



## National Board

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

PAX et BONUM! Blessings on these AUGUST DAYS and THANK YOU to all who prayed for a successful gathering of Franciscans at our FIFTIETH JUBILEE AFC! How BLESSED we were each and every day as we gathered in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in June.

A wonderful gift for those who could not be with us: the three powerful presentations of Sister Edna Michel OSF, Sister Mary Elizabeth Imler OSF and Brother David Couturier OFM Cap are available to you through the Franciscan Musings at [www.franfed.org](http://www.franfed.org)!

My message this month will be to share a short quote from each of our Speakers inviting you to read their entire presentations as we strive to live out this YEAR OF MERCY!

In a celebratory manner, Sister Mary Elizabeth spoke her deepest wish: *"that we spend all our life and love we have tending the TOR charism in general, specifically, as gift for the church and the world daring to image God's transformational love and mercy simply as faithful, poor penitents."* Sister Edna spoke of RESILIENCY and HOPE: *"Perhaps the greatest challenge we have as Franciscans is to be open to the revelation of the charism in our lives, to be aware that there are still unused parts, to be convinced that the dream is still real and to have the courage to let go of one dream for another."*

*Brother David challenges all of us: "It is time for us as Franciscans to enter the public square, between our fathers and bishops once again- go translate the fraternal ideals of the naked young man of the 13<sup>th</sup> century to the Millennial young adults of the 21<sup>st</sup>. The fraternal economy provides a palliative for a world increasingly and dangerously polarized between the privileged few and the destitute many..."*

With great energy, the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee sent us forth to continue our search for new ways to live out our Third Order Franciscan life with mercy, with love for those we meet daily and with the call of Francis and Clare. "May the Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on us!!"  
May God's peace be with you,

Sister Eleanor Granger OSF  
Vice President

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**Franciscan Federation**

# Annual Conference

Stay tuned for information on  
AFC 2017

June 16 - 19  
Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo

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## Federation National Office

GOODBYE DC, HELLO BROOKLYN



On Wednesday, August 3, the National Office completed its move from the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in Washington, D.C. to Saint Francis Monastery, Generalate of the Franciscan Brothers of Brooklyn, New York. Packing began in early July as we (Carol Woods and Damian Novello) assisted Dianne Kaimann in poring through ten years of files, memorabilia and furniture. With conflicting cries of "Save it" and "Throw it out," we eventually downsized to about fifty boxes and ten pieces of office furniture to make the trip to Brooklyn. Dianne and Kathie Uhler brought boxes of historical documents to St. Bonaventure's University where they will be stored in the archives.

Our movers arrived in the early afternoon - three fellows from Georgia (former USSR, not Atlanta). We could not convince them that the Holy Land Monastery was not Orthodox nor that there were other Christian leaders besides their Patriarch. Nevertheless, within two hours, the truck was loaded, we said goodbye to Dianne and our FAN neighbors and our Monastery hosts, and raced to New York to get there before the movers. Everything arrived in good condition and is now in the process of being unpacked.

Our special thanks go out to Dianne who patiently showed us (over and over again) how to do the daily work of the office. We wish her well on her well-deserved sabbatical.

Pax et bonum!

Carol sfma & Damian OSF

*Note:* Check out the Franciscan Federation Facebook page for more pictures.

#### **New Office Info**

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## **JPIC**

In this issue of Musings you will find several items relating to peace and justice issues. First is the resolution from Celebration 2016. Secondly, you will find the notes taken at a meeting of interested JPIC members held at Celebration 2016, called and chaired by Marge Wissman, OSF. Marge would be happy to receive your thoughts on JPIC issues or articles for Musings. Her email is mwissman@oldenburgosf.com. Thirdly, you will find the first article submitted for Musings. This article is a summary of a longer one. The longer article is on the Peace and Justice page of the franfed.org website.

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### **JPIC Resolution for 2016**

## **Resolution on Gun Violence:**

**“Choose Life so that you and your descendant may live”...Dt.30:19**

**Statement of Resolution:** Be it resolved that we, as members of the Franciscan Federation, upholding the inherent dignity of all human life and our willingness to embrace the common good, in the tradition of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi, denounce all forms of Gun Violence that is tearing apart the social fabric of society and leaving children dead on our streets and families afraid in their homes. St. Francis is the example par excellence of care for the vulnerable and spoke the language of fraternity and beauty in our relationships with one another. We pledge to work for the elimination of gun violence by committing ourselves to respect for life by cultivating a culture of life that explores nonviolent living and to advocate for each individual, family, school, and neighborhood so that our communities can once again become places of peace and beacons of life movements.

**Rationale:** As Franciscans, we affirm our relationship with all persons as our brothers and sisters. Following the example of St. Francis who reached out to the poor, oppressed and marginalized in his day, we have special concern for the dignity of all human beings and a call to respond when persons are suffering due to gun violence.

### **Call to Respond:**

Let us, as members of the Franciscan Federation, continue and increase our effort to address the needs of our times, as we respond individually and collectively to the issues of gun violence and the culture of death. May we cultivate, in small but key ways, the culture of life to which we are called through our faith. We must be committed to life and offer a vision of hope and a call to action.

### **Members are encouraged to:**

- Respond prayerfully by engaging in prayer services and events with prayers for peace and an end to violence; by offering intercessions during liturgies and on other such occasions, and by holding in contemplative silence victims of gun violence, perpetrators and those responding in various ways to this horrendous injustice.
- Become better educated about the issues of gun violence; teach basic values and conflict resolution and see to it that our children have a safe place to go after school hours. We can encourage our Religious Education programs to provide the values and support that can help people, especially young people, choose life and reject violence.
- Engage in advocacy efforts such as petition and postcard campaigns, calls, letters and visit's to our legislators, letters to the editor, nonviolent marches, vigils and demonstrations, media and other advocacy opportunities as they arise.

- Encourage all church leaders to promote gun control as a life issue and to invite priests and deacons to speak of this topic in their homilies. We are grateful that it has been added under life issues in the Voter's Guide, but urge the bishops to add a reason why they chose to include it as a life issue.

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MEETING OF JPIC DURING FRANCISCAN FEDERATION CONVENTION

The meeting was held on June 18. There were 28 people in attendance.

**Resolution:** How it came about – Marge tried to contact all who answered the survey and said that they would be willing to be on a committee. Five people answered the request. A phone conference was set and four people came on the call. Two of the members offered to write the resolution and send it to the other two for suggestions. Once the resolution on Gun Violence was finished, it was sent to the federation board and accepted.

**Poverty:** Someone suggested that the issue of poverty always be a part of anything that is written. All agreed that this is a good idea and we will try to remember to include how each issue is a part of poverty.

**Musings:** We will write an article for Musings every month. Marge will send out a schedule for people to sign on to and remind them when their month comes around. The message can be on any topic. We may miss a month here and there but we will try.

**Connections:** Discussed how we could be in connection with FAN and other justice organizations. Suggestions were Eighth Day Center, and Franciscan Peace Center in Clinton, Iowa.

**Google Groups:** Sr. Maryann Mueller will put together a google group for this JPIC group.

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**Justice For Immigrants Concerns Us All**

By Beatrice M Hernandez, OSF  
Wheaton Franciscans' JPIC Coordinator

As we continue 2016, the “Year of Mercy”, we gaze upon the faces of Syrian refugees as they disembark from their perilous sea journey in small dingy rafts seeking safety in Europe and our hearts are moved with compassion. The desperation of those starving in besieged towns throughout Syria move us to tears and to ask “What is ours to do?” in such a situation? While there are now estimated to be over 4 million Syrian refugees, the US has accepted just over 2 thousand per year since 2012 for settlement in the US, and has agreed to accept a mere 10,000 in 2016. Unfortunately, US immigration policy has failed to address and respond to this global crisis. The Gospel calls us to respond to the **globalization** of migration with the **mobilization** of welcoming and support. We must continue our advocacy work which helps keep the topic of immigration alive in the public square and lets those who suffer within our broken system know that they are not alone. We are called to put a human face on these statistics, insisting on an end to what the Pope calls “the globalization of

indifference”.

Our system is broken. Central to reform must be the value of keeping families together and a path to citizenship for those who have been here many years, contributing to US culture and economic development without any criminal record. A worker permit program is needed, as well as assistance in sustainable economic development in the sending countries, in order to make migration less necessary for survival. Border enforcement policies and procedures need to honor and respect human rights and the human dignity of immigrants, and once apprehended, due process needs to be assured. In the meantime, let us reach out to immigrants in our neighborhoods, churches, schools, fields, farms and factories offering them assistance, solidarity, respect and hope. Together let us continue to find ways to build vibrant communities in which diversity of race, ethnicity, religion, culture and age is cherished.

(Read all of this article at [FranFed.org](http://FranFed.org))

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## Regions

### Region 1

The region will host ***Francis and the Sultan***, presented by Sister Kathy Warren on **Saturday, October 15, 2016** at Felician University in Lodi NJ. The presentation will be from **9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. Registration is \$25.00 before September 24. For brochure contact [plarkin@sosf.org](mailto:plarkin@sosf.org).

Region 1 is also looking for a new Chairperson. Anyone interested should contact Sr. Pat Larkin at <http://plarkin@sosf.org>

### Region 5

St. Louis area Region 5 Gathering will be **Saturday, September 24, 2016**, featuring Paul Coutinho PhD: *Journeying With the Divine, Receiving God's Gifts: Compassion, Mercy, Gratitude, and Joy*. **8:30 AM to 2:30 PM**, cost \$30.00, registration deadline is September 9. The Brochure (PDF) with more information, directions to the meeting location, and registration form will be on the Region 5 Website page soon.



## Next Generation Franciscan Mentors

We sponsor an annual conference for those who are helping form our next generation of Franciscans. This conference is for you if you help in the formation of

- Franciscan vowed religious

- Secular Franciscans
- Associates/affiliates/co-jourmers
- High school or university students
- Volunteers in Franciscan-based service programs
- those with a Franciscan heart

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## Franciscan Action Network

### RSVP Today: Making a Killing Screening in NYC

Our friends at [Brave New Films](#) contacted us recently to ask if we could help them out. Through a generous grant, they have the opportunity to qualify for an Oscar nomination in the Documentary category for their film, Making a Killing: Guns, Greed and the NRA. We want to help them make this happen!

FAN has agreed to host another screening of the film in **New York City on August 20th at 7:30 pm**. The screening will take place at Village East Cinema, 181-189 2nd Ave, New York, NY. The 90-minute film will be followed by a panel discussion and follow up actions that are available for people to take. Space is limited, so [reserve your seat today by filling out this form](#).

We are excited about this opportunity to introduce to more people the stories of regular folks affected by gun violence. As part of the peace making component of our mission statement, we continue to work with other people and organizations for common sense gun legislation. This film is a great way to bring the conversation to communities all over the country. If you are interested in hosting a house-party or larger screening of Making a Killing, [contact Brave New Films](#).

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### The Christine Center

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 Willard WI 54493  
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#### Nurturing the Sacred Within

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placed within our bodies, like a compass to guide us on our life's journey. It provides a map to follow on the path to personal growth. We may be focused on rising above the limitations of our lives to better understand spiritual realms, or we may be on a path to bring spiritual concepts that we know are true into the actions of our everyday life. We will learn how to nurture the sacred that is within each one of us in a way that is practical and direct, and profound.

Corrina Thomas is a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration. Her ministry background includes spiritual direction, retreats, and workshops. Corrina is passionate about the *New Universe Story* and an evolutionary spirituality which sees the Divine as the primary causality for all creation; and evolution as a manifestation of that same Divine creative energy.

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## **St. Anthony Spirituality Center**

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For more information on these retreats see [marywoodsc.org/retreats.php](http://marywoodsc.org/retreats.php)

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Website: [oldenburgfranciscancenter.org](http://oldenburgfranciscancenter.org)  
Blog: [www.peaceandgood.wordpress.com](http://www.peaceandgood.wordpress.com)

### **Jung's Red Book: His Diary**

Presenter: S. Olga Wittekind, PhD & Claire Sherman, PhD  
Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 2016  
9:30am-2:30pm

\$45 includes lunch/\$65 CEU's and lunch

For counselors, spiritual directors and spiritual seekers who wish to deepen their understanding of Jungian psychology for personal and spiritual growth.

### **From Stardust to Symphony: The Universe Story/Our Story**

#### **T'ai Chi Chih Movements**

Presenter: S. Claire Whalen, OSF (Certified T'ai Chi Chih Instructor)  
Saturday, September 24, 2016  
9:30am-2:30pm

\$45 includes lunch

"Open to TCC practitioners but others may attend and then learn the movements later."

#### **Basket Weaving as Prayer**

Presenter: S. Janet Born, OSF (Spiritual Director & Grief Ministry)  
Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday 9:30am- Sunday at noon

\$95 Single/\$60 commuter

"You'll take home your basket filled with the people and the events that pattern your life. We'll pray with life's happenings as we weave. No prior experience is needed."

#### **Finding God In Silence and in One Another**

Presenter: S. Donna Graham, OSF (Pastoral Care & Mission Integration Ministry)  
Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>

\$215 single/ \$130 commuter

"We will enter the sacred space of silence with each retreatant resting in the heart of God in their own





## Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs

### TOR Pilgrimage

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#### The Franciscan Pilgrimage

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**This** Pilgrimage will celebrate the richness **of TOR heritage and Rule and Life**. It particularly **WELCOMES** all TOR Franciscans together with their Companions, Associates, Cojourners AND co-workers in sponsored ministries.

For more information click to go

to [www.franfed.org](http://www.franfed.org)

## Franciscan International Study Centre

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time and space.”

## Sisters of St. Francis

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200 St. Francis Ave  
Tiffin OH 44883  
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### “Journey Into God”

An individually Directed Retreat.

**September 18-25<sup>th</sup>**

Sr. Mary Dean Pfahler, SND & Sr. Edna Michel, OSF, directors. Retreat includes a daily personalized session with a director and an optional prayer/ritual at the close of the day.

4 PM Sunday – 10 AM Sunday. Cost:  
\$470; Commuter: \$350.

### “Eucharist: Diamond in our Midst”

3 ½ day Conference Retreat, **October 16-20** SFH chapel

Sr. Edna Michel, director.

4 PM Sunday – after brunch Thurs. 2 conferences per day

(Non SFH residents may stay at SFSC) Cost: \$250.

## Chiara Center

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### Chiara Self- Guided Retreats

Chiara center can help create sacred time away by providing resources from trusted spiritual leaders. Choose your retreat journey at Chiara Center using the audio or DVD series to create your own retreat. Retreat must be a minimum of three days and two nights. Arrival times flexible. Cost: 3 days, 2 nights: \$240 inclusive of guest room, meals, retreat resources including CD/DVD player. Each additional day is \$65 inclusive of meals.

Visit web site for brochure.

Programs for 2016-17 Academic Year:

**Sabbatical Programme** - Integral to our mission at the Franciscan International Study Centre is the welcoming of guests seeking spiritual renewal in the form of a sabbatical. Each term's sabbatical offerings centre on a specific theme, and a sabbatical can last from one to three terms.

**Certificate in Franciscan Studies** - Through the Certificate in Franciscan Studies the Franciscan family passes on its spiritual heritage to its members - lay and religious - from around the world. It is a comprehensive programme that studies the foundation, history, spirituality and intellectual legacy of the Franciscan movement. It provides the opportunity to deepen one's own understanding of what it means to be a Franciscan, either at the outset of the journey or at an integrating moment later along the way.

**Certificate in Training for Franciscan Formation** - The Certificate is a unique programme designed to help prepare religious men and women for the ministry of initial formation entrusted to them by their Franciscan religious institute. Candidates for this Certificate have the opportunity to deepen and expand both theoretical and practical areas of expertise needed to be involved in initial formation.

For more information on these three programs, visit [www.franfed.org](http://www.franfed.org) under the *Notifications* tab, *Upcoming Events* or follow the link to the Study Centre above.

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## Holy Spirit Retreat Center

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E-mail: [retreat@frontiernet.net](mailto:retreat@frontiernet.net)

Web: [www.holyspiritrc.org](http://www.holyspiritrc.org)

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## Franciscan Center

3010 North Perry Avenue

Tampa FL 33603

[franciscancentertampa.org](http://franciscancentertampa.org)

813-229-2695

### Conscious Contact Mini: “Forgiveness of Self and Others”

August 17, 5:00 - 8:00 pm Sister Cathy Cahill, OSF  
This mini retreat will explore ways that we can forgive both ourselves and others and the benefits that come from forgiving. These Conscious Contact Mini Retreats are for anyone interested in 12 Step Spirituality. Please register early with advance payment \$30 by August 15. Fee: \$30 (includes dinner)

### FIRST FRIDAY SHORT STORIES

October 7, 12 pm - 1 pm

Fr. Anthony Carrozzo, OFM

**Preregistration is required.** At that time, the participant will be given the first short story to read in preparation for the session. The group will meet October 7, November 4 and December 2 from 12 to 1 p.m. Please register 3 days prior to the Retreat. Fee: Donation (includes light lunch).

Franciscan Center, 3010 North Perry Ave. Tampa, FL 33603

register online at [franciscancentertampa.org](http://franciscancentertampa.org) or call 813.229.2695.

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### 2016 Retreats:

#### The Soul of a Pilgrim: A Walking Retreat

September 16-18

*Presenter: Steve Spilde*

#### The Soul's Story: Writing Through the Ego's Chatter

August 12-14

*Presenter: Theresa Washburn*

#### Dreams: Touching the Sacred

September 23-25

*Presenter: Janet Mallak, SSND*

#### Midlife: What Do I Do? Where Do I Go?

October 14-16

*Presenter: Tom Roberts*

#### Courage to Live: Healing from Grief

October 28-29

*Presenter: Steve Spilde*

#### When Life Throws You a Curveball

November 11-13

*Presenter: Tom Roberts*

#### Biblical Spirituality for Spiritual Directors

November 18-19

*Presenter: John McHugh*

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- **(2016) Directed Retreat Week:** August 22-28, 2016.
- Spiritual directors for this retreat: **Sr. Marian Baumler, SSMN; Sr. Nancy Fortkort, OSF; Sr. Donna Lord, GNSH; Sr. Kathleen Murphy, OSF; Sr. Jean Thompson, OSF.** Fee: \$575 per person (6 nights). Advance reservations required w/\$175 non-refundable deposit by 8/8/16 @ 3:00 pm.
- **(2016) Advent Retreat Weekend by Fr. Tom Hartle, OFM:** December 1-4, 2016. Fee: \$295 per person (3 nights). Advance reservations required w/\$90 non-refundable deposit due by 11/17/16 @ 3:00 pm.
- **(2017) Easter Triduum Retreat by Fr. Michael Crosby, OFM:** April 12-15, 2017. Fee: \$325 per person (3 nights) with possible added stay-over through Easter Sunday. Advance reservations required w/\$95 non-refundable deposit by 3/29/17 @ 3:00 pm.
- **(2017) Directed Retreat Week:** August 21-27, 2016. Fee: \$575 per person (6 nights). Advance reservations required w/\$175 non-refundable deposit by 8/7/17 @ 3:00 pm.

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### **MINISTRY OPENING**

The Board of Directors of The Upper Room Crisis Hotline is seeking an Executive Director for a new and unique ministry serving the spiritually poor of various faiths and some with no faith. In this Year of Mercy this ministry is based on the Catholic values and Franciscan spirituality of services, offering skilled listening, Information and Referral, Crisis Intervention and Reassurance for elderly priests. Trained volunteers minister in mercy and compassion to those searching for God in their desire for a deeper spirituality and suffering from various spiritual maladies. Many callers are brought back to the Church often after many years absence; some need prayers and others request support in their spiritual difficulties and needs.

The Executive Director, with support from the Board, will plan, execute, strengthen, and advance the ministry to serve both the callers and the Church in the promotion of faith in Christian values.

This position requires an academic background and work experience in Theology, Social Work, Psychology, Mental Health or an equivalent field. If interested in a new and unique ministry in the Catholic Church, please contact the following:

Sr. Mary Frances Seeley, OSF, Ph.D.

P.O. Box 3572

Joliet, IL 60434

815-341-9124

[turch@sbcglobal.net](mailto:turch@sbcglobal.net)

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### **Inter-Franciscan Formation Programs**

This program gathers Franciscan men and woman in formation (all levels) twice a year at Graymoor in Garrison, NY. Workshops are presented on Franciscan themes led by Franciscan men and women. The next program:

**November 8-11, 2016 Dan Horan, OFM**

**March 7-10, 2017 Sr. Kathy Warren, OSF**

The programs all take place at Graymoor, Garrison,  
NY

**The contact information is;**

Ron Pecci, OFM

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