

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

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FROM OUR MINISTER...

The Supreme Court reversed the Roe v. Wade ruling, which ended constitutional protections for abortion as of June 24. Instead, individual states will decide whether abortion is legal within their state boundaries. An estimated 4,500 to 5,000 people gathered at St. Paul to demonstrate. Many folks believe that an abortion is a medical procedure that ends a pregnancy, a basic healthcare need for millions of women, girls and others who can become pregnant and abortion is a safe and legal way to end a pregnancy.

The abortion issue is more polarized than ever. How do we as Franciscans help dissolve the social polarization of our friends, family and neighbors who debate over pro-life and pro-choice issues. How can we help bring Christ back into the equation?

Our Catholic church stands firmly to protect life . . .

Pope John Paul II used strong language to condemn abortion and euthanasia, which he said were *“crimes which no human law can claim to legitimize and the ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless. If you want to equal justice for all and true freedom and lasting peace, then defend life.”*

The Bible is also unfolds the truth . . .

Psalm 139:13-16 *“For it was You who formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from You, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.”*

As Franciscans, together let’s reflect on article 1 of our Rule, which calls us to *“unite all members of the people of God.”* How can we do that? With dialogue. Article 19: *“Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue.”*

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Pro-choice or pro-life, all must be pro-dialogue. It's easy to imagine the fears of a pregnant teen or young college-age woman as she looks at her dreams of family and education being erased by a "growing" problem and the need to "fix the problem." Many women are also pressured into having an abortion by the "baby daddy," their parents, or friends. Some of these women/girls are scared about the possibility of being kicked out of their home (pregnant and homeless), and/or violent boyfriends if they don't get the "fix."

My gut feeling is that many more beautiful, precious babies will be born, which is such a gift to us all and thus, many more women will need assistance to care for their children. Those women will need baby necessity items, help with schooling, food and housing. No simple solutions, but Christ does give all of us a path/journey to follow. Let us follow the example of St. Clare as she set aside food from her family table to give to the needy.

We as Franciscans will continue to do what we are good at: caring for the poor, concern for creation, praying for conversion and most importantly being pro-dialogue.

Peace, blessings and dialogue,
Joy

St. Charles Council update:

On June 4, Joyce Wesner sent the following email to our fraternity.

I have enjoyed being minister of our fraternity and working with all of you! Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you!

However, due to recent and chronic health issues I find it necessary to resign as minister of Saint Charles Fraternity effective June 4, 2022.

Joyce A. Wesner, OFS

As a result, Vice Minister Joy Olry assumed the office of Minister per article 81.1 of the *General Constitutions*. With the vacancy of the office of Vice Minister, the Council elected Barb Braley as the Vice Minister per article 81.2 of the *General Constitutions*. With the following vacancy of the office of Formation Director, per article 81.3 of the *General Constitutions*, it was decided to ask Rich Cain to step back into the role of Formation Director, which he held for the last two terms of office. Rich has agreed to do so.

At this point, of the six members of the Council, two are appointed (Teri and Rich), and will serve out the remainder of this term without votes per the National Statutes, article 15.2. Sister Mary can vote on all matters except finances.

The table of contacts on page 1 has been updated to reflect these changes.

Note: *Joyce's health has improved enough that she has resumed attending Mass, although her mobility continues to be an issue.*

**THE NATIONAL FRATERNITY
OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
IN THE UNITED STATES**

April 16, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters,

May the Lord give you peace! The National Fraternity Council has asked us to serve as the co-chairs of the Nominations Committee. The 2022 National Elective Chapter is announced with the following details:

1) Election date and location:

Saturday morning, October 15, 2022
National Elective Chapter, Detroit, Michigan

2) Positions to be filled are:

National Minister	National Treasurer	National Councilor 3
National Vice Minister	National Councilor 1	International Councilor
National Secretary	National Councilor 2	

3) Nominations are now being accepted.

**Nominations will be accepted up until July 31, at 11:59 p.m. PDT
(That's August 1, at 2:59 a.m. local time)**

4) Please nominate well-qualified, permanently professed Secular Franciscans to serve in these positions. You may nominate a person for more than one position. You may also nominate yourself.

5) Please send your nomination (NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP CODE, EMAIL ADDRESS) either via electronic e-mail or via snail-mail to **both**:

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YOU MUST SEND YOUR NOMINATION TO BOTH CO-CHAIRS TO AVOID THE POSSIBILITY OF ANY NOMINATION BEING LOST IN THE MAIL/E-MAIL.

All professed members may make nominations.

PROFESSION ANNIVERSARIES

Teri Queitsch 7/18/2021

Joann Tompkins 7/27/2003

Nancy Steinhöfer 7/27/2003

Please pray for:

Jan Scher – health

Joyce Wesner – health

Arlene Lewis - health

JULY FRATERNITY GATHERING

Date: July 17, 2022 **Time:** 1:30 p.m.

Place: St. Mary's School teachers lounge
232 N. Main St., Avilla

JPIC Presentation: Rich Cain

Food: Ice Cream Social

Liturgy of the Hours: Evening Prayer II

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Pages 620 & 931

Hymn: #40, page 1522

Homebound: Luke 10:25-37

Love Your Commitment in 2022

- Love my fraternity
- Love the Rule
- Love Scripture
- Love conversion



UNITY DAY!!

Saturday, August 13

9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

St. Joan of Arc, Kokomo

BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH!!

BIRTHDAYS

<i>Joann Tompkins</i>	7/25	<i>Arlene Lewis</i>	8/3
<i>Katie Herendeen</i>	8/2	<i>Barb Braley</i>	8/15

NEW REGIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL ELECTED SATURDAY, JUNE 11

Minister: Cyndi Pilot (*Immaculate Conception Fraternity, Mishawaka*)

Vice Minister: Rich Cain (*St. Charles Fraternity, Avilla*)

Secretary: Margaret Foust (*Sacred Heart Fraternity, Indianapolis*)

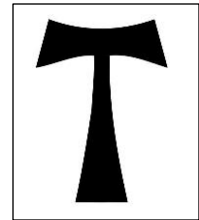
Treasurer: Susan Solloway (*Holy Family Fraternity, Fort Wayne*)

Formation Director: Barb Braley (*St. Charles Fraternity, Avilla*)

Central Councilor: Ulma Flores (*Peregrinos de la Paz, Indianapolis*)

NE Councilor: Chris Bercaw (*St. Michael the Archangel Fraternity, Hicksville, OH*)

NW Councilor: Ted Boczkowski (*St. Mary of the Angels Fraternity, St. John*)



The Fort Wayne cell is now meeting for prayer following the Thursday 11:00 a.m. Mass in the chapel at the University of Saint Francis. Anyone is welcome to come.

Do you know of someone in our fraternity who is sick, homebound, has gone into a nursing home, or is in the hospital? Please contact Vicki and she will send a card. Her contact information is on page 1 of this newsletter.

Opportunities for fraternity apostolates: 1) Knit, crochet, sew, or even quilt 30"x30" lap robes for the residents of Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. They must be these dimensions so they cover the residents' laps adequately, but don't get caught in wheelchair wheels. 2) Carve wooden crosses that people could hold (approximately 5" tall x 2.5" wide). 3) Make cord rosaries.

Thought for this month: "When Spiritually intoxicated, a person is out of his mind not because he is bereft of reason, as is the case with wine or drugs, but because he passes beyond reason into the Light of God." - From *Sober Intoxication of the Spirit, Filled with the Fullness of God*, by Raniero Cantalamessa, p. 4-5