

Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha Region

Annual Report for Ad Hoc Panel

April 2009

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Goal:

“Develop a draft plan to transition the Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Region of the Secular Franciscan Order to the fulfillment of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order. The draft plan should take into account the existing resources and structures, and upon completion, will be presented to the Regional Council for final approval and implementation.”

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The Eleven Points:

1. Promote the study of the Rule.
2. Offer new, dynamic ministries.
3. Promote outreach to new vocations in all walks of life.
4. Develop youth & young adult groups by encouraging regional formation and ministries by using “sections” of fraternities.

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The Eleven Points:

5. Develop a strategy to transition current fraternities to new leadership.
6. Offer regional retreats, conferences, trainings, and events.
7. Provide financial support.
8. Train leaders and offer comprehensive servant leadership formation.

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The Eleven Points:

9. Provide a regional training center, retreat center, office, library, and archives.
10. Offer more formal opportunities to develop teachers of the Franciscan Tradition.
11. Encourage the formation of spiritual assistants.

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Point 3: Promote outreach to new vocations in all walks of life.

- ⦿ Create a welcoming and orientation team.
- ⦿ Each fraternity creates a “vocation and outreach” person.
- ⦿ Develop better advertising materials.
- ⦿ Identify people with a possible vocation.
- ⦿ Host “come and see” events: mostly service projects, and Franciscan educational and social events.

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Point 3: Promote outreach to new vocations in all walks of life.

- ⦿ Develop an advertising strategy.
- ⦿ Train fraternity members in outreach.
- ⦿ Develop vocational and outreach materials.
- ⦿ Regional team goes into fraternity to do a “public relations audit”.

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Point 4: Develop youth & young adult groups...

- ⦿ Establish a Welcoming and Orientation Team as a small faith community who meet regularly and whose special ministry is to welcome inquirers and introduce them to Franciscan life, prayer, spirituality & works.
- ⦿ Welcoming & Orientation Team invites inquirers to an informal formation process.
- ⦿ All formation for FYYA to be at fraternity level (ideally), but until fraternities are ready, regional formation is offered.

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Point 4: Develop youth & young adult groups...

- ⦿ Welcoming & Orientation Team invites inquirers to an informal formation process.
- ⦿ All formation for FYYA to be at fraternity level (ideally), but until fraternities are ready, regional formation is offered in all three areas.
- ⦿ Appropriate fraternity members participate in regional FYYA formation team as part of their training.

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Point 4: Develop youth & young adult groups...

- ◎ Young Adult join their fraternities and may form a section and serve as members of the FYYA formation team to attract new youth and young adults.
- ◎ Offer quarterly regional and area conferences, retreats, and gatherings.
- ◎ Draft FYYA structure, guidelines, and materials should be created.
- ◎ Appoint a FYYA chair for each fraternity.

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Point 4: Develop youth & young adult groups...

- ⦿ Train fraternities in youth & young adult ministry.
- ⦿ Reach out especially to teachers, youth ministers, campus ministers, young adult ministers, and youth workers to become SFOs and do FYYA ministry.
- ⦿ Target parishes, college campuses, catholic schools, or other places that don't yet have ministries to youth and young adult populations.
- ⦿ Offer an annual FYYA event at the Annual Meeting.

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Point 7: Provide financial support.

- *We have already begun implementing this point. We went out to bid to contract with a consultant to help us to develop this strategy. We have already received bids back, and will be making a decision as a region how to proceed with this particular point of the overall strategy.*

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Ongoing Goals:

- ⦿ Complete the details for all 11 Points.
- ⦿ Draft the plan.
- ⦿ Contract with consultants to do development planning.
- ⦿ Work with consultants to design and implement a financial development plan.

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Progress:

- ⦿ Completed work on detailing the 11 Points.
- ⦿ Created an initial BKTR Development Fund.
- ⦿ Got bids from consultants to do development planning.