis, OFS Minister
Carol Drum, OFS, Treasurer
Paula Duncan, OFS*, Formation Director*
Jane Morris, OFS
Sandra Rodriguez, OFS Councilor
Betsy Witt, OFS* Vice Minister

St. Clare of Assisi – Aiken (5)

Jospeh Conner, OFS Candidate
Carole King, OFS, Vice Minister
Karen Perry, OFS, Minister
Scott Sorenson, OFS Candidate
Mary Welsh, OFS, Treasurer

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary – Bluffton (9)

Maggie Ambrose, OFS
Angela Cavalluzzi, OFS Secretary
Peggy Cleary, OFS Councilor
Maureen Cronin, OFS
Judy Graff, OFS, Minister
Larry Graff, Guest
Marie Knutson Inquirer
Christine Lukesh, OFS Formation Dir
Carmen Stratos, OFS Treasurer

Mother Cabrini – Anderson (3) Commuters (2) *

Charlie Comberrel, OFS, Formation Director
Martha Comberrel, OFS*
Cindy Gravely, OFS
Sharral Jenson, OFS*
Nanette Perron, OFS, Minister

St Padre Pio, Newly Forming Group - Indian Land (16)

Joseph Bomba, Inquirer
Joe Branniff, Orientee
Arlene Branniff, Orientee
Lynn Carter, Inquirer
Tom Crainer, Orientee
Sylvie Crainer, Orientee
Susan Garera, Orientee
Rose Keene, Inquirer
Patte Kennedy, Inquirer
Angie Letourneau, Orientee
Linda McCadden, Inquirer
Pete McCadden, Inquirer
John Myers, OFS
Lenore Myers, OFS
Tom Veltri, OFS

Mary Veltri, OFS

TENNESSEE

Seven Dolors of the Blessed Virgin – Franklin (2)

Ellen Marie Tutaj, OFS, Formation Director

George Tutaj, OFS, Minister

Channel of Peace – Chattanooga (13)

Mechtild Boles, OFS

Barbara Garrison, OFS

Ann Hammers, OFS

Bill Edwards, OFS

Maura Edwards, Guest

Andy Haq, OFS

Maranita Haq, Guest

Jill Johnston, OFS Candidate

Bob Johnston, Guest

Daryl Moffit, OFS, Treasurer

Paul Semmens, OFS, Minister

Christine Semmens, Guest

Brian Tierney, OFS,

Sts. Francis and Clare – Knoxville (11) Commuter (1) *

Bonnie Ameche, OFS, Councilor

Velma Burk, OFS Candidate

Peggy Burnette, OFS

Paulette Croteau, OFS Vice Minister

John Michael Fox, OFS

Terry Paradise, OFS Minister

Al Paradise, Guest

Paul Rock, OFS,

Lynn Rock, Guest

Jean Schneider, OFS, Formation Director*

Kristen VonClef, OFS

Newly Elected Councils

St Joseph of Cupertino – Bessemer, AL

June 23, 2024

David Cruz-Uribe, OFS* Minister
Richard Taylor, OFS Vice Minister
Kelly Horwitz, OFS* Secretary
Karen Thorne, OFS Treasurer
Gabrielle Cruz-Uribe, OFS* Formation Director
Lannie Neumann, OFS* Councilor
Roxanne Bessette, OFS Councilor
Mary Erwin, OFS JPIC Animator
David Cruz-Uribe, OFS* Multiculture Animator
Kelly Horwitz, OFS* YouFra Animator

Fraternity of Stigmata – Johns Creek, GA

January 14, 2024

Margi Williams, OFS* Minister
Jan Murina, OFS* Vice Minister
Sherry Kridle, OFS* Secretary
Danny Navarro, OFS* Treasurer
Deacon Tom Shaver, OFS* Formation Dir
Christine Reynolds, OFS* Councilor
Tams Nichol森, OFS Councilor
David Rohr, OFS Councilor
Mike O'Brien, OFS JPIC Animator
Tabitha Whang, OFS Multiculture Animator
Danny Navarro, OFS* YouFra Animator

Fraternity of Stigmata – Johns Creek, GA

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Margi Williams, OFS* Minister
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Danny Navarro, OFS* Treasurer
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David Rohr, OFS Councilor
Mike O'Brien, OFS JPIC Animator
Tabitha Whang, OFS Multiculture Animator
Danny Navarro, OFS* YouFra Animator

Bl Fr. Solanus Casey – Morehead City, NC

April 14, 2024

Joan Rogers, OFS* Minister
Barbara Zaik, OFS Vice Minister
Bob Sabisch, OFS* Secretary
Kevin Munford, OFS Treasurer
Pat Kasprzyk, OFS* Formation Dir
Sylvia Jackson, OFS Councilor
Pat Boni, OFS Councilor
Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS* Spiritual Assistant

Padre Pio – Raleigh, NC

March 24, 2024

Sharon Winzeler, OFS* Minister
Rachel Bongiorno, OFS Vice Minister
Mary Cockrill, OFS* Secretary
Jeanette Perez, OFS Treasurer
Gladys Whitehouse, OFS * Formation Dir
Travis Bongiorno, OFS Councilor
Anne Evangelista, OFS Councilor
Richard Hammer, OFS Councilor
Theresa Flynn, OFS JPIC Animator
Anne Evangelista, OFS YouFra Animator
Fr Hugh Macsherry, OFM Spiritual Assistant

St Elizabeth of Hungry – Augusta, GA

January 13, 2024

Susan McArthur, OFS* Minister
Nora Wessling, OFS * Vice Minister
Martha Jurgensen, OFS Secretary
Renee Struck, OFS Treasurer
Theresa Christie, OFS* Formation Director
Cindy Craig, OFS Councilor
Janet Hulshof, OFS Councilor
Maria Smith, OFS Councilor
Becky Bresnahan, OFS* JPIC Animator
David Roman, OFS* Multiculture Animator

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament – Burlington, NC

June 8, 2024

Irene Crowder, OFS* Minister
Paul Bobak, OFS* Vice Minister
Rose Ann Bobak, OFS * Secretary
Marian Decowski, OFS * Treasurer
Joe Knight-Mckenna, OFS* Formation Dir
Michaele Ballard, OFS Councilor
Paula Zanker, OFS* Councilor
Pat Wilkerson, OFS Spiritual Assistant

St Maximillian Kolbe – Charlotte, NC

June 1, 2024

JC Liu, OFS* Minister
Frances Acosta, OFS* Vice Minister
Catherine McElveen, OFS* Secretary
Jerome Wagner, OFS*Treasurer
Linda Beauregard, OFS Formation Director
Jennye Taylor Johnson, OFS * Councilor
Kristen Wood, OFS Councilor
Fr Stephen Hoyt Spiritual Assistant

St Elizabeth of Hungry – Elizabeth City, NC

May 19, 2024

Dory Davis, OFS* Minister
Eileen Chaney, OFS Vice Minister
Lee Norfleet, OFS Secretary
Cee Cee Petruncio, OFS Treasurer
Pam Barber, OFS* Formation Director,
Janet Norfleet, OFS Councilor
Doreen Warren, OFS* Councilor
Clarissa Fisher, OFS JPIC Animator

St Thomas More – Wilmington, NC

November 12, 2023

Robert Pape, OFS* Minister
Steve DiTullio, OFS Vice Minister
Janet Glatt, OFS Secretary
Bud Tascone, OFS* Treasurer
Bonnie Laurino, OFS Formation Director

Mike Yamat, OFS* Councilor

Our Lady of Good Council – Greenville, SC

April 20, 2024

Valerie Baronkin, OFS* Minister
Alice Ramos, OFS Vice Minister
Marsha Wiggins, OFS Secretary
Sheila Dartez, OFS* Treasurer
Alice Baird, OFS Formation Director
Eric Best, OFS Councilor
Charlie Comberrel, OFS* Spiritual Assistant

St Michael the Archangel – Spartanburg, SC November 18, 2023

Michaeleen Davis, OFS* Minister
Betsy Witt, OFS* Vice Minister
Joanne Babin, OFS Secretary
Bonnie Wacker, OFS Treasurer
Paula Duncan, OFS* Formation Director
Sandra Rodriguez, OFS Councilor
Shizuko Klatte, OFS Councilor
Michaeleen Davis, OFS* JPIC Animator
Peg Saam, OFS* Spiritual Assistant

Sts. Francis and Clare – Knoxville, TN

February 18, 2024

Terry Paradis, OFS* Minister
Paulette Croteau, OFS* Vice Minister
Lindy Crace, OFS Secretary
Kristen von Clef, OFS* Treasurer
Jean Schneider, OFS Formation Director
Jessica Trentham, OFS Councilor
Colleen Masserang, OFS Councilor
Paul Carter, OFS Councilor
Paul Carter, OFS JPIC Animator
Fr. Mark Schuster Spiritual Assistant

(* Attending)

WELCOME OUR NEWLY PROFESSED...

Channel of Peace – Chattanooga, TN

Daryl Moffitt, OFS* December 10, 2023

Franciscan Family of Greensboro – Greensboro, NC

Holly Bessey, OFS* March 10, 2024

Joyce, Best, OFS March 10, 2024

Franciscans of Siroki Brijeg – Blairsville, GA

Rose Marie Clawson, OFS* September 30, 2023

Fraternity of St Clare – Winston-Salem, NC

Elsa Sabio, OFS* June 22, 2024

Hernan Sabio, OFS* June 22, 2024

Mother Cabrini – Anderson, SC

Sharral Jensen, OFS* July 27, 2024

Our Lady of Good Counsel – Greenville, SC

Eric Best, OFS March 13, 2024

St Francis of the Hills – Hendersonville, NC

Gina Roe, OFS* July 6, 2024

Margaret Cavagnaro, OFS July 6, 2024

*** Attending**

**Spiritual Assistants of the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region
and the fraternities they serve:**

Charlie Comberrel, OFS	Our Lady of Good Council
Sr. Kathleen Ganiel, OSF	Fraternity of Saint Clare & Bl John Duns Scotus
Fr. Stephen Hoyt	Saint Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity
Msgr. Al Humbrecht	Channel Of Peace
Hugh Macsherry, OFM	Padre Pio
Fr. Robert Menard, OFM,	Franciscan Family of Greensboro
Helen Neff, OFS	
Joanita Nellenbach, OFS	
Paul Pantiru, OFM Conv.	Immaculate Conception
Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS	Bl Fr. Solanus Casey
Peg Saam, OFS	St Michael the Archangel
Jean Schneider, OFS	Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg
Georgette Schraeder, OFS	
Deacon Tom Shaver, OFS	Spiritual Assistant Formation
Ken Wessling, OFS	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
Pat Wilkerson, OFS	Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
Joyce Wawrzynski, OFS	Seven Dolors of the BVM

Those in Spiritual Assistant Formation:

Theresa Christie, OFS
Xiomara Palma, OFS
Dave Shick, OFS
Brian Tierney, OFS
Ellen Ferrone, OFS

Let us pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters...

Blessed John Duns Scotus – Garden City, SC

Dorothy Evans August 24, 2023
Marguerite O'Brien May 1, 2023

Channel of Peace – Knoxville, TN

Mary Colman, OFS November 15, 2023
Karen Humphries March 12, 2024

Crucified Christ – North Charleston, SC

Elizabeth Conway, OFS January 17, 2024

Franciscan Family of Greensboro – Greensboro NC

Alice V. Schmidt, OFS August 10, 2023
Michael Wachter, OFS November 28, 2023
Mary Ann Nickel, OFS June 26, 2024
Jeannie Wilkins, OFS July 17, 2024

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg – Blairsville, GA

Marilyn Crock, OFS September 12, 2023
Ray Crock, OFS May 17, 2024

Fraternity of St Clare – Winston Salem, NC

Jacque Whitman, OFS August 6, 2023
Margaret O'Neil, OFS March 30, 2024
Frank O'Neil, OFS July 12, 2024
Fr. Curt Kremel, OFM Conv. July 4, 2024 (*first Spiritual Assistant to the Fraternity*)

Fraternity of the Stigmata – Johns Creek, GA

Virginia Macagnoni, September 22, 2023

Padre Pio - Raleigh, NC

Kiki McAllister, OFS August 23, 2023
Marge Zombeck, OFS October 2, 2023

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary – Bluffton, SA

Harriet Lee Sporn, OFS September 25, 2023

St Francis of the Hills – Hendersonville, NC

Barbara St. John Shea, OFS October 30, 2023

St Joseph of Cupertino – Bessemer, AL

Jane Cusick, OFS June 20, 2024

St. Michael the Archangel-Spartanburg, SC

Nick DuFault, OFS September 13, 2023



PRAY THE RULE

Liam McCarthy, OFM

O Lord, our God, we intend to make present the charism of our Seraphic Father Francis in the life and mission of the Church, in various ways and forms but in life-giving union with one another. By our profession, we pledge ourselves to live the Gospel in the manner of St Francis by means of our Rule approved by the Church (Arts. 1-3). Help us, we pray, so that daily we may:

- observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of St Francis, going from gospel to life and from life to the gospel (Art. 4);
- seek to encounter the living and active person of Jesus Christ in our brothers and sisters, in sacred scripture, in the Church and in the Eucharist (Art. 5);
- go forth as witnesses and instruments of the Church's mission among people, proclaiming Christ by our life and words (Art. 6);
- conform our thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by the radical interior change which the Gospel calls "conversion", making use of the sacrament of reconciliation on the way to renewal (Art. 7);
- let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all we are and do (Art. 8);
- imitate the Virgin Mary's complete self-giving in her openness to your every word and call (Art. 9);
- faithfully fulfill the duties proper to our various circumstances in life (Art. 10);
- seek the proper spirit of detachment and purify our hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power (Art. 11);
- acquire the purity of heart needed to set ourselves free to love God and our brothers and sisters (Art. 12);
- accept all people as your gift, Lord, and an image of Christ (Art. 13);
- exercise our responsibilities competently in the Christian spirit of service (Art. 14);
- be in the forefront of promoting justice by the testimony of our human lives and by courageous initiatives (Art. 15);
- esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption and service of the human community (Art. 16);
- cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity and respect for life in our families, striving to make it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ (Art. 17);
- respect all creatures, animate and inanimate "as bearing the imprint of the Most High" (Art. 18);
- be bearers of peace and messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, as immersed in the resurrection of Christ, we serenely tend towards Sister Death and our ultimate encounter with you, our Father (Art 19).

All this we ask through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Brother. Amen

**BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS
SCHEDULE OF VISITATIONS AND ELECTIONS
2024 - 2025**

2024

Date	Minister	Fraternity	E/V	Councilor	Spiritual Assistant
Sept 14*	Laura Cleary	Immaculate Conception, Jonesboro, GA	E	Margi Williams	Fr. Paul Pantiru, OFM
Oct 12*	Cindy Bryan	Crucified Christ, North Charleston, SC	E	Becky Bresnahan	Sr Kathy Adamski, OSF
Nov 17-18*	Cathy Champon	St Clare, Ashville, NC	V	Betti Longinotti	Joanita Nellenbach
Nov 23*	Brenda Harris	St Francis of the Hill, Hendersonville, NC	E	JC Liu	Charlie Comberrel

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Upcoming Key Activities and Dates

National Chapter - September 17-22, 2024
Scottsdale, AZ

BSSF 2024 Annual Regional Gathering – August 8-10, 2025
Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC

National Chapter - September 6-13, 2025
Marriottsville, MD

Quinquennial Congress - October 13-17, 2026,
Lexington, KY

**“Your Servant Leaders”
BSSF Regional Executive Council**

Minister: Ellen Ferrone, OFS
Vice Minister: Martha Roman, OFS
Secretary: Mary Sacavage, OFS
Treasurer: Zubair Simonson, OFS
Formation Director: Lynn Oeser, OFS

Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Bob Menard, OFM

Area 1 Councilors: Gabrielle Cruz-Uribe, OFS, Margi Williams, OFS
AL: Bessemer
GA: Blairsville, Johns Creek, Jonesboro, Lithia Springs
TN: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Franklin

Area 2 Councilors: JC Liu, OFS, Becky Bresnahan, OFS
GA: Augusta, St. Simons Island
NC: Asheville, Charlotte, Hendersonville, Newton
SC: Aiken, Anderson, Charleston, Greenville, Bluffton, Spartanburg, Lancaster

Area 3 Councilors: Lee Cunningham, OFS, Betti Longinotti, OFS
NC: Burlington, Elizabeth City, Greensboro, Morehead City, Raleigh, Wilmington, Winston Salem
SC: Garden City

Appointed Positions

Communio Editor: Sharon Winzeler, OFS
Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Animator: Allison Salerno, OFS
Multicultural Commission Chair: David Cruz-Uribe, OFS
Youth/Young Adult Fraternal Animator: Bob Dorsch, OFS

Prayer Coordinators (online prayer requests)

Area 1: Lindy Cox Grace, OFS
Area 2: Cathy Champon, OFS
Area 3: Robert Sabisch, OFS

RENEWAL OF “OFS” PROFESSION COMMITMENT

Let us bless our Lord and God, living and true;
to Him, we must attribute all praise, glory, honor,
blessing, and every good forever.

All Professed Secular Franciscans together:

We thank you, Lord, for calling us to the Secular Franciscan Order.

We ask Your pardon for all our shortcomings,
weaknesses, and transgressions against our commitment
to the Gospel life and against the Rule.

We renew once again our commitment to the Gospel life,
according to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order,
until the end of our days.

Grant also that we may live in harmony with
our brothers and sisters, and that we may give witness
to younger people of the great gift we have received from you:

our Franciscan calling to “go forth as witnesses and instruments
of the Church’s mission among all people,
proclaiming Christ by our life and words.”

Most High and Glorious God, grant that we may live justice and peace.

All praise be yours, O Lord,
through all that you have made.

Amen

