



Regional JPIC Animator/Coordinator Report

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Action Taken

- T** I met with JPIC representatives from the three portions virtually on the third Thursday evening of each month, for most of the year. Most fraternities were represented throughout the year.
- T** I significantly updated the JPIC page of the Los Tres Compañeros Region website, initially with the aid of the Region's Director of Formation.
- T** Provided resources to representatives in attendance prior to meeting which included:
 - *National JPIC Resource Bulletins.*
 - *Handbook for Animators of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC)*
 - *El Manual para Animadores de Justicia, Paz e Integridad de la Creación (JPIC)* (unofficial versión) [Spanish JPIC Manual]
 - Seven Catholic Advocacy documents in English (including PowerPoint Presentation, graphs and charts related to the Texas 2025 Legislative Session.)
 - Seven Catholic Advocacy documents in Spanish (including PowerPoint Presentation, graphs and charts related to the Texas 2025 Legislative Session.)
 - Summary Sheet of Texas Senate Bill 8 and Senate Bill 1124 (in English and Spanish).
 - A list of JPIC Priorities for Texas Legislative Bills (in English & Spanish)
 - USCCB Action Alert and Texas Conference of Catholic Bishops Alert about Religious R-1 Worker Visas (In English and Spanish).
 - USCCB Action Alert about Immigration issues hidden in the Big Beautiful Budget Bill (In English and Spanish).
 - National JPIC *Seasons of Creation* Resource Bulletin.
 - *12 Weeks of Franciscan Peace* in English and Spanish
 - **Handouts related to the Friars of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province's Prayer Service for Migrants.**
 - National SFO JPIC's *H₂O Project* Flyer in English and Spanish
- T** Also contributed five PowerPoint slides to be used as images for Secular Franciscan Order-USA's Facebook page

Rufino Portion Reporting during Period

San Jose Obrero Fraternity (McAllen):

- T** The fraternity was working on a Franciscan facility run by a nun called La Mission Franciscana.
- T** The fraternity was represented at the *Prayer Service for Migrants* held during February and the fraternity used this prayer service to pray for migrants throughout April.
- T** The fraternity is very active in supporting St. Vincent De Paul Society and the Poor Clares.



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- T They supported a retreat about the Stigmata of St. Francis jointly with San Pascual Baylon Fraternity.
- T The fraternity worked with the *Seasons of Creation* and supported tree planting.
- T The fraternity is visiting sick members and providing presence to their lapsed members.

St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity (Corpus Christi):

- T The fraternity is working with and actively supporting the Texas A&M Newman Center in Corpus Christi. During October the fraternity had a Transitus service, in which it provided dinner for about 25; had Evening Prayer; and reflected on the words of St. Clare, Brother Leo, Brother Angelo, and Brother Rufino during the Transitus. For dessert they provided almond cookies. Afterwards they had Adoration.
- T In September, they were supporting the Season of Creation and began the 12 Weeks of Franciscan Prayer.
- T The fraternity won the award for the fraternity which sent the highest number of its members to the Fiesta Franciscana in San Antonio in October.
- T The fraternity donated gently used linens to a new homeless shelter in Corpus Christi.
- T The fraternity also participated in the H2O project during Lent.
- T The fraternity made a Pilgrimage of Hope to San Antonio.

San Felipe de Jesús Fraternity (Laredo):

- T The fraternity was working with St. Ann's Youth (about 80 kids) from Dallas who stay for a week and donate their time and efforts. They bring electricians and plumbers. They build sheds and shelters for the Humanitarian Center.
- T The fraternity has been having talks and meditating on the *Canticle of Creatures* and the *Five Considerations of St. Francis for the Stigmata*. They are keeping up with how the Canticle was written with the celebration of the 800 years of its writing. Fraternity members are taking advantage of associated plenary indulgences.
- T Last August, the fraternity celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Holy Angels jointly with St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity in Hebbronville. The Mission was founded by religious fleeing persecution in Mexico in 1926.
- T In September the fraternity celebrated the Stigmata of St. Francis.
- T In October they celebrated the Transitus.
- T The fraternity also supported the Walk for Life in Laredo.
- T The fraternity supported the World Mission Rosary with the whole Parish.
- T They worked on a Parish play about Good and Evil and the Birth of Christ.
- T They also supported the Posadas in December.
- T The fraternity makes visits to the elderly and provides rosaries and helps with baths at the nursing home.



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- T They collected canned goods and other food and helped with other charitable acts like registering people for food.
- T They helped the homeless by filling bags with food, clothing and toiletries.
- T The fraternity supported Lenten Food Drives for Catholic Charities and the Brothers of St. John in Laredo.
- T The fraternity had been working with immigrants and partnering with Catholic Charities in its efforts. However, the Catholic Charities of Laredo's Humanitarian Shelter has just been closed because of the Administration's decisions and policies.

St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity (Hebbronville):

- T Last August, the fraternity celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Holy Angels in Hebbronville jointly with San Felipe de Jesus Fraternity. The Mission was founded by religious fleeing persecution in Mexico in 1926.
- T The fraternity is working with Jim Hogg County, that when a person dies, they get together to buy food.
- T The fraternity supports a retreat for widows and youth.
- T The fraternity supported the Transitus in October and prayed the Rosary while they walked around the plaza afterwards.
- T In December they had the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. They had Mariachis at Mass.
- T They support the local Posada, which has the support of the County.

Leo Portion Reporting during Period

Sacred Heart Fraternity (Austin):

- T The fraternity has expanded its efforts working with the Food Pantry Apostolate.
- T Fraternity members helped set up the Christ the King Novena jointly with La Fraternidad de Monte Alvernia and both fraternities put boxes together for families in need.
- T The fraternity planned to have a special day set aside for the feasts of St. Francis and Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- T The fraternity had a Franciscan Day in March at Our Lady of Schoenstatt in Austin.

St. Padre Pio Fraternity (Georgetown):

- T The fraternity has an Apostolate to the Homeless along Route I-35 in North Austin.
- T Five fraternity members volunteered for the Williamson County government's initiative to count the homeless. It is known at the PIT (Point In Time) count.
- T The fraternity has an Amazon Wishlist for the Homeless Apostolate it is supporting.
- T The fraternity's Hospitality rep is visiting the inactive members who are unable to attend the Gathering. She is sometimes accompanied by another member.
- T The fraternity was represented at the *Prayer Service for Migrants* held during February.



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- ✚ The fraternity sent five members to the Texas State Capitol in Austin for Catholic Advocacy Day in April.
- ✚ JPIC Rep Lynn Freeman, OFs represented the Region at a National JPIC Retreat in New Mexico.
- ✚ The fraternity was represented at the *Prayer Service for Migrants* held during February.

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

- ✚ Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine has “adopted” the fraternity by providing them with a meeting place. Now there is a Mass before meetings.
- ✚ A lot of fraternity members visited the Saint Francis nursing home. They sang Christmas carols in November and December.
- ✚ The fraternity hosted the annual ***Fiesta Franciscana*** in October 2024 with Father Albert Haase, OFM as the main speaker.
- ✚ They are planning to host the annual ***Fiesta Franciscana*** again this year in October. The main speaker will be Father Jack Robinson. His topic will be, “Relationship among the Three Orders and How They Support Each Other.”
- ✚ The fraternity planned a Thanksgiving Dinner with San Jose Fraternity, as well as with friars and family.
- ✚ The fraternity was working on a Thanksgiving Basket as a once-a-year fundraiser for the Guadalupeana’s Home for Unwed Mothers which provides help in getting the unwed mothers a job. They have provided diapers and clothing to unwed mothers and take care of immigrants.

San Jose Fraternity (San Antonio):

- ✚ The fraternity has kept up with bringing food items monthly to donate to various food banks.
- ✚ The fraternity also donates clothing items to the poor (especially gloves and socks during the winter) and helping Brother Jamie’s outreach program at Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine. Through the outreach program we learned that another thing many homeless people want is dog food.
- ✚ The fraternity shared a Thanksgiving Dinner with Saint Francis Assisi Fraternity of San Antonio.

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

- ✚ The fraternity participates in Stations of the Cross in Bryan, Texas.
- ✚ The fraternity is supporting the St, Vincent de Paul Society.
- ✚ They provide food to the local animal shelter.
- ✚ During December they assisted Catholic Charities with a diaper drive.
- ✚ They hosted a Nativity scene for elementary school kids.
- ✚ They support the Brazos Valley Food Bank.
- ✚ They set up a table to talk with college students about the fraternity.



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Fraternidad de Monte Alvernia (Austin):

- ✠ The fraternity participated in Stations of the Cross on Fridays and a Retreat on the “Passion of the Cross.”
- ✠ They helped with a Palm Sunday celebration.
- ✠ It supported a Walk for Life with donations.
- ✠ They supported and worked with Cristo Rey Church.
- ✠ Fraternity members helped set up the Christ the King Novena jointly with Sacred Heart Fraternity and both fraternities put boxes together for families in need.
- ✠ The fraternity also put on a six-week Franciscan course.
- ✠ They continue to pray in front an abortion clinic.
- ✠ A Secular Franciscan member from Mexico was a speaker to the fraternity.
- ✠ They said prayers to St. Francis and St. Michael during November.
- ✠ The brother of St. Padre Pio visited their church. He brought a first-class relic with him and people present were given a brown swatch touched to the relic.

St. Pio Fraternity (Huntsville):

- ✠ The fraternity is making Franciscan Family Chaplets.
- ✠ They are living out the Gospel through prison ministry.
- ✠ The fraternity is conducting weekly visits to the local hospital.
- ✠ They are involved in Pro-Life activities.

Angelo Portion Reporting during Period

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

- ✠ The fraternity is trying to raise awareness and reverencing our Creator.
- ✠ They are supporting Ronald McDonald’s House which provides a place to stay for families of children undergoing treatment in a Dallas hospital.
- ✠ The fraternity is offering prayers for prisoners especially those on death row.
- ✠ The fraternity was represented at the *Prayer Service for Migrants* held during February.

Immaculata Fraternity (Fort Worth):

- ✠ The fraternity supports a monthly dinner for needy veterans.
- ✠ The fraternity is preparing for its 35th Anniversary and recalling a specific Franciscan devotion: “True devotion to Our Lady.”
- ✠ They are also supporting Villa La Paz Foundation, which is assisting terminally ill children.

St. Clare Fraternity (Crowley):

- ✠ The Fraternity had been supporting a food pantry and are working with another fraternity.
- ✠ The Fraternity promoted the Bishops’ Action Alert related to “Foreign-born Religious Workers” through their May 2025 newsletter, *The Clarion*.



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Señor Santa Niño Fraternity (Dallas):

- T The fraternity is sending volunteers that are supporting AIDS patients in a local hospital.
- T The fraternity members are also serving at a local food bank.
- T They participated in a special Mass on the Feast Day of St. Pius X.

Fraternidad de San Bonaventura (Fort Worth):

- T The fraternity was represented at the *Prayer Service for Migrants* held during February.

Challenges

- T We have 18 Fraternities in the Region; however, only 16 reported on their JPIC activities; However, this is an increase in participation of four additional fraternity, as only 12 participated in the previous year.
- T Some fraternities reported that due to the aging population of their membership, many could no longer go out into the community as they could in the past.
- T My inability to speak well in Spanish hindered my communication with some fraternities.
- T Lack of bandwidth hindered some fraternities in attending some Zoom meetings.
- T I am translating a lot into Spanish using Google Translate. The fraternities may be better served, if I someone volunteered to translate some of the JPIC documents into Spanish..

Immediate Future Plans

- T I plan to continue meeting with fraternities in the future virtually.
- T I am suggesting that we discontinue meeting by portion. In our last JPIC meeting we had the best turnout of any single meeting. I recommend we change our Zoom meetings by inviting all fraternities, regardless of portion.
- T I am open to scheduling some in-person meetings by portion. Alternatively, at Regional meetings where all fraternities are represented, more time could be allocated to me so that I could hold a JPIC session as part of the meeting's program.
- T I will continue to update the JPIC page of the Los Tres Compañeros website.
- T Looking for ways to meet fraternities JPIC concerns.

Respectfully Submitted

Paz y bien,

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Los Tres Compañeros Region (Texas)

Listen, Discern, and Go Forth

Escuchar, discernir, salir adelante.

(OFS-USA 2022 - 2025 Theme)



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