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Regional ministers retreat news Election.

The annual ministers retreat was held August 15th. An election was held. Here is your new regional council.

Minister - Kim Pappas, OFS

Vice minister - Tim Taormina, OFS

Secretary - Mary Seger, OFS

Treasurer - Edith Foren, OFS

Formation Director - Mona Wolney, OFS

Councilor North MN/ND/SD - Christopher Mathias, OFS

Councilor SE MN/WI - Gordon Walker, OFS

Councilor NE/IA - Luis Alvarez, OFS

Fair Share News

A vote was passed to raise the fair share \$5.00 dollars.

It is now \$60.00 a year for Professed and \$25.00 dollars a year for Candidates.

Regional Guidelines Updated

The regional guidelines were updated to reflect the new Councilor areas. (Northern MN/ND/SD) (SE MN/WI) (IA/NE)

Update on Quinquennial.

The national council made the decision to postpone the Quinquennial until 2023.

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Regional Council Bio's

Kim Pappas, OFS Minister

I am Kim Pappas, OFS. This is my third time as Regional Minister. I have been professed since 1989 with St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity in Minneapolis. My husband, Tom, hails from Iowa and he has relatives still there. I have served as a Councilor, Vice Minister and Minister of the Region and Minister and Councilor of the fraternity. I look forward to working with all of you.

Timothy Taormina, OFS Vice Minister

I have been married for 42 years and have 4 children and 3 grandchildren. I professed in 2006, served 3 years as the MN/ND/SD/WI Cluster Councilor, and I now serve as the Queen of Peace Regional Vice-Minister. I am experienced in presiding over local elections and conducting local visitations. I am grateful to serve my brothers and sisters as I use my talents and resources for the good of the region. I work in IT for Delta Airlines and I am retired from the US Air Force after serving for 30 years.

Mary Seger, OFS Secretary

I am Mary Seger, wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, lifelong Catholic, and a professed Secular Franciscan. Like so many of us, I was attracted to Saints Francis and Clare when I was very young. In fact, I took "Clare" as my Confirmation name. A "satellite" fraternity of the SFO, as it was called back in the 80s, was forming at my parish, and

my friends and I eagerly joined and began the period of formation under the established fraternity of St John Capistrano in Tampa, FL. I professed in 1984 and was appointed minister of our small satellite fraternity. Our group's apostolate was primarily prayer and Eucharistic ministry, where we brought Holy Communion to the local nursing home and to elderly individuals in their homes. I experienced several job changes that required moves to different parts of the country, and consequently, changes of fraternities. We arrived in La Crosse in 2017 and my husband and I were blessed to find Tau Shalom, which was then a Newly Forming Group. When Tau Shalom gained the status of "Emerging Fraternity," I was appointed Formation Director, a position I held for one year. I currently do not hold a council position in the fraternity, but I edit and distribute our newsletter. I look forward to getting to know my sisters and brothers of the Queen of Peace Region and serving as your Secretary.

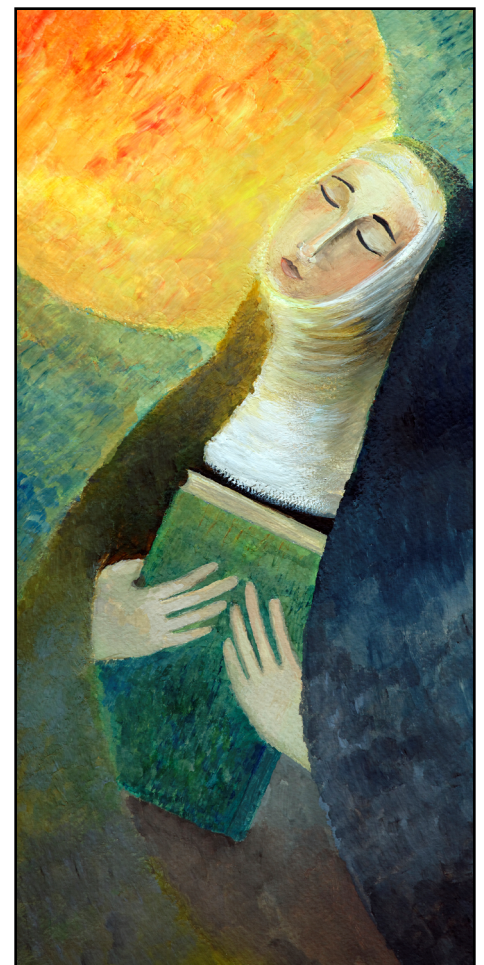
Mary Seger, OFS

Edith Foren, OFS Treasurer

I am proud to be a Secular Franciscan and do enjoy working with everyone. I am from a small town called Browns Valley, MN. It is half way up the map on the MN/SD side, I belong to several organizations, namely, The Am. Legion Auxiliary, the Browns Valley Historical Society and the Committee for the Pow-Wow. I used to volunteer at the school as a helper at the school but since the virus, they do not let any

volunteers to come into school.. I am the financial treasurer for the Historical Society, I am Minister and financial secretary for SFO. Having taken on the position of treasurer of the Region for SFO it will be a learning experience for me. Kathy Frazier did such an excellent job and she has been helpful for me. Hope I can keep up with everything. So far, the Regional committee people have been very helpful. If I am doing something wrong or not in a timely manner, please let me know.

Edith Foren, OFS



**Mona Wolney OFS,
Formation Director Queen of
Peace Region**

“Let us begin again, brothers, for up until now, we have done little or nothing.” St. Francis of Assisi

This saying by our Father Francis, was clasped in my hand as I accepted the nomination and election as your new OFS Regional Formation Director; it was placed in my heart preparing for the Regional Elections and it sits firmly in my heart moving forward.

I’ve been a professed member of the Secular Franciscan Order since March 1982 or 38 years of striving to live the Gospel Life in the Spirit of St Francis. I was formed in the St Anthony of Padua Fraternity in Minneapolis where the members continue to help me grow and live out my Franciscan vocation. In support of my Fraternal life I have served in many council positions as well as serving our Queen of Peace Region as Secretary. The areas that most excite me in Fraternity are designing liturgies, presenting on-going formations and writing articles for our Fraternity bulletin.

Outside of Fraternity I’m retired from the USPS and am a lifelong native of Minneapolis Minnesota, currently residing in Eagan MN. As an active member of St John Neumann Catholic Church in Eagan; I volunteer in the Pastoral Care ministry, Communion and Adoration ministry, Seven Sister Apostolate, and Dakota County Emergency Shelter volunteer. Additionally, I have served on the Minneapolis/St Paul Archdiocese Board for the

Campaign for Human Development. I’m excited to serve you in this Regional Formation roll as I “begin again brothers and sisters for up until now, I have done little or nothing.”

**Gordon Walker
Councilor – Southeast: MN/WI**
Gordon Walker professed on January 28, 2007. He is a member of Saint Alphonsa Fraternity and has served that fraternity as Secretary, Treasurer, newsletter editor and database manager. Gordon was the Queen of Peace Regional Secretary, webmaster and newsletter editor from 2015 to 2017. He is an active participant in the Twin Cities Cursillo movement and serves Sharing and Caring Hands in the collection of donations, Easter baskets and Christmas presents. He served 21 years in the United States Army including 24 months in the Republic of Vietnam, and subsequent to retirement, worked for Emerson Electric and British Aerospace. His spouse of 55 years, Teresa, is the Minister of St Alphonsa Fraternity. They have three adult children and three grandchildren. They reside in Plymouth, MN.

**Christopher Mathias, OFS
Councilor - North MN,
North Dakota, and South
Dakota cluster.**

I was professed as a Secular Franciscan on February 11, 2018. I am a member of the San Damiano Fraternity in Elk River, MN. I am 40 years old and live in Anoka, Minnesota. I currently work for the Walmart in Andover, Minnesota. I look forward to serving

on the Regional Executive Council over the next three years.

Peace and good!
Christopher Mathias OFS

Luis Antonio Alvarez, OFS

Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico on July 4, 1962
Migrated to the USA, 1970
Attended public schools in Brooklyn and graduated from Aviation High School, Long Island City, Queens, NY, 1980; worked for Lockheed Corporation in Burbank, CA then came back to Aviation High School to obtain a second certification as an aircraft mechanic.
Joined the US Navy March 1982; while serving and working part time at a Sears Auto Tire shop, the person who I relieved had thrown away his newspaper. In the Navy we don’t throw away any reading material, so I reached in and retrieved the paper and stumbled onto a classified ad which described the Secular Franciscans! I had to find out more. Needless to say, I was captured by the love that St Francis of Assisi showed me through those Franciscans at Korban Fraternity. I became a professed member of the Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis on November 19, 1989 with Korban Fraternity of the OFS, Blessed Solanus Casey Region, Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church, Oakdale, CT- they have since moved to St Joseph Catholic Church, Vernon, CT. My profession was received by Fr. Andrew Drew, OFM Cap.

Being in the Navy causes things to change, like where I live, so I became a member of

St Bonaventure Fraternity, Jacksonville, FL. Five Franciscans Martyrs Region, who at the time met at the unofficial cathedral of Jacksonville, now known as the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. St Bonaventure Fraternity has also moved their meeting place to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Fleming Island, FL. Towards the end of my Navy career, I was assigned to be a recruiter - no I didn't lie to anyone - but it made it extremely hard to be an active Franciscan. When I retired, I moved to the almost center of the USA, Omaha where two fraternities of the OFS already existed. I became a member of the Pater Noster Fraternity and today I am the minister. I have been a formation director, a vice minister. We have had our trials and tribulations, and have had to move our meeting places at least 4 times! I call it "Perfect Joy" that we get to experience from our local parishes. Now, I am serving the second time as the NE/IA Councilor or IA/NE Councilor depends who I'm talking to. I hope that it will be a fun, and fruitful time meeting my brothers and sisters in the Order.

Luis

**Kathy Taormina, OFS
Regional Spiritual Assistant**

I have been married for 42 years and have 4 children and 3 grandchildren. I professed in 1994 and have served the National Fraternity as a Councilor and as the National Franciscan Youth/Young Adult (FY/YA) Commission Chair. I have served three different regions as a Regional Formation Director, Regional FY/YA Fraternal Animator, and as a Spiritual Assistant. I was commissioned as a Spiritual Assistant in 2009 and I was appointed by the OFM Conventual Province of Our Lady of Consolation as the Queen of Peace Regional Spiritual Assistant in 2013. I am retired from years of working in a flower shop and I enjoy crafts, art and traveling.



Regional Ministers Retreat 2020

The regional Ministers retreat 2020 was a different than usual.

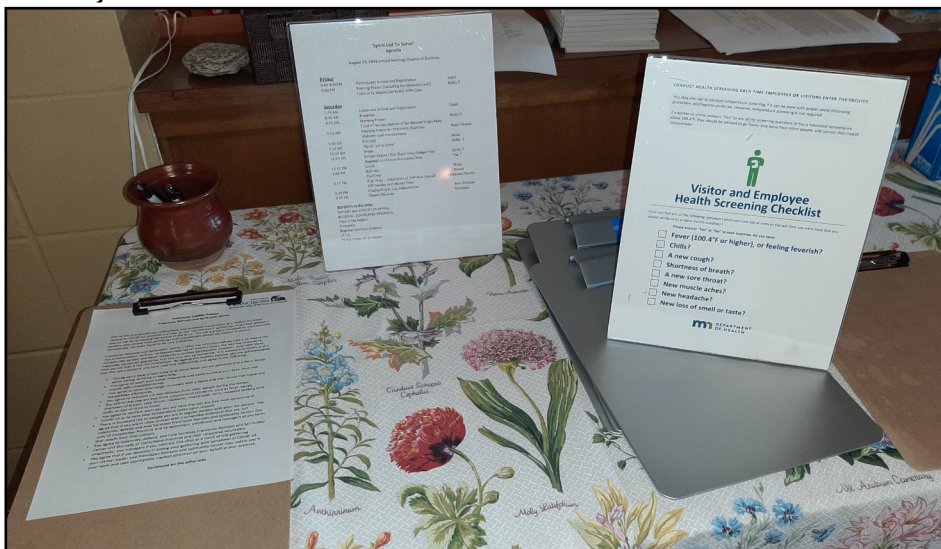
Instead of Friday evening Saturday and Sunday morning. It was just Saturday 8:00 am-5:00 pm.

The venue changed as well. we usually have our meeting at kings house retreat center in Buffalo MN.

This year we had it at Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake Mn. It was also very different because we were asked to have our temperature taken, masked and social distancing. We could not sit next to each other and our usual Franciscan socializing. when we ate, we ate outside still social distancing. We also had a lot of work to do in a short time. Here are some pictures of the event.



Thankfull for Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center for hosting us this year.



Everyone had temprature taken and filled out extra paperwork.



Sign of the times.



Not your usual ministers retreat.
We were social distancing.
Non used chairs taped off.

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Morning prayer.

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Election

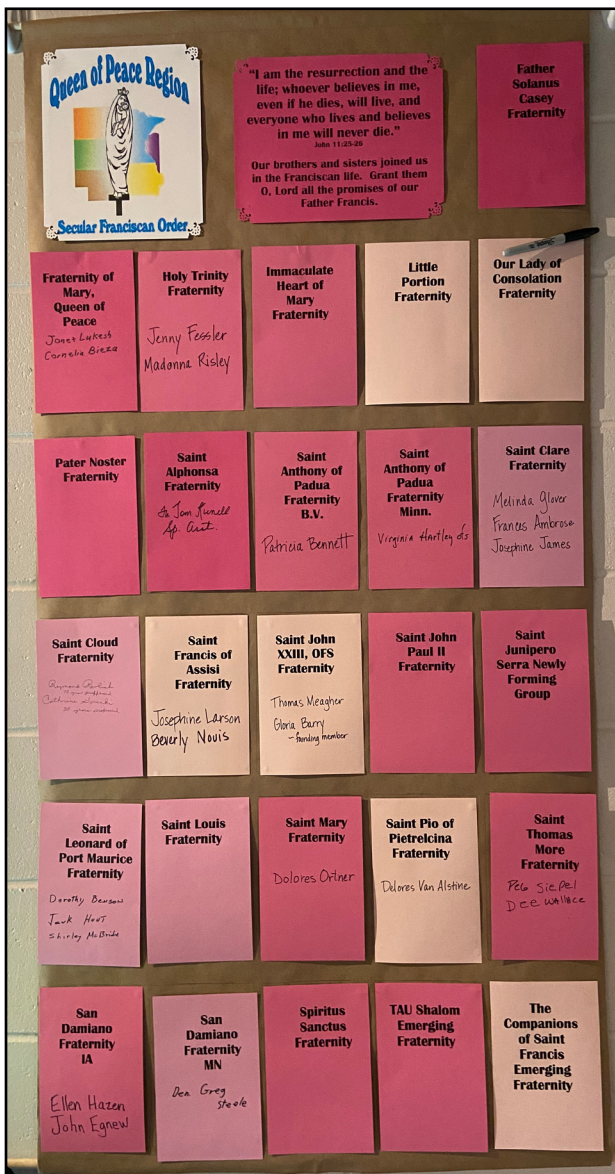
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Your new council from left to right.

Top row: Mary Seger OFS, Tim Taormina OFS, Kim Pappas OFS, Gordon Walker OFS

Bottom row: Louis Alvarez OFS, Christopher Mathias OFS, Edith Foren OFS, Mona Wolney OFS



Queen of Peace memorial wall



Father Steve McMichael offering mass



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Thank you.