

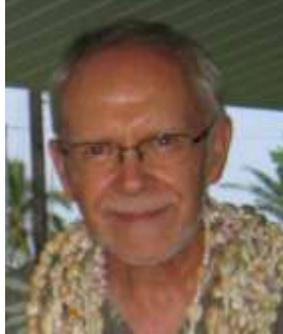


# Secular Franciscan

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**A great big thank you and our prayer to Fr. André Chicoine, OFM Cap, for his love, animation and ministry to the Secular Franciscans of the National Fraternity! May the Lord give you the breath of his Spirit in all that you do for Him!**

Fr. André has served our National Fraternity with great generosity of spirit and even extended his reach to the Secular Franciscans in Tahiti. In more recent years, he has journeyed faithfully with Secular Franciscans in the francophone sector of our National Fraternity at a time when numbers have been declining and existing structures within the Order have been difficult to maintain. During these times, he has been passionate in reminding all of us of the beauty of the Franciscan vocation that is being lived by the Secular Franciscans in Quebec and the need to continue to provide



them with the support that they need during these challenging times. I am pleased to hear that he remains interested in assisting and animating the local fraternity in Québec City and to continue being involved in the ongoing reflection on the future of the OFS at the local and regional levels. We will always be thankful for his faithful service as National Spiritual Assistant and for the willingness of his Province to allow him to carry out this ministry.

Doug Clorey ofs, National Minister

## The Changing Face of Family

In Canada, the last two decades have seen rapid change in Canadian families, with a trend towards increasing diversity of family structures and ethnicity. And, as with all families, the last two decades have also seen significant changes within Canada's Secular Franciscan family, both in terms of its composition and its diversity.

Census data from 1991 indicate that the Secular Franciscan family consisted of 18,114 members spread out across 357 local fraternities. At that time, local fraternities were structured around the Provincial boundaries of the friars.

In March 1992, a project was initiated to regionalize Canada's National Fraternity by

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FRIAR PROVINCES	FRATERNITIES	MEMBERS
Eastern Canada	10	359
Sacré-Coeur	99	4120
St. Joseph	207	12586
St. Francis of Assisi	5	92
Good Shepherd	18	258
Western Canada	18	699
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>18114</b>

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grouping all of the local fraternities in a particular geographic area together, regardless of the Obediences of the friars who assisted these fraternities. This endeavor was in response to a decision taken by the International Presidency to have the Secular Franciscan Order, worldwide, take responsibility for its administrative organization. Over the next few years, the regionalization process was implemented with a total of 14 regional fraternities constituted. Twenty-five years later, in 2019, we find many changes in the composition of the National Fraternity. This includes the overall decrease in the number of Secular Franciscans as well as the decrease in the number of local fraternities.

In some regions, the majority of members are elderly and there are few new members in formation. Many of the sisters and brothers are dealing with illnesses and find it difficult to engage in leadership within the Order. In other regions, like Western Canada, there is significant growth and it is challenging to serve the needs of a region that spans four civil provinces. Despite these many challenges, Secular Franciscans remain committed to their vocation and to living their Franciscan spirituality.

There are currently 12 regional fraternities in Canada, three in the Anglophone sector and nine in the francophone sector.

The most striking change over the past 25 years is the overall decrease in membership

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<b>REGION</b>	<b>FRATERNITIES</b>	<b>PROFESSED MEMBERS</b>
<i>Anglophone Sector</i>		
Eastern Canada	15	217
Our Lady of the Angels	24	457
Trillium	25	465
<i>Francophone Sector</i>		
De la Trinité	5	47
Montréal	8	120
Nicolet	3	20
Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean	6	27
Sherbrooke	4	40
St-François-de-Laval	6	78
St-Hyacinthe	7	50
St-Jean-Longueuil-Valleyfield	4	48
Trois-Rivières	8	154
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1723</b>

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from 18,114 to 1723, a decrease of more than 90 percent. This is also reflected in the decrease in numbers of fraternities from 357 to 115, a decrease of more than 68 percent.

It is worth noting that the francophone sector of the National Fraternity now has half the number of members found in the Anglophone sector but has three times the number of regions. While the composition of the National Fraternity has changed significantly during the past 25 years, there have been few structural changes during that time period. Several regional fraternities have merged while others are currently experiencing difficulties maintaining a regional council.

It may be time to explore other structural options that will better serve our Secular Franciscan family into the future. It is important to remember that the Secular Franciscan Order has existed for more than 800 years, has seen many changes during these centuries and will likely see more in the years to come. Throughout all of these changes, the Holy Spirit is always present, calling us forward to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis. We pray, with our Father Francis, that the Most High and Glorious God will give us wisdom and insight to discern the correct path to follow.

Doug Clorey, ofs, National Minister

We Are Family

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## The Assisi Pardon



On August 2nd we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula. The feast derives its name from the little chapel in the valley of Assisi that St Francis rebuilt. St Bonaventure tells us “This place the holy man loved more than other places in the world; for here he began humbly, here he progressed virtuously, here he ended happily” (LMj II: 8). Francis often told his friars, “See to it my sons, that you never abandon this place. If you are thrown out of one door, go back through another, for this is truly a holy place, and the dwelling place of Christ and His Virgin Mother” (2MP 83). That little church, referred to as the “Portiuncula,” the “little portion” is actually inside a bigger church today, the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels.

Legend asserts that one day as Francis was praying in the chapel, Our Lord, Our Lady, and angels appeared before him. He heard the voice of our Lord urging him with deep tenderness to ask for some special favor. After a few moments of reflection, he asked for the grace of a full pardon for all who, being contrite and having confessed their sins, would visit this little portion of heaven. The Lord granted this favor telling Francis: “Go to my Vicar on earth, to whom I have given the power to bind and to loose, and ask him in my name to grant this indulgence.” The next day, St. Francis asked Pope Honorius III for his approval. He agreed but restricted it to the anniversary of the chapel’s dedication (August 2).

This came to be known as the Portiuncula Indulgence or the Pardon of Assisi. For many centuries, the indulgence could only be received by visiting St Mary of the Angels in Assisi. However it was extended to all Franciscan chapels and later to all parish churches. To obtain the Portiuncula plenary indulgence, one must visit a church with the intention of honoring Our Lady of the Angels, recite the Creed, the Our Father and pray for the Pope’s intentions. Also make a sacramental confession and receive Communion (8 days before or after).

## Welcome Fr. Alix Poulin, OFM Cap

The Conference of National Spiritual **Assistants** extends a warm welcome to Fr. Alix Poulin, OFM Cap. Here is his testimony.

My religious and priestly vocation, I owe it to the Lord.

### **My family.**

The first seed deposited in me, I am sure, is from my family. A small family of two, like many families today, because my parents married in their thirties. On the other hand, a more traditional family, because it was granted that we were going to Mass on Sunday or Saturday night, and we never wondered if we would go or not. At home we prayed with the family, and my parents always said the rosary in the evening. Both of my parents have now passed away. I am from a small village called Kingsbury, Quebec. In the charismatic movement, I knew about prayer groups and I who always loved reading, learned to read the Bible because of this influence.

### **Francis of Assisi.**

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In my story, no journey to Damascus. A lot of research to find what God expected of me concretely. For a long time I have been fascinated by Francis of Assisi, his contemplation, his love of the poor and the poverty that gave him great inner freedom, Francis of Assisi always seemed to me a happy saint despite this great phase of inner desert that he knew towards the end of his life. It was at this moment that half blind, he launched this song to the Lord: " Praise be the Lord for brother sun...For sister water, for our mother earth...And even praised are you for those who forgive ...



In a world that is torn like today, he just dares to offer forgiveness in the face of this world. Feeling more and more the desire to devote my life to God, I asked to enter the Capuchins, sons of St. Francis. I did the very first stage called the postulancy in Quebec City, then the novitiate at Lac-Bouchette, a beautiful place in the heart of nature and which makes us appreciate the Franciscan spirit of contemplation of nature. Later, I also spent a year in Central America as a young religious with youth groups and also in a center for AIDS patients. I am happy to have given my life to the Lord.

### **To be a priest**

I have been called to serve God and the Church through the service of the priesthood. And through my service as a Capuchin priest, there is another figure on which I reflect and that I do not lose sight of, and that I also pray to: Padre Pio, a Capuchin, the first stigmatized priest. The Eucharist was at the center of his life, and he spent long hours in the confessional where the people of God came to him. Concretely, in my life as a priest, I make myself available for the sacrament of reconciliation, and I firmly believe in the wisdom of the Catholic Church when she asks the priests for their availability. Every week, I exercise this ministry of peace and reconciliation . Our brothers and sisters hope in this availability. And of course, the Eucharist nourishes my life, and I hope I never lose the awe I experienced in the bread and wine becoming the body and blood of Christ in my hands for the life of the world.

### **In communion with people.**

The sacraments: Yes. At the same time I meet many people and I try to be for all the face of Christ for them, welcoming them with kindness. A smile is cheap and it is so much fun. It is not always easy to be everything to everyone, but it is the challenge that is given to me and I try to give it back, with the grace of God, in the best way that I can.

Visit Fr. Alix's blog: [www.frerealix.com](http://www.frerealix.com)



## **Death**

Fr. Marc Le Goanvec, OFM died June 20, 2019 at the age of 66 years. He was a religious for 38 years and a priest for 27 years. The funeral was celebrated in the Franciscan church in Montreal.

## Communications Team

The Communications team held its second teleconference on June 27, 2019. Debbie Tessier and deacon maurice Prindiville from our team have published this newsletter which you have the benefit of reading.

Our contact email on the website [information@ofscanada.ca](mailto:information@ofscanada.ca) is checked regularly and inquiries forwarded to the various regional ministers if I cannot answer them myself. Updates have been made to the website ([ofsnational.ca](http://ofsnational.ca)) including contact details for our two new council members Sherrill Guimond and Fr. Alix Poulin, OFM Cap. Our Home page is being kept up to date with the latest activities of the National Fraternity. Further development is ongoing to make our website a relevant resource for the membership. Team Members Lanny Hui and Martha Gabriel are currently working on adding more photos. We are happy to have Richard Chamberland as part of the team as he has a lot of experience and expertise in this area.

Our plan is to use a Facebook page (still under development) and a Twitter account (@CanadaOfs) to direct the membership to new additions on the website, add spiritual reflections from Pope Francis and others and as a new source from fraternities at all levels.

If you have any suggestions for the communications team, please send them to myself, Marion Clorey, [mgclorey@gmail.com](mailto:mgclorey@gmail.com), or Debbie Tessier, [ofsnational@hotmail.com](mailto:ofsnational@hotmail.com)



### National JPIC Communiqué

*Dear brothers and sisters in Francis and Clare,  
The National JPIC Committee invites you to Pray and take Action in your daily lives and to share a solidarity with the marginalized of society and denounce injustice.*

*This month we continue forwarding excerpts of the excellent JPIC Resource Book or [https://www.franciscanvoicecanada.com/uploads/2/1/8/2/21827960/jpic\\_resource\\_book\\_18-09\\_final2.pdf](https://www.franciscanvoicecanada.com/uploads/2/1/8/2/21827960/jpic_resource_book_18-09_final2.pdf)*

#### **How to Organize JPIC in your Fraternity**

*Follow the above link for a broader explanation of each point.*

1. Form a committee of 2-4 people and appoint a chairperson
2. Meet once a month for a maximum time of one hour.
3. For 3-4 months at a time, focus on one of the three JPIC themes
4. At each fraternity meeting, have 5-8 minutes scheduled for a 'JPIC Moment.'
5. Contribute a JPIC article to every issue of your fraternity newsletter.
6. At least once a year, at a regular fraternity meeting, engage the fraternity in a 45-minute formation session on some JPIC issue.
7. Encourage the fraternity members to read the newspapers with a critical 'JPIC eye'
8. For those fraternities and JPIC committees that are relatively new at committing to JPIC actions, a good place to start is with 'Integrity of Creation.'
9. Some issues associated with Social Justice include:
10. Some issues associated with Peace include:
11. Start small to be successful.
12. Communicate with other JPIC groups.



**JPIC Action:**

Is Canada’s Climate Plan, your plan? Send feedback to your Member of Parliament. <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/campaigns/climate-solutions.html>



**Living Out Laudato Si, A Commentary and Practical Resource for Canadian Catholics**

[https://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Living\\_Out\\_Laudato\\_Si\\_En.pdf](https://www.cccb.ca/site/images/stories/pdf/Living_Out_Laudato_Si_En.pdf)

Stay up to date on JPIC Issues and Actions and bookmark **Franciscan Voice Canada** at <https://www.franciscanvoicecanada.com/>

The JPIC Commission will have semi-regular issues of this communiqué. This is the first one that you can read here:

<https://www.franciscanvoicecanada.com/jpic-communique-ofs-canada.html>

**Formation Corner**



This spring, a comprehensive summary of the National Formation Questionnaire findings was circulated to all Regional Ministers and Regional Formation Directors, to be shared with all fraternities within each Region. The findings offered the National Formation Commission Team great insight into the strengths and needs of local fraternities that participated in the study. Below are some of the areas of need identified.

**Areas of Initial Formation**

- Develop a Resource List of Franciscan texts for Formators
- Create resources on what is the OFS for Outreach and new groups
- Training of Formators
- Formation Workshops
- Information on how to reach out to youth / young adults

**Areas of Ongoing Formation and Leadership Roles**

- Provision of additional Formation Resources
- Development of Servant Leadership Resources
- Education in Franciscan Spirituality
- The role of the Spiritual Assistant in Formation

**General considerations**

- Formation materials developed to be made available in French, English and Korean.
- Formators Training to be offered both online and by paper format
- Consideration of using the OFS National website to house Formation Resources
- Translation of Living Fraternity in Korean language

**Projects currently being worked on by the National Formation Commission team include:**

- The Role of the Spiritual Assistant in Formation: To help clarify the shared responsibility of this work.
- Development of supplements in Leadership Resources
- Creation of an online Training course for Formators / paper copy format as well.

Fraternally yours, Jewel Jasmins, ofs, National Formation Director



Reading the signs of our times and living our vocation call to holiness as witnesses of the Gospel, we may at times have missed opportunities to share the richness of our Franciscan way of living with young people. Like the leaders of our Catholic Church, who listened to young people from all over the world in the Synod on Young People that occurred in October 2018, we are presented with the opportunity to re-look at the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our younger brothers and sisters and respond to their needs.

## OFS Youth and Young Adult

St. Francis lived at a time of uncertainty, frequent unrest in the feudal system and within a Church that had compromised some of its values. His response was to follow Christ authentically with uncompromising certitude, inspired by the Gospel and the example of Jesus. We know the rest of the story, how the Lord sent him brothers who felt inspired by Francis to follow in like manner his way of life, and therein was the birth of the Franciscan Order; a legacy of Gospel life that has transcended over centuries around the globe.

Now we in Canada, are the beneficiaries of this wonderful transmission of grace and heritage, to continue the work of the Holy Spirit, encompassing people of all ages, race and cultures that bear the imprint of the Most High God. As Secular Franciscans, are we attentive to needs of our young people?

### Outreach to Young People

In the Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Christi Vivit*, of the Holy Father Francis – To Young People and to the entire People of God, he writes. 211. In this outreach (to young people) we need to use above all the language of closeness, the language of generous, relational and existential love that touches the heart, impacts life, and awakens hope and desires. Young people need to be approached with the grammar of love, not by being preached at. The language that young people understand is spoken by those who radiate life, by those who are there for them and with them. And those who, for all their limitations and weaknesses, try to live their faith with integrity. We also have to give greater thought to ways of incarnating the kerygma in the language of today's youth.

### Are there opportunities to journey with young people in your parish or community?

An invitation to journey with young people can pop up in most unlikely circumstances. My own example for instance. I was just asked by one of the youths from our parish to come and help them with their praise and worship when they gathered weekly to pray, whilst their parents prayed in another room at the Parish. So, I showed up with guitar in hand and some worship songs, and ended up journeying with them. Eight years later, I am still journeying with them, now as their spiritual animator of the Jesus Youth Prayer Group.

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A photo of our ‘Jesus Youth Prayer Group’ receiving a visit from Friars Dan and Carlos, OFM and two postulants in Delta B.C. Fr. Regis Mathews, OFM, also assisted with the youths’ spiritual formation.

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**National OFS Youth and Young Adult Team**

Although not as obvious to everyone, there are initiatives in areas of Canada that are actively working with youth and young adults. It is hoped that as we cross fertilize ideas among OFS members involved with youth and young adults, that there will be a greater opportunity for fraternities to share in outreach to this population, when provided with some concrete ideas and tools for the mission. Stay tuned.....

**Franciscan Youth 2018 Fine Arts Poster Contest in Western Canada**

Check out the young artists who participated in the Youth Poster Contest -**St. Francis encounter with a Leper.**

Follow the link <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1OQTVjETM32j9voLT45jXTxKxa2BKvvFm/view>

Submitted by Jewel Jasmins, ofs, Youth and Young Adult Team Liaison to the National Council





## World Youth Day in Panama City, January 2019

Reflections from our two pilgrims who attended the YouFra  
International Gathering and World Youth Day  
in Panama City, January 2109

### Malibu Taetz

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Attending World Youth Day 2019 in Panama was an experience unlike anything I had done before. I feel like I've come out of it a very rich person, and this is for more reasons that I could express. But here I'd like to write just a few of the ways World Youth Day impacted me. To begin with, it modeled a different way of living. Last summer, I walked the Camino de Santiago with the intention of discovering something new and far removed from my life as a busy film student. On pilgrimage I first began to discover the writings of St Francis of Assisi, and was immediately drawn to the simplicity and sincerity of the Christian faith as modeled in his life. I decided I wanted to pursue that kind of a life both during and after my pilgrimage. Returning home, I found my good friend Praveen had been having a similar experience, and it was he who invited me to attend World Youth Day through the International Franciscan Youth Gathering.

At the time of my going, I was under a lot of stress at film school to produce something of value. My days were filled with constant activity, always planning ahead yet feeling one step behind. Always moving relentlessly forward, but feeling in my heart that I had forgotten the reason and the goal I was striving for.

The night that I arrived in Panama City I was immediately and freely welcomed by a roomful of people from all walks of life. We were joyously celebrating the gospel which invites us to celebrate every day. It's hard to express how impactful this was for me, who had forgotten how to celebrate. In many ways, staying with the Franciscans seemed like the continuation of my Camino. I could live simply, and all my daily activities were related to knowing God more, and growing in my relationship with Christ. I could take that time to realign my heart to what was really important.

Further, the Days in the Diocese and World Youth Day was an experience that showed me my Christian faith was much richer than I previously knew. To be with people from all over the world, and to see the gospel expressed in their lives and cultures was truly a mind-opening thing. Being an evangelical Christian myself, I was able to learn much about Catholicism in an environment of love and openness in those around me to teach.

The best way I could describe World Youth Day is that it was like being invited into someone's house, and then worshipping the Lord together as brothers and sisters in Christ. I met people from many different nations and cultures, but it truly did feel like a big family. This is something I will take with me all of my life.

I could go on about the many things I came back with. Of the friendships I made, and of the deep appreciation for Latin American culture, and of Panamanian culture I gained. Of the richer understanding of my Christian faith, and the renewed conviction to live it out and grow in my own relationship with Jesus Christ. It's difficult to imagine a more sudden and unanticipated change in my daily routine, and one that, by God's grace, will remain resonant all my life. I'm extremely grateful to Order of Secular Franciscans for their support in providing for me to attend.

## Praveen Sonichen

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My name is Praveen and I am a filmmaker currently working in Toronto, Canada. I work as a Director/Cinematographer for a not for profit Catholic TV channel called Shalom World. From 2016 onwards I started experiencing a restlessness, a hunger to do more, and an urge to go into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Around the end of 2017 I came across a book called “Saint Francis the Barefoot Saint of Assisi” by Dr. Tim Gray and Paul McCusker and after that book I found what I was looking for, I found my way. Brother Francis’s Radical expression of Love towards all living creatures and in turn loving God through that touched me very deeply. Going to WYD 2019 with the Franciscans was something I was looking forward to very much as I was looking forward to understanding the depth of the Franciscan spirituality.

Here in Canada, being Catholic is not the most popular thing among the youth and so being a Franciscan youth is such a rarity. So for me being in Panama with all these Franciscans and most of them young people was something that was so Fascinating. One great challenge that I did face at the WYD was that almost everyone there spoke Spanish and all but a few talks were in Spanish. So in a way the thing that I was looking forward to the most which is understanding more in depth about the Franciscan way of life didn’t come to me in the way that I expected, rather it was displayed my how welcoming the Spanish speaking community were to us. We did not speak the same language but they spoke the language of Love and welcomed us into their family. They were overflowing with the Spirit of Saint Francis and so I saw and experienced it first hand which in turn strengthened my conviction on one day being a Secular Franciscan.

My WYD 2019 experience if I were to sum it up in one sentence would be if this is only how it is on Earth with all these people loving and praising God, I can not imagine how much more glorious it would be in Heaven. Pope Francis talks were all on love and I had never heard a man speak so profoundly and courageously. Definitely another highlight for me at WYD was the adoration with Bishop Robert Barron, it was such an anointing experience! After having been a part of the YouFra I am more and more convinced of the fact that being Franciscan is ultimately who my true self is and I am able to have an authentic relationship with my Jesus by following the steps of Brother Francis. I am in love with the contemplative style of prayer and I one day wish with all my heart that my Lord will grant me the Grace of being one with Him through that. I thank everyone who made it possible for me to have this wonderful experience, I only wish that what you have given me I would be able to give to another.

Peace and all good,  
Praveen Sonichen



Photo taken of a gathering at World Youth Day in Panama City, January 2019. Pope Francis addressed the young people who had gathered there from around the world.

## Fraternity 2019

What a beautiful gathering, with the theme **Peace and Joy**, where we shared how to live and put into practice this very Franciscan greeting in our daily life. What a joy to meet with our brothers and sisters for this annual gathering! Our Franciscan family gathered about 80 persons from different regions of Quebec, Ontario and Prince Edward Island to speak about the true signification of our greeting. Paul Bourgault, our experienced animator, introduced us to the theme by using a video about Francis and the Sultan. After the grouping put in place by the animation team (Paul, his spouse Marie-Andrée, and Madeleine Bigras, animators for this weekend) there was some well appreciated sharing among the 10 workshops of about 8 persons. A projection of the film **DES DIEUX ET DES HOMMES** ( Of Gods and Of Men) was also appreciated, followed by a sharing, ending in a moment of fraternity with wine and cheese.

What joy, what support, what comfort to have among us this entire weekend, our First Order friars, Henri Ethier, OFM, André Chicoine, OFM Cap, Emmanuel Bisimwa, OFM, Jean-Charles Côté, OFM Cap, Jean Chrysostome, OFM Cap, Alix Poulin, OFM Cap, as well as Pierre Charland, OFM joining us on Sunday. We cannot forget the three Eucharists presided by our friars André Chicoine, Henri Ethier and Pierre Charland with their homilies which were so enriching and truly appreciated.

The presence of our brother Doug Clorey, National Minister as well as his spouse Marion, Anglophone Vice-minister was also appreciated during this weekend. In conclusion, what a beautiful enriching weekend, infused with a climate of warmth and very Franciscan fraternity.

In all simplicity, your little sister,  
Micheline Côté Chamberland, ofs,  
member of the Organizing Committee.

The "Comité organisateur" for Fraternité 2019 was composed of Françoise Malboeuf, Richard Chamberland, Micheline Côté Chamberland, Fr. Henri Éthier, Marcel Deslauriers and Laurette Thibodeau.



## Invitation to all Secular Franciscans

### NATIONAL SPIRITUAL CONFERENCE 2019

“The 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Encounter  
Between Saint Francis and the Sultan”

October 10-11-12-13, 2019

Le Centre de Spiritualité des Ursulines  
20 rue des Ursulines, Loretteville, QC

Key Note Speaker : Michael Cusato, OFM

Medieval Context of Francis' Encounter with the Sultan  
Franciscan Attempts to Encounter the Muslim World  
Francis and the Encounter under the Tent  
From Damietta to La Verna and Assisi  
Radical Vision among Franciscans  
Current Efforts of Pope Francis to Recapture the Vision

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# Regional Fraternity Page

## Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada

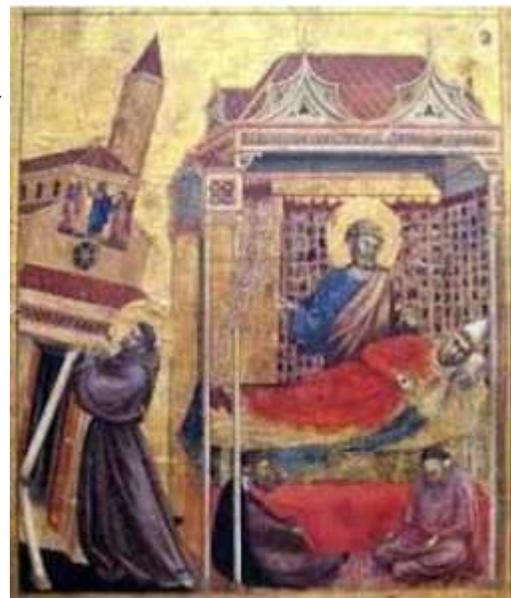
Regional Spiritual Conference 2019

Theme: *Rebuild my house*

Retreat leader: *Fr. Guylain Prince, OFM*

August 9, 10 & 11

The 2019 Spiritual Conference of the Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada will be held on the weekend of August 9-11, 2019 in Cacouna, QC. The theme of the conference is “REBUILD MY HOUSE” and will be facilitated by Fr. Guylain Prince, OFM. T



# Our Lady of the Angels Regional Council 2019 - 2022 Western Canada



Left to Right, Top to Bottom: Regional Minister: Linda Adams, Regional Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Manoj Xalxo OFM, Vice-Minister (VM) Saskatchewan/Manitoba: Brian Solypa, VM AB North/NWT: Fr. Don Flumerfelt, VM AB South: Ronald Semenoff, VM BC Interior: Anna Maria O'Hagan, VM BC Coastal: Heather Thompson, Secretary: Miriam Liem, Treasurer: Isaac Reyes, Director of Formation: Lynda Black, Director of Youth: Catherine McNiff, Director of JPIC: Lou Von Burg, Director of Communications: Lanny Hui

## REGIONAL FRATERNITY CHAPTER

The Regional chapter of Elections was held on May 24, 2019 in Calgary, Alberta and was successfully represented by voting delegates from the various fraternities located in Man/Sask across west to Coastal BC. The closing Mass on the Saturday evening celebrated the installation of the 12 Regional Council members for Our Lady of the Angels Regional Council. They, along with Fr. Manoj, the Regional Spiritual Assistant, will serve their Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters across Western Canada from now to Spring 2022.