



SOUTHWEST AREA FRANCISCAN HAPPENINGS

June, 2008

EXPLANATION of FIRST EDITION

Periodically, the Ministers of the Southwest Regional Area will publish a rather brief description of various planned events. Our hope is both to build and to solidify our Franciscan family bond with each member within the 8 fraternities in our area. Please place the dates on your calendar and come join the camaraderie!

10th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St. Clare Fraternity is celebrating their 10th Anniversary of hosting the feast of St. Clare. The celebration will be held from 9 AM to 3 PM on August 9 at:



St. Williams Church
601 Seagate Drive
Naples FL 34103

Both Fr. Murphy and a guest speaker will be in attendance. A pot-luck lunch will follow the Profession Mass. Bring a salad/side dish - everything will be provided. Ed Duff, Minister and newly elected Regional Vice Minister, will send more details via an email to your respective ministers.

ANNUAL RETREAT & PEACE



Love must be nourished by communication! Because this is especially true in our relationship with God, a silent retreat, facilitated by Fr. Bernie Tickerhoof, TOR, will be held the weekend of Sep 19-21 at:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Center
3989 South Moon Drive, Venice FL 34292
For more details call Mary Ann Gennuso 941-426-6740 or go to: <http://portiuncula.home.comcast.net>

That evening, Sep 21, the Stigmata Fraternity is again having Sr. Sallie Latkovick speak at the International Day of Peace Service in St. Martha's Church in Sarasota.

TRANSITUS SERVICES

"The Commemoration of the Transitus of St. Francis

of Assisi to Eternal Life" is a deeply moving and exclusively Franciscan tradition during which time we prayerfully remember all our Franciscan brothers and sisters who have passed during that year. To make this ceremony more convenient to all members, it will be held in the evening on Oct 3rd in two locations:

Dale Eppig's home (941) 923-4961
3524 Tree Line Court
Sarasota FL 34231
-and-
St. Williams Church
601 Seagate Drive
Naples FL 34103



HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE

Can't afford to go to the Holy Land? You can still get the Holy Land Experience in Orlando this November 5, 2008. You need not worry about a thing: you can travel by bus with family & friends, spend the entire day, be inspired, educated, etc., and have lunch for only \$65. Leave at 8:30 AM; return no later than 7:30PM. For more information call or email Barbara at: 941-794-0646; bjcuva@yahoo.com.

FAMILY & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS PARTY



Build community and have fun at the annual Family & Friends Christmas Party on Dec 4, sponsored by the Portiuncula Fraternity. Bring a salad or dessert to share and be entertained with a unique, living staged musical by some handicapped folks calling themselves "Kaleidocope." The fee is a pair of socks. Your respective minister has more details.

PERMANENT PROFESSION

Two candidates from St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity and one from the Portiuncula Fraternity will make their permanent commitments to live the Franciscan way of life. The date is Saturday, January 17, 2009 in St. Katherine Drexel Catholic Church, 1922 SW 20th Ave., Cape Coral, FL. Details of this event will be forthcoming in future issues.

