

Eastern Ontario Franciscan News

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A note from the Editor

Secular Franciscans relaxed over the summer like everyone else... or did they? It was a busy summer for many of us even though fraternity meetings took a break for a couple of months. Read on and find out what happened during the summer holidays.



News from the First Order (Friars)

Visit with Brother Gerry Clyne,

ofm conv., and National Spiritual Assistant (Canada) - Brother Gerry visited Ottawa in July and took part in a BBQ at Michel and Carol David's home. About 20 people attended this informal get together. Brother Gerry shared with us some excerpts from a talk he gave to Our Lady of the Angels Chapter on the Concept of Presence in Franciscan Spirituality.

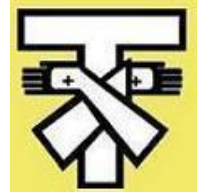


News from the Second Order (Poor Clares).

Please pray for the mother of Sister

Mary-Kathleen who had a heart attack this summer. Interested in the Poor Clares? Contact:

sistermarykathleen@hotmail.com



News from the Third Order (Seculars)

Franciscan Pilgrimage for Youth - Trois-Rivières, Québec, July 19-22, 2010

Our Franciscan Pilgrimage for Youth 2010 at Notre-Dame-du-Cap-de-la-Madelaine has come and gone and what an experience! On July 19, 2010, twenty people gathered at Hotel Madone in Trois-Rivières for the first Franciscan Pilgrimage for Youth in Canada. The pilgrimage ran for 4 days and was filled with a wide variety of experiences with the purpose of giving our young people an introduction to Franciscanism. We felt an authentic sense of the sacred on those four days and left with the knowledge that this was just the beginning. Kudos, to St. Francis of the IHM for sponsoring Danielle David with a donation of \$100 to attend this Pilgrimage. Read more on this Pilgrimage in the next issue of *Franciscan Focus*.

Prayer Requests:

- Maryjoan S.
- Mary Lynn G. wife of Len
- St. Pio Sept. 23
- St. Francis Oct. 4



Regional Conference on Formation and Leadership Development

On Aug. 27-29 this

special conference was held in Cacouna, Québec and was led by our keynote speaker Fr. Lester Bach, ofm cap. Fr. Bach is National Spiritual Director (USA) and a well known author. This was a "not to be missed" conference and also featured workshops by Richard Johnston, Eastern Canada Formation Director and Debbie Tessier, Minister of the National Fraternity of Canada. More information on the Conference will be reported in the next issue of *Franciscan Focus*.

Benediction and Adoration: St. Francis of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity host monthly Benediction and Adoration hours at IHM Church the 1st Friday of each month starting in October at 7 p.m. All are welcome! For more information contact Fran MacKenzie at 613-739-3361.

St. Patrick's Home: Secular Franciscans serve tea at St. Patrick's on Riverside Drive in Ottawa the 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month. Want to help? Contact Curtis Ogilvie cogilv1831@rogers.com 613-591-1831

Interested in joining the Secular Franciscans?

St. Bonaventure Fraternity in Wilno meets the 1st Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm at Holy Canadian Martyrs Church. Contact: Len Gignac len.gignac@sympatico.ca 613-756-9716

St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity in Ottawa meets the 3rd Sunday of each month at St. Francis of Assisi Church (St-Francois d'Assise) at the corner of Fairmont and Wellington-West Streets at 2:00 pm. Contact Richard Johnston 613-738-5123 or Wilfried Falkenberg at salvator-mundi@explornet.com

St. Francis of The Immaculate Heart of Mary Fraternity in Ottawa meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church at 1758 Alta Vista Avenue at 6:30 pm. Contact Curtis Ogilvie cogilv1831@rogers.com 613-591-1831

The Transitus of St. Francis
Each year on October 3 at sunset, Franciscan men and women all over the world gather to commemorate the death of St. Francis. Join us by Contacting: Fran MacKenzie at 613-739-3361.