



Regional JPIC Animator/Coordinator Report

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Action Taken

- T** I met with JPIC representatives from all three portions on the evening of Thursday, August 21, 2025. Most fraternities were represented at this meeting. We had been meeting by Portion over the past three years; however, I am trying to bring all fraternities together as a Region.
- T** Brother Tim Unser began and closed the meeting with a prayer, and I briefed the fraternities on some of the resources on Seasons of Creation 2025 which were sent by the National Animator, Joe Makely, OFS.
- T** JPIC Rep Azalia Perez of San Antonio de Padua Fraternity (Hebbronville) was unable to join the Zoom meeting, as she was on vacation, and requested to be excused ahead of the meeting.
- T** I have sent an email to those fraternities not represented at the meeting asking them for a written report so that their ideas may be shared.
- T** I noted that some of the Seasons of Creation had been translated into Filipino/Tagalog and had made those available through one of my reminders of this meeting.
- T** Seven fraternities did not attend this meeting nor send a report in their absence: San Paschal Baylon Fraternity (Edinburg); Immaculata Fraternity (Fort Worth); Sacred Heart (Austin); Fraternidad de San Damiano (Dallas); Señor Santo Niño Fraternity (Dallas); Fraternidad de Monte Alvernia; and San Jose Fraternity (San Antonio).
(Austin)

Fraternity Reporting (over the past 90 days)

St. Pio Fraternity (Huntsville):

- T** Regional Formation Director and Fraternity Minister Lore Payne, OFS, reported on the Fraternity's JPIC activities
- T** St. Pio Fraternity's Apostolate is the making, promotion and distribution of Franciscan Family Chaplet prayer pack which have been sent all over the US and indeed many other countries promoting Franciscan vocations and holiness.
- T** Also, our members participate in many activities for those in need: prison ministry, hospital visitations for prayer and distribution of the Blessed Sacrament, pro-life prayers and Meals on Wheels, etc.
- T** We have increased fraternity and personal prayer for peace.
- T** We have been blessed with 9 new people in formation - thank you God!



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St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity (Corpus Christi):

- T** Regional Treasurer and Fraternity JPIC Rep Liz Conces, OFS, introduced Denise Hyde as a member of St. Anthony Fraternity who may be a future JPIC Rep for the Fraternity. Denise gave a brief report followed by Liz.
- T** They reported that in July, the Fraternity helped support the efforts to help those in Kerrville impacted by flooding.
- T** The Fraternity will be providing lunch or dinner to students at the Newman Center at TAMU Corpus Christi three times during the Fall semester: prayer/devotion time and meal/ social.
- T** They will be promoting the Blessings of Pets on October 4th at various parishes in the Diocese; hand out St. Francis prayer cards.
- T** One of the big things we want to do is to be more visible in our communities. For Example: wear our fraternity T-shirt or other Franciscan shirt to fraternity events we participate in or when we volunteer as individuals at local food pantries, or whatever (when attire is appropriate).
- T** There will be council elections coming up in September, so the new council may have other ideas as well.

San Felipe de Jesús Fraternity (Laredo):

- T** Regional Vice Minister and Fraternity member Dolores Boswell, OFS, reported that San Felipe de Jesus Fraternity went to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Hebbronville with San Antonio de Padua Fraternity earlier this month to join the celebration of the Franciscan Friars coming to Hebbronville from Mexico 100 years ago. 12 “Friends of Francis” accompanied the fraternities to Hebbronville to celebrate.
- T** The Fraternity visited a Jubilee Year Holy Door and are taking advantage of associated plenary indulgences.
- T** The Fraternity is putting together a Portion-wide workshop on the Seasons of Creation and the 800 years of the Cantic of the Sun.
- T** They are looking forward to the Q next year.
- T** They plan to attend an upcoming Retreat on Evangelization in Spanish.
- T** Some of our fraternity will be helping out in our yearly Medical & Spiritual mission in the first week of November.



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Arms of Saint Francis Fraternity (Bryan/College Station):

- ✚ Regional Secretary and Fraternity Minister Gail Peterson, OFS, reported that Arms of Saint Francis Fraternity attended a Day Retreat and were planting Butterfly Weed in gardens.
- ✚ The Fraternity continues its support of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
- ✚ The Fraternity has collected white towels and school supplies for a Home for Battered Women (some of them have children there with them).
- ✚ We donated money to Kerr County for flood victims.

St. Clare Fraternity (Crowley):

- ✚ Fraternity Vice Minister Diane Klein, OFS, reported for St. Clare Fraternity, as JPIC Rep Stan Urbanek, OFS was unable to attend this meeting.
- ✚ Diane reported that the Fraternity was reaching out to its homebound for home communion. The fraternity members who have volunteered for this ministry have been trained.
- ✚ In addition, JPIC Rep Stan Urbanek, OFS sent a written report, which stated that the Fraternity members “continue [their] support of the Saint Francis Village Food Pantry by bringing items to [the] monthly Fraternity meeting.”
- ✚ “At [their] August Fraternity meeting [they] conducted the Ceremony of Welcoming for Richard and Martha Fierro, and the Renewal of Commitment for our professed members. In addition, we had two new orientees attend.”

St. Francis of Assisi of San Antonio Fraternity (San Antonio):

- ✚ Fraternity Minister Shirley Atwood, OFS has stepped up to become the new minister of the Fraternity in the wake of the passing of Susan Bacak, OFS. She introduced Carl Johnson, OFS the new JPIC Rep.
- ✚ Shirley did most of the reporting for the Fraternity. She reported the Fraternity is hosting the Fiesta Franciscana on October 11, and all fraternities are encouraged to come.
- ✚ She also reported that Saturday, September 6 is the wake of Susan Bacak, OFS, beginning at 10 AM.
- ✚ Fraternity members are continuing their support for Saint Francis nursing home.
- ✚ The Fraternity is continuing feeding the hungry.
- ✚ The Fraternity is also Assisting Guadalupe Home (a home for unwed mothers) by providing food, hygiene supplies, baby formula, diapers and clothes.



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St. Francis of Assisi of Dallas Fraternity (Dallas):

- T** Fraternity JPIC Rep, Delia Banchs, OFS, contacted me before the meeting and informed me that she was feeling a little unwell. So, Fraternity Minister Cathy Pierce, OFS reported on behalf of the Fraternity.
- T** The Fraternity is supporting Ronald McDonald's House, which provides a place to stay for families of children undergoing treatment in a Dallas hospital.
- T** The Fraternity is planning a visit to the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dallas for Mass and entering the Holy Door, then have lunch together in September 2025.
- T** The Fraternity celebrated its 35th Anniversary in June 2025. The Fraternity celebrated with each other.
- T** Sister Delia followed up after the meeting to report: Additionally we are sending donations to H2O project, Pontifical Mission Society (famine in Gaza) and North Texas Food bank (total \$500).
- T** The Fraternity is sponsoring youth essay contests from two Catholic schools on St. Francis and St. Clare in October.
- T** The Fraternity's prayers continue for prisoners especially in death row, and awareness of political actions in our country and abroad ex. Euthanasia

St. Padre Pio Fraternity (Georgetown):

- T** Prior to the meeting, Fraternity JPIC Rep, Lynn Freeman, OFS, stated she would be at this JPIC meeting. It was only after the meeting that it was learned that due to an error in email, she was not sent the link.
- T** In Lynn's absence, Minister Chris Kolb, OFS reported that St. Padre Pio Fraternity is supporting an Apostolate to the Homeless along Route I-35 in North Austin.
- T** He also briefly touched upon the City of Georgetown's recent ordinance banning non-profits from assisting the homeless on City property. Prior to this ordinance, non-profits would provide food to the homeless at the Georgetown Library parking lot.
- T** Williamson County Homeless Coalition has sent out a request for volunteers to help count the County's homeless. Some Fraternity members plan to assist in this effort.

San Antonio de Padua Fraternity (Hebronville):

- T** Prior to the meeting, Fraternity JPIC Rep, Azalia Perez requested to be excused as she was out of town on vacation. However, Regional Vice Minister Dolores Boswell stated that San Felipe Fraternity and San Antonio de Padua Fraternity went to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Hebronville and jointly celebrated the Franciscan Friars coming to Hebronville from Mexico 100 years ago.



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San Bonaventura Fraternity (Fort Worth)

- ✚ JPIC Rep Laura Chico attempted to sign onto this meeting but could not get access. Regional Alternate Councilor and Fraternity member Patty Carranza, OFS reported on behalf of the Fraternity.
- ✚ Fraternity members visit homebound members and deliver Holy Communion and assist in cleaning houses once a month.
- ✚ Once a month during the Jubilee Year we visit the Holy Door in Fort Worth.
- ✚ On First Saturdays, we go to the Friary.

San Jose Obrero Fraternity (McAllen):

- ✚ Fraternity JPIC Rep, Gerry Obnial, OFS, reported that San Jose Obrero Fraternity is supporting the St. Vincent De Paul Society and Nuns of The Poor of St Claire.
- ✚ Fraternity members were Prayer Warriors for the homebound, visiting the elderly and sick members and providing presence and encouragement to their lapsed members.
- ✚ He reported that the Fraternity has been participating in various Parish activities to promote its presence and hopefully encourage new membership.
- ✚ The Fraternity is also planning a combined celebration of the Stigmata of St Francis on September 17, together with nearby fraternity, San Paschal Baylon. The event could be a retreat on the Stigmata.
- ✚ The Fraternity is also looking at ministering to the migrants, through a volunteer help from the “Franciscan-hearted” individual Romeo and his wife-Adriana Longoria, who were directly involve in helping the migrants by providing food in collaboration with generous food companies.
- ✚ The Fraternity continues to pray and be inspired through the regular formation as spirited by St Francis, and through the reflections and sharing by its member during monthly gatherings.

Challenges

- ✚ We have 18 Fraternities in the Region; however, only 10 reported on their JPIC activities. 1 Fraternity’s representative was excused, but had one of its activities included in this report. And 7 fraternities did not participate.

Immediate Future Plans

- ✚ I plan to continue meeting with fraternities in the future virtually. Hopefully in the future, we will switch to having all fraternities meet by Zoom or in-person together quarterly.



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- T Looking into feasibility of holding two in-person JPIC meetings over the next 12 months.
- T This report will put on the Los Tres Compañeros Region website; however, I would like to add privacy to the JPIC Reports so that only fraternity members within the Los Tres Compañeros Region can readily review them—perhaps accessing with password..

Respectfully Submitted

Paz y bien,

Chris Kolb. OFS

Regional JPIC Animator/Coordinator

Los Tres Compañeros Region (Texas)

Listen, Discern, and Go Forth
Escuchar, discernir, salir adelante.
(OFS-USA 2022 - 2025 Theme)

Fraternity Photos

All fraternities were given the opportunity to submit photos of their JPIC activities. Two fraternities chose to share their activities.

San Felipe de Jesús Fraternity (Laredo)

Below are photos from when the Fraternity visited a Jubilee Year Holy Door.





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Below are photos of San Felipe de Jesus Fraternity at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Hebbroville joining the celebration of the Franciscan Friars coming to Hebbroville from Mexico 100 years ago. They were accompanied by Fraternity members of San Antonio de Padua Fraternity.





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St. Padre Pio Fraternity (Georgetown):

Below are photos from St. Padre Pio Fraternity's Apostolate to the Homeless along Route I-35 in North Austin this quarter:





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