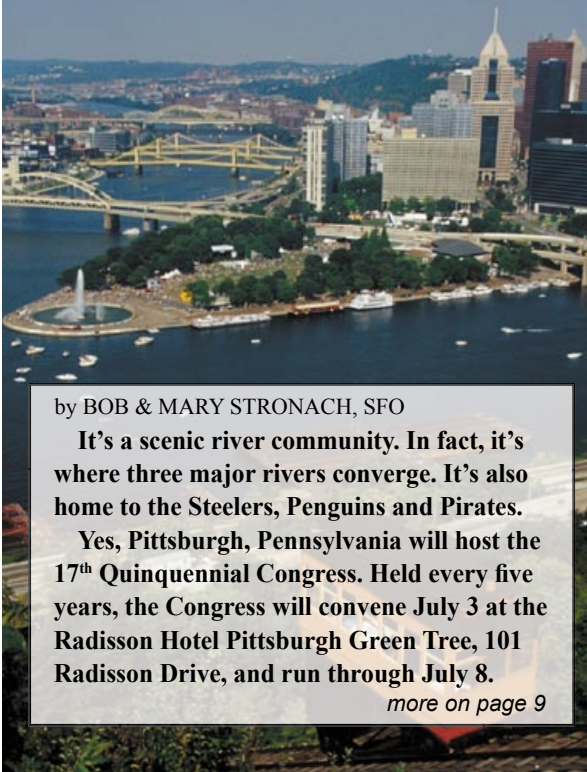


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The Q Beckons SFOs



by BOB & MARY STRONACH, SFO

It's a scenic river community. In fact, it's where three major rivers converge. It's also home to the Steelers, Penguins and Pirates.

Yes, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania will host the 17th Quinquennial Congress. Held every five years, the Congress will convene July 3 at the Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree, 101 Radisson Drive, and run through July 8.

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The Quinquennial Congress beckons SFOs to the Pennsylvania city where three rivers converge.

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Region Could Elect First Woman Leader

Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha Region could have its first woman regional minister when elections take place at the annual gathering April 27-29 at Stella Maris Retreat Center in Skaneateles, NY. The four candidates for minister are all women:

- Mary Frances Charsky, SFO, of St. Francis Fraternity, Binghamton, who is a school principal.

- Patti DeWitt, SFO, of St. Francis Fraternity, Buffalo, who is involved in prison ministry and art.

- Kim Marks, SFO, of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, Buffalo, who handles customer service for medical product line software and data analysis services.

- Donna Roberti, SFO, of St. Bonaventure Fraternity, Allegany, NY, a CPA who recently retired as man-



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By BILL & LAURA HEINZ, SFO



Laura and I would like to thank everyone for a wonderful six years serving you on the Regional Council. You will notice that I include Laura because I could have done nothing without her.

We traveled together and were able to meet many of you in person, but some of you we were not able to meet personally. Believe me, this was our loss, because you are such wonderful people.

We thank you especially for all of your prayers. We needed them for spiritual, physical, and emotional needs. It was physically a trying time for us, and I know that it has been for all of you as well. Age does seem to catch up to all of us.

Remember always that we are Family and as Family we are to love one another. Secular Franciscans are the hope for the world. In this day and age, we hear and see so many depressing things, don't let that get us down. Pray, Pray, Pray. St. Francis was such a great model for all of us. Now that we have come to the end of our tenure I am reminded of what St. Francis said as he was leaving: **"I have done what was mine to do; may Christ teach you what you are to do."**

And finally Laura and I would like to leave you with this blessing that St. Francis gave to Brother Leo:

God bless you and keep you.

May God smile on you, and be merciful to you;

May God turn his regard towards you and give you peace.

ELECTIONS

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ager of corporate taxes for a refining company.

During the chapter of elections, nominations may be offered from the floor, but candidates must be present to accept, noted Regional Minister Bill Heinz, SFO.

All four candidates for minister are also on the ballot for vice minister, in addition to:

- Mary Stronach, SFO, of St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica, NY, a marketing/PR consultant, and foreign language instructor.

Those on the ballot for secretary are:

- Marie Meyer, SFO, of St. Patrick Fraternity, Buffalo, NY, who recently retired from healthcare.
- Donna Roberti. (See p 1)
- Mary Stronach. (See above.)

Treasurer candidates:

- Donna Roberti, SFO, current treasurer. (See p. 1.)
- George Towsley, SFO, of St. Joseph Cupertino Fra-

ternity, Watertown, a CPA.

Candidates for formation director are:

- Patti DeWitt, SFO, current formation director. (See page 1.)
- Marie Diehl, SFO, of St. Michael Fraternity, Amsterdam, NY, a retired school teacher.
- Donna Roberti. (See p 1)

On the ballot for western area councilor:

- Kim Marks, SFO, the current councilor. (See p 1.)
- Marie Meyer. (See above.)
- Donna Roberti. (See p 1)

Candidates for central area councilor:

- Mary Frances Charsky. (See page 1.)
- Robert Stronach, SFO, of St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica, who is an editor-writer-photographer.

Eastern area councilor candidates are:

- Catherine Koscinski, SFO, St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica, who has retired from state mental health system.
- Donna Roberti. (See p 1)

PROFESSED 55 YEARS

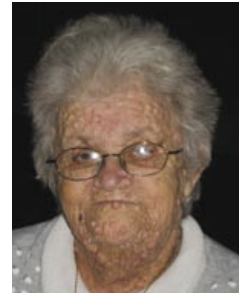
Please join with St. Patrick's Fraternity in Buffalo to congratulate two members as they renew their profession of 55 years – Eileen Driscoll and Ann Moriarity.

Eileen never misses a meeting.

“My hope and dream was to be a religious,” she relates. “However, I was unable to because of health reasons. In 1950, I joined the Third Order of St. Francis at St. Patrick's in Buffalo. I was received in 1951 and professed in 1952.”

She served in various offices on the fraternity council. “I try to go from ‘Gospel to Life’,” she says, serving others in various ways, including charitable fund-raising, pro-life activist, CCD teacher, helping the Cephas Prison Ministry and her parish – Sts. Rita and Patrick.

Ann Moriarity is



Eileen Driscoll



Ann Moriarity

in the Seneca Health Care Center and very vividly relives her earlier years. Ann and the late John Moriarity (deceased in 2005) had five children – all born in Ireland.

Ann was professed in 1952 in Dublin about 1-1/2 years before John. John's sister sponsored them to move to the U.S. in 1958 and they settled in South Buffalo. Ann is 91 years old.

-- Marie Meyer

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SISTER DEATH



Ann Powers, SFO

Ann Powers, SFO, 87, embraced Sister Death Nov. 10, 2006. She joined Little Portion Fraternity, Buffalo, in September 1995 and was professed on March 20, 2001. She was active at St. Patrick's Thrift Store, volunteered weekly at South Buffalo Soup Kitchen and helped every week in the cleaning of her church, St. Teresa.

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Mary Siedsma, SFO

Wall of Honor

In Memory Of

Mary B. Siedsma, SFO
remembered by
St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica, NY

Beatrice E. (Pidgeon) Schmalz, SFO
remembered by
St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica, NY

In Honor Of

Eleanor White, SFO
93 years old
by St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity

Elizabeth 'Betty' Frank, SFO
58th Anniversary of Profession
by St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica

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Mary B. Siedsma, SFO, 70, of Clinton, passed away Monday, February 20, 2007, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Utica. Mary and her deceased husband, Don, had been foster parents for Catholic

Charities, taking in over thirty newborns awaiting adoption.

She was professed in 2003 with St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica.

Mary was a member of the Perpetual Adoration Society.

Utica Adoration Chapel Marks 15th SFOs Surprise Founder with St. Clare Award

John Sullivan said he wouldn't trade his hours praying before the Eucharist in Utica's Perpetual Adoration Chapel for the lotto's millions.

Fr. Richard Dellos, parish administrator at St. Joseph-St. Patrick, noted that the 354 people who spend an hour or more a week praying in the Chapel have taught him a thing or two about ministering to the poor and those in need – because those who pray before the Eucharist often put their prayer into action.

Those two statements -- made at the Adoration Chapel's 15th Anniversary Celebration at the Radisson Hotel in Utica on March 4 -- may reflect some of the reasons why Perpetual Adoration is strong in the Syracuse Diocese's Eastern Region, attracting "adorers" from some 30 parishes to the tiny chapel at the rear of

St. Joseph-St. Patrick rectory.

“Perpetual Adoration – 131,400 hours and counting!” Father Dellos said, as he led 263 adorers and guests in a wine toast to kick off the banquet. Joining him at the podium were the Rev.

Antone Kandrac, OFM Conv., former pastor and Adoration Chapel co-founder; Betty Frank, SFO, chapel co-founder and coordinator, and the Rev. Victor P. Warkulwiz, M.S.S., a Missionary of the Blessed Sacrament who installed the perpetual adoration group 15 years ago.

The celebration began with 10:30 a.m. mass,



Betty Frank, SFO, (3rd from right) receives the St. Clare Award from members of St. Joseph Fraternity in Utica during the 15th Anniversary celebration of Utica's Perpetual Adoration Chapel. From left: Ethel DePalma, SFO; Catherine Koscinski, SFO; Jo Ginnity, SFO; Betty Frank, SFO; Jeannette Williams, SFO, and Mary Stronach, SFO (emcee for the anniversary dinner).

with adorers joining the congregation of over 500. The banquet immediately followed at the Radisson Hotel.

A highlight of the afternoon came when a local fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Or-

der surprised Adoration Chapel Coordinator Betty Frank with a special honor. Catherine Koscinski, SFO, minister of St. Joseph Fraternity, announced Frank would be celebrating her 58th anniversary as a Secular

Franciscan on March 20, and then presented Frank with the St. Clare Award “for her Franciscan ministry to the poor and to Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration.” Frank received a standing ovation.

31 Fraternities Hold Elections Across Region

Thirty-one of the region's 32 fraternities held their triennial chapter of elections, most of them in the last quarter of 2006. St. Pius X in Corning, received permission to postpone its elections until later in 2007. Since the last election year in 2003, Blessed Virgin Mary

Fraternity in Minoa became inactive and two emerging fraternities were formally recognized – Holy Family in Vernon and St. Irenaeus in West Clarksville. Here are the election results:

Glory of Yahweh Fraternity, Rochester, on Dec. 8 elected Martin

Lynch, SFO, as minister. He succeeds Joseph Madonia, SFO, now formation director. Other officers: Vice Min. Betsy Annechino, SFO, Secretary Carolyn Barth, SFO, Treasurer Maureen Madonia, SFO, Councilor Thomas Hoffend, SFO.

Holy Family Fraternity, Vernon, NY,

on Nov. 7 elected a new minister, Delores Faulkner, SFO, who succeeds Shirley Witchley, SFO. Other officers: Vice Minister Carol Beecher, SFO, Secretary Mary Walker, SFO, Treasurer Tutti Wagner, SFO, and Formation Director Ester Jusza, SFO.

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Immaculate Conception Fraternity, Schenectady, re-elected Carol Slater, SFO, as minister Nov. 27. Other officers: Vice Min. Mary Brousseau, SFO, Secretary Barb Thomas, SFO, Treasurer Betsy Ricker, SFO, and Formation Dir. Guy Martino, SFO.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity, Rochester, re-elected Mary Hogan, SFO, as minister Nov. 20. Other officers: Vice Min. Mary Monsees, SFO, Sec. Katherine Schmidt, SFO, Treas. Margaret Mannoni, SFO, and Formation Dir. Rita Hausle, SFO.

Little Portion Fraternity, Buffalo, NY, re-elected Dorothy Gavin, SFO, as minister on Jan. 6, 2007. She also is formation director. Other officers: Vice Minister Mary Ann Voorhees, SFO, Secretary Jane Bresnock, SFO, Treasurer Patricia Carrig.

Our Lady of Angels Fraternity, Lewiston, NY, elected Maria Reade, SFO, as minister. She succeeds Alfred Picogna, SFO. Other offi-

cers: Vice Minister Rose Bonaro, SFO, Secretary Sally Rog, SFO, Treasurer Pat Roberts, SFO, Formation Dir. Laura Heinz, SFO, and Councilor Michael Aidala.

St. Agnes of Assisi Fraternity, Afton, NY, re-elected Rita Manddyck, SFO, as minister. Other officers: Vice Minister Betty Mayerhauser, SFO, Sec. Jamie Currie, SFO, Treasurer Katherine Baker, SFO, and Formation Dir. Dianemarie Frappier, SFO.

St. Anthony Fraternity, Catskill, NY, re-elected Carol Miller, SFO, as minister Nov. 19. Other officers: Vice Minister Veronica Burnett, SFO, Sec. Barbara Shook, SFO, Treasurer Arthur Peterson, SFO, Formation Dir. Marie Bitter, SFO, and Councilor Alice Caulfield.

St. Anthony Fraternity, Lockport, NY, re-elected Robert Goodlander, SFO, as minister on Dec. 17. Other officers: Vice Minister Jeanne Helferty, SFO, Secretary Debra Goodlander, SFO, Treasurer Susan McCanna, SFO,



Delores Faulkner
Holy Family



Carol Slater
Immaculate Conception



Mary Hogan
Immaculate Heart



Dorothy Gavin
Little Portion



Rita Manddyck
St. Agnes of Assisi



Carol Miller
St. Anthony, Catskill

Formation Dir. Alfred Picogna, and Councilor Rose Ruggeri, SFO.

St. Bernardine of Siena, Loudonville, NY, re-elected Jaime Puccio Miller, SFO, as minister on Nov. 13. Other officers: Vice Min. Mike Dwyer, SFO, Sec. Ann Beeler, SFO, Treas. Tom Quinn, SFO, Formation Dir. Walt Chura, SFO.

St. Bonaventure Fraternity, Allegany, NY, elected Jane Meissner, SFO, as minister on Nov. 19. She succeeds Thomas Wachter, SFO.

Other officers: Vice Min. Carol Samuelson, SFO, Sec. Jack Feneran, SFO, Formation Dir. Donna Roberti, SFO, Councilor Mary Kay Tambash, SFO, and Councilor Marie Kuhn, SFO.

Santa Elizabetha Fraternity, Troy, re-elected Mary Grazia Renda, SFO, as minister Nov. 26. Other officers: Vice Minister Mario DeGiorgio, SFO, Secretary Maria DeGiorgio, SFO, Treasurer Francesca Russomanno, SFO, and Formation Director Archangela Mele, SFO.



Robert Goodlander
St. Anthony, Lockport



Jaime Puccio Miller
St. Bernardine



Mary Renda
St. Elizabetta



Ceil Beard
St. Eliz.-St. Bona.



Tim Suspanic
St. Francis, Binghamton



Shirley Uhrinec
St. Francis, Endicott

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, Buffalo, re-elected Christian Marks, SFO, as minister on Nov. 30. Other officers: Vice Min. Mary Zablocki, SFO, Sec. Kim Marks, SFO, Treasurer Tim Weber, SFO, and Formation Dir. Edward Zablocki, SFO.

St. Elizabeth-St. Bonaventure, Syracuse, NY, re-elected Ceil Beard, SFO, as minister Nov. 19. Other officers: Vice Min. John Rossi, SFO, Sec. Antoinette DeJohn, SFO, Treasurer

Gail Ahern, SFO, and Formation Dir. Linda Altieri-O'Brien, SFO.

St. Elizabeth-St. Louis Fraternity, Albany, on Nov. 19 elected a new minister, Robert Egan, SFO, who succeeds Rose Mary Slavin, SFO. Other officers: Vice Minister Bruce Chamberlain, SFO, Secretary Judy Bradt, SFO, Treasurer Jean Marks, SFO, and Formation Director Lena Zullo, SFO.

St. Francis Fraternity, Athol Springs, NY,

re-elected Albin Shenck, SFO, as minister Sept. 26. Other officers: Vice Min. Tom Miller, SFO, Sec. June Zagorski, SFO, Treasurer Eleanor Cox, SFO, and Formation Dir. Burt Weigen.

St. Francis Fraternity, Binghamton, NY, elected Tim Suspanic, SFO, as minister Oct. 18. He succeeds Stephen Blabac, SFO. Other officers: Vice Min. Mary Frances Charsky, SFO, Sec. Evelyn Evans, SFO, Treasurer Phil Evans, SFO, and Formation Dir. Cathy Feheley, SFO.

St. Francis Fraternity, Buffalo, NY, elected Sue Siuta, SFO, as minister Oct. 18. She succeeds Patti DeWitt, SFO. Other officers: Vice Min. Marge Musial, SFO, Secretary and Formation Dir. Patti DeWitt, SFO, Treasurer David DeWitt, SFO.

St. Francis Fraternity, Endicott, re-elected Shirley Uhrinec, SFO, as minister Oct. 19. Other officers: Vice Min. Ruth Stanek, SFO, Sec. Anne Bertoni, SFO, Treasurer Mary Havel, SFO, and Formation Dir.

Edward Ferencik, SFO.

St. Irenaeus Fraternity, West Clarksville, NY, on Oct. 15 elected Don Watkins, SFO, as minister. He succeeds John Dutcher, SFO, who led the group during its emerging phase. Other officers: Vice Minister Agnes Brush, SFO, Secretary Connie Horan, SFO, Treasurer Michelle Marcellin, SFO, and Formation Director Jan Walker, SFO.

St. John the Baptist Fraternity, Elmira, NY, re-elected David Pope, SFO, as minister Sept. 16. Other officers: Vice Min. Maggie Stimmaman, SFO, Sec. Lillian Henry, SFO, Treasurer Margaret Bellizia, SFO, and Formation Dir. Mary Smith, SFO.

St. Joseph Cupertino Fraternity, Watertown, NY, elected George Towsley, SFO, as minister Nov. 12. He succeeds Anne Thomas, SFO, now formation director. Other officers: Vice Min. Dorothy Delaney, SFO, Sec. Marion McGraw, SFO, & Treas. Helen Keohane, SFO.

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St. Joseph Fraternity, Buffalo, NY, on Nov. 5 elected Sheila Obzud, SFO, as minister, who succeeds Jane Sheldon, SFO. Other officers: Vice Min. Edward Czapl, SFO, Sec. Marie Menig, SFO, Treasurer Daniel Kenny, SFO, and Formation Dir. Trudi Lee, SFO.

St. Joseph Fraternity, Utica, NY, on Oct. 15 elected a new minister, Catherine Koscinski, SFO, who succeeds Karen Szczesniak, SFO. Other officers: Vice Min. Robert Stronach, SFO, Secretary Gordon Lallier, SFO, Treasurer Jeanette Williams, SFO, and Formation Director Mary Stronach, SFO.

St. Louis Fraternity, Troy, NY, elected Michael Ruggiero, SFO, as minister Nov. 26. Other officers: Vice Minister Anthony Manolakis, SFO, Sec. Nicholas Barbera, SFO, Treasurer Emily Thompson, SFO, and Formation Director Anita Clemente, SFO.

St. Michael Fraternity, Amsterdam, NY,

re-elected Joanne Pirfo, SFO, as minister Nov. 26. Other officers: Vice Minister Hilda Pirfo, SFO, Sec. June McDermott, SFO, Treasurer Rita Trader, SFO, and Formation Director Mary Liccardi, SFO.

St. Patrick Fraternity, Buffalo, NY, re-elected Marie Meyer, SFO, as minister Sept. 17. Other officers: Vice Minister Paulette Adams, SFO, Sec. Josephine Pellicane, SFO, Treasurer Jim Casey, SFO, and Formation Dir. Julia Maxwell, SFO.

St. Peter Fraternity, Erie, PA, re-elected David Green Jr., SFO, as minister Dec. 9. Other officers: Vice Min. Carol Ann Onuffer, SFO, Sec. Paul Tarasovitch, SFO, Treasurer Patricia Lewis, SFO, and Formation Dir. Robert Adams, SFO.

St. Stephen Fraternity, Croghan, NY, elected Peter Wooschlager, SFO, as minister on Sept. 10. He succeeds Mae Schneeberger, SFO, who is now treasurer. Other officers: Vice Min. Jeanne Merry, SFO, Sec. Frances Strife, SFO, and



David Pope
St. John Baptist



Katie Koscinski
St. Joseph, Utica



Mike Ruggiero
St. Louis



Joanne Pirfo
St. Michael



Marie Meyer
St. Patrick



David Green
St. Peter

Formation Dir. Thomas Schneeberger, SFO.

St. Thomas More, Fonda, NY, on Nov. 13 elected Layna Maher, SFO, as minister, succeeding Helen

Carpenter, SFO. Other officers: Vice Min. Joyce Mancini, SFO, Sec. Julia Wray, SFO, Treasurer M. Mickey Ault, SFO, and Formation Dir. Audrey Van Alstine, SFO.

St. Thomas More, Kenmore-Cheektowaga,



Layna Maher
St. Thomas M., Fonda



Frank Guglielmo
St. Thomas M., Kenmore

NY, on Oct. 25 elected Frank Guglielmo, SFO, as minister, succeeding Barbara Quebral, SFO. Other officers: Vice Minister Ken Osborn, SFO, Secretary and Formation Director Barbara Quebral, SFO, and Treasurer Mary Spears, SFO.

Don't Miss the Quinquennial This July

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The 'Q' Planning Committee had to change plans and relocate the congress from Steubenville, Ohio to Pittsburgh in order to better accommodate the needs of the Secular Franciscan Order, reported past National Vice-Minister and 'Q' Chairperson John Sanborn, SFO.

"We are delighted with the Radisson Green Tree facility, which has a convention center and breakout meeting rooms, all in close proximity," Sanborn said. "It will facilitate our featured presentations, the daily liturgies, and the three tracks that the Congress will offer – the general sessions, the youth/young adult track and the sessions for spiritual assistants. In addition, the meeting rooms and the hotel's 465 guest rooms are equipped with complimentary high-speed internet access."

The 'Q' offers Franciscans of all stripes, and anyone with an interest in St. Francis of Assisi, the chance to share and



The National Fraternity's Multicultural Committee helped plan the Quinquennial.

explore the Franciscan charism. With a focus on celebrating cultural and ethnic differences, the 'Q' theme is "*Many Cultures – Through Francis – In Christ.*"

There will be masses in Korean and Spanish, plus an Eastern Rite Divine Liturgy and an Indian, Syro Malabar Rite mass.

Three plenary sessions will feature the Rev. Eric Law, an Episcopal priest and Missioner for Congregation Development in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Father Law has been featured at conferences sponsored by Catholic dioceses, and has written numerous books, including, "*The Wolf Shall Dwell With*

the Lamb – a Spirituality for Leadership in a Multicultural Community."

Other sessions:

- *Caregiving and the Elderly* by Patti Normile, SFO, former teacher, retreat director and author.

- *Spirituality in Today's Secular World* by Ed Shirley, SFO, professor of religious studies at St. Edward's University in Texas.

- *Secular Franciscans and the Catechetical Ministry* by Ron Pihokker, SFO, director of Catechetical Office, Archdiocese of Newark, NJ.

- *Francis, Divine Providence and Our Secular Life* by Javier Orozco, SFO, chaplain at DePaul University.

Besides the general

sessions, there will be Youth and Young Adult sessions for those between the ages of 16 and 26; and sessions for Spiritual Assistants.

Plans are for Youth and Young Adults to participate in a Franciscan Youth Congress, the first one held in the USA in over 30 years.

National Minister Patrick Mendés, SFO, encouraged all U.S. Secular Franciscans to consider attending the Quinquennial Congress, and urged regional and local fraternities to send representatives.

Registration Form

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QUINQUENNIAL CONGRESS REGISTRATION FORM

**Opening Mass on Tuesday, July 3 at 7 pm
Congress Concludes Sunday, July 8 at 1 pm**

Only one participant or married couple per registration form. Payment must accompany this form and is NON-REFUNDABLE. Make check for registration and meals payable to NAFRA, then *mail form with payment to*: Dennis W. Ross, NAFRA Treasurer, 8933 Trailwood Court, Mentor, Ohio 44060-2131; d_ross@oh.rr.com.

Make your own hotel reservation (see below).

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of people _____ x \$ 110 = \$ _____
After May 10 the registration is \$ 150 per person.

Meal Plan: Tuesday Dinner through Sunday Breakfast
of people _____ x \$ 150 = \$ _____

If received by May 10: TOTAL = \$ 260 per person
If received after May 10: TOTAL = \$ 300 per person

Housing and the Congress are at Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree, 101 Radisson Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205; Telephone: (412) 922-8400; www.radisson.com.

NAFRA has arranged for a discounted room rate of \$ 74.00 per night. Each room has twin double beds with 1 to 4 occupants possible (Two or more can split the \$74 per night cost).

You should make your own room arrangements directly with the hotel.

ANNUAL GATHERING AGENDA APRIL 27-29, 2007

FRIDAY

8:45-9:30 Registration
9:45 Welcome, Introductions, Icebreaker
11:00 State of Region
11:30 Treasurer's Report
12:00 Lunch
1:30 Commissions (Family of the Year)
Family, and Peace & Justice
2:30 Break
2:45 Formation
3:00 Minister's Meeting/Open Forum
Roll Call
Budget Approval
5:00 Evening Prayer
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Mass
Party for outgoing council

SATURDAY

7:30 Morning Prayer
8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Service of Remembrance
9:45 Presentation: Spirituality of Work
10:45 Presentation: Ecology & Youth
11:15 Break
11:30 Introduction of Candidates
12:00 Lunch
1:30-4:30 Elections
5:00 Evening Prayer
5:30 Dinner
7:00 Mass & installation of officers
Party for new council

SUNDAY

8:00 Breakfast
9:00 Morning Prayer
9:30 National Minister/Spiritual Assistant
presentation and open forum
11:00 Q&A for New Officers
Lunch

Introducing New Chairs

Mary and Ed Zablocki, SFO, of Buffalo, are the region's new Work Commission co-chairs. Professed in 1982, they are members of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity.

The Zablockis have been married 27 years and have two sons, Francis and Paul. Mary is a registered nurse and the director of the Natural Family Planning Office at Sisters of Charity Hospital.



Mary & Ed Zablocki, SFO

Ed oversees the University at Buffalo's Human Research Protection Program concerned with the rights and dignity of individuals who volunteer as research subjects.

Mary and Ed served as National Work Commission Co-Chairs from 1995 to 2000. The National Work Commission website (www.nafra-sfo.org/work.html) has links to a Work Commission Resources website and a Work Commission Manual that were the fruit of the Zablockis time of service.

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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 the form and mail it along with a \$10 donation. Funds will be used by the Regional Fraternity to help pay for publications aimed at benefiting the region's fraternities (such as The Mirror and formation materials).

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ANNUAL GATHERING REGISTRATION

Annual Ministers Gathering, April 27-29, Stella Maris Retreat Ctr, Skaneateles, NY

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Registration fee due by March 31 or ASAP: \$190.00

Daily commuter rate (includes meals): \$ 50.00/day

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Franciscans Launch Initiative

Members of the various communities of Roman Catholics known collectively as the Franciscans met in Baltimore, MD March 7-9 to form a new Center for Action and a broad-based Franciscan Family Commission for Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation. More than 130 social justice and peace representatives from the Franciscan provinces, congregations, Secular Franciscan Regions, and Ecumenical partners approved the new initiative. Donna Roberti, SFO, and Patti DeWitt, SFO, represented Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha Region.

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