



# Regional JPIC Animator/Coordinator Report

## Los Tres Compañeros Region, Texas

April 2025

### Action Taken

- Met with JPIC representatives from Leo Portion on Thursday evening, April 10, 2025, by Zoom.
- Brother Tim Unser opened and closed the meeting with prayer.
- While I did not prepare advance meeting documents to the Portion ahead of this meeting. documents related to Texas Catholic Advocacy had previously been provided, as well as resources from the National SFO, specifically, the H<sub>2</sub>O Project.
- I will stay in contact with local JPIC Coordinators

**Note: Three out of seven fraternities were represented at this meeting: St. Padre Pio Fraternity** (Georgetown), **Arms of St. Francis Fraternity** (Bryan/College Station), and **St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity** (San Antonio) were represented. Lore Payne, OFS, Minister of **St. Pio Fraternity** (Huntsville), advised me ahead of the meeting that she had a rehearsal for a Parish-related Holy Week function and could not attend the meeting.

I did not hear from **Fraternidad de Monte Alvernia** (Austin), **San Jose Fraternity** (San Antonio), or **Sacred Heart Fraternity** (Austin); so I requested the Fraternities who were not present to submit a written report or photos on their Fraternity JPIC program. **San Jose Fraternity** submitted a written report which has been included below.

### Fraternity Reporting

- **St. Francis of Assisi of San Antonio Fraternity** (San Antonio): Fraternity JPIC Coordinator Valerie Arcement, OFS reported that the Fraternity is very involved in planting. This ties in with showing care for God's creation. The Fraternity has not focused on Catholic Advocacy. Valerie has found it more difficult to focus on political issues.  
Valerie is looking forward to the Fiesta Franciscana in October, which her Fraternity is hosting. The speaker is going to be Father Jack Robinson, He will be speaking on the "Relationship among the Three Orders and How They Support Each Other."
- **Arms of St Francis Fraternity** (Bryan/College Station): Fraternity Minister Gail Peterson reported on her fraternity's Apostolate and Leo Portion Councilor Janie Rios OFS, added to her reporting. Gail has been trying to set up a JPIC Committee and trying to work on various things. The Fraternity is also planning to go to a Stations of the Cross as a Fraternity. The Fraternity is also planning a Garage sale working with St. Vincent DePaul Society.
- **St. Padre Pio Fraternity** (Georgetown): Fraternity JPIC Coordinator Lynn Freeman OFS reported on her fraternity's participation on Catholic Advocacy Day in Austin,



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where five Fraternity members went to the State Capitol to talk with their Senators and Representatives. Lynn was excited about supporting the “Yes in God’s Backyard” Bill, which would allow churches to build shelters on Church property. She also liked one of two water bills, especially the one which would allow homeowners to take action to reclaim sustainable water on their property. She also mentioned the Apostolate to the Homeless along Route I-35 in North Austin. They have an Amazon Wishlist set up to let the fraternity members know what the Apostolate needs on an ongoing basis.

- **St. Pio Fraternity** (Huntsville): Lore Payne, OFS, Minister of St. Pio Fraternity, provided the following report by email: We have been blessed! Our fraternity is finally growing, Praise God. A candidate approached me a few months ago...he had completed his formation elsewhere, but some difficulties within the fraternity made him pause and reconsider professing with them. He asked for my advice and we spoke a few times. I gave him the names of all the reasonably nearby fraternities and encouraged him to visit them all (including St. Pio our fraternity). I encouraged him to profess and receive the blessings of taking his call to fruition. He was thinking maybe he could "be Franciscan" on his own "I will always be Franciscan."

So he has prayed, visited all over and decided to transfer to us - hallelujah. Once transfer is complete, we will plan a profession ceremony! Plus, we now have 5 people in the beginning stages of formation. WOW! See why I say we have been blessed? With joy and gratitude, Lore

- **San Jose Fraternity** (San Antonio) Mary Basile, OFS, JPIC Rep of San Jose Fraternity provided the following report by email: Good evening, There must have been a mistake for me. I did not know there was going to be a meeting for the Leo Portion.

Back in February the San Jose OFS had our council elections. Our minister, Suzanne, is very organized!

The San Jose members have kept up with monthly food donations, clothing items for the poor (especially gloves and socks during the winter), and helping Br. Jamie's outreach program at our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. Through the outreach program we have learned other things that the homeless really would like, such as dog food.

The only other news is that one of our members, R. Michael Cook, passed away in peace March 25.

Hopefully the next reminder for an upcoming meeting will make it to me!

Pax et bonum! Mary Basile



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### Goals for Future

- St. Padre Pio Fraternity JPIC Rep Lynn Freeman, OFS will represent the Region at the Regional JPIC Animators Gathering at the Holy Cross Retreat Center, at Mesilla Park, New Mexico from May 8 through May 11.
- I am tentatively planning the next JPIC Zoom meeting with all three Portions, on the fourth Thursday evening of May, which is May 22, 2025.
- Because there is a Chapter Meeting in June, I do not plan on holding a Zoom meeting that month.

### Respectfully Submitted

**Paz y bien,**

Chris Kolb. OFS

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Two members of St. Padre Fraternity working with the Homeless in Pflugerville just north of Austin along I-35.



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