

Lady Poverty Region #68

Secular Franciscan Order - USA



2017-18 Directory

Lady Poverty

was the symbol of the paradoxes of the Gospel: richness in poverty, life in death, strength in weakness, beauty in the sordid and shabby, peace in conflict and temptation, fullness in emptiness and, above all, love in detachment and deprivation. She made everything hard soft, and everything difficult easy.

Francis: The Journey and the Dream – Murry Bodo

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Lady Poverty Region of the Secular Franciscan Order, inspired by the Holy Spirit and our Rule, is called, as our Seraphic Father Francis was, to rebuild the Church. We seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ through apostolic activity in fraternity and in the world, going from Gospel to life and life to the Gospel.

VISION STATEMENT

Our Little Portion: Rebuilding the World, One Person at a Time

Servant Leadership:

We demonstrate vibrant leadership through humble service at the regional and local fraternity levels.

Apostolic Service:

Our fraternities are engaged in evangelical and apostolic efforts for justice, peacemaking and care of creation.

Fraternal Life:

United by our profession, we are called to build a more Christ-centered world through prayer, ongoing formation, and commitment to the Gospel life.

Franciscan Identity:

We live a life of simplicity, charity, and reconciliation, conforming our thoughts and actions to those of Christ by means of daily conversion.

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THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

The Secular Franciscan Order is an "Association of the Christian Faithful". [1] More specifically, it is an association whose members lead an apostolic life and strive for Christian perfection while living in the world and who share the spirit of some religious institute [i.e. one of the branches of the Franciscan First Order and the Third Order Regular] under the higher direction of that same institute...." [2] It is governed by the universal law of the Church, and by its own: the Rule, the Constitutions, the Ritual, and the particular statutes. [3] The Constitutions have as their purpose: to apply the Rule; to indicate concretely the conditions for belonging to the OFS, its government, the organization of life in fraternity, and its seat.[4] The Secular Franciscan Order is divided into fraternities of various levels - local, regional, national, and international. Each one has its own moral personality in the Church[5]. These various fraternities are coordinated and united according to the norm of the rule and of the constitutions.[6] (NAFRA Statutes, "ad experimentum," approved on November 27, 2003)

1. See Code of Canon Law, Can. 298.
2. See Code of Canon Law, Can. 303.
3. See General Constitutions, Article 4, 1.
4. See General Constitutions, Article 4, 3; also Code of Canon Law, Can. 304.
5. See Code of Canon Law, Can. 687 [309,313].
6. See Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, 20.

THE FRANCISCAN RULE

In 1209 St. Francis of Assisi asked Pope Innocent III to approve his "rule" for a new way to live the Gospel. The Franciscan way of life that began with the *Rule of 1209*, sometimes referred to as the "*Primitive Rule*," continues today, over 800 years later, in the lives of the entire Franciscan Family, including Secular Franciscans.

The *Rule of 1209* had as its basis three randomly selected texts from the Gospels. Before asking for the pope's approval, Francis and his followers wanted to know what God wanted them to do. In a small chapel, they opened the book of Gospels three times to these passages:

"If you wish to be perfect, go sell what you have and give to the poor..." (Matthew 19.21)

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me" (Matt 16.24)

"Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money..." (Luke 9.3)

Now that St. Francis knew how he and his followers should live, they needed the approval of the pope. Although reluctant at first, Pope Innocent III became convinced that not only was St. Francis inspired by God, but that he was God-sent to help rebuild the Church, the Body of Christ. In the 800 years that followed, countless friars, nuns, lay men and women have found their way to follow Jesus in the spirit of the way of life laid out in this first Rule.

Throughout the centuries, the Secular Franciscan Rule has been changed to meet the changing times; but the over-all goal and character of the Secular Franciscan way of life has not changed. In 1221 Cardinal Ugolino, nephew of Innocent III and later himself Pope Gregory IX, drew up a text that was officially approved by Pope Honorius III called "*Memoriale Propositi*" after the first words of the document: "The memorial of the resolutions by the Brothers and Sisters of Penance living in their own homes..." From 1221, *Memoriale Propositi* lasted until 1289, when Pope Nicholas IV approved a new Rule called *Supra Montem*. This, in turn, was replaced in 1883 by *Misericors Dei Filius*, approved by Pope Leo XIII. Finally the present Rule, referred to as the *Pauline Rule*, was approved by Pope Paul VI in 1978. This rule focuses only on general spiritual principles and values leaving specific practices to the individual, the General Constitutions, and the Statutes of each nation, preventing it from becoming outdated.

HISTORY OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER IN THE UNITED STATES: 1919 - 2012

The writing of the modern history of the Secular Franciscan Order (formerly called the Third Order Secular) in the United States begins with a significant event that occurred in Cleveland, Ohio on February 19, 1919. Prior to that time the influence of Pope Leo XIII encyclical "*Auspicato*" and the promulgation of his Rule of 1883 rallied, for a while thereafter, the Church to embrace the spirit of St. Francis. It was Pope Leo's strong belief that the church could be renewed in his time by having every Catholic become a member of the Third Order. This proclamation resulted in an increase in membership of the Third Order Secular in the late 19th century.

In the United States, early in the 20th century, "there was no organized Third Order. We might almost say that it was "wild-cat" - popping up here and there, thriving or dying with little attention except from interested Directors" [1] A gathering of friar provincials in 1919 "concluded with the program not only to hold a national congress but to set up a national organization." There an executive board was formed. The first national congress of the Third Order of St. Francis was held in Chicago in 1921, where it was decided to form a "national Tertiary organization with Tertiaries divided into provinces under the jurisdiction of the three branches of the First Order and the Third Order Regular." In 1922 friar provincials met at St. Bonaventure University where a National Constitution was approved, and a National Third Order organization was confirmed by Ministers Provincial at the meeting. The publication Third Order Forum came into being in January 1922 as an organ for Directors of the Third Order. The Forum later became known as the Franciscan Herald. The following year, 1923, in Carey, Ohio the National Executive Committee put itself on record as strongly favoring the establishment of "Tertiary Provinces," every Fraternity lining up with a Provincial organization, and, through it, entering a National organization.[2]

In 1956, the National Board became the North American Federation, which included Canada. Thirty-three provinces were represented, each by a friar and a Tertiary Provincial Minister. A ritual and a handbook were published. Leadership conferences and Youth Congress were held. The Third Order received General Constitutions in 1957 which were based on the Rule approved by Pope Leo XII, (in

1883). In 1969 Franciscan leaders from around the world gathered in Assisi and drafted 17 points; this introduced a secular spirituality component to the proposed Rule. Pope Paul VI approved a new Rule in 1978 that incorporated the spirit of the writings of the Second Vatican Council, and encouraged apostolic activity in the world. No longer to be known as the Third Order of St. Francis, The Secular Franciscan Order became independent of the friars in leadership, but remained connected by Canon Law through *altius moderamen*.

The first International Fraternity (CIOFS) was formed 1984 with an election of leaders held in Madrid, Spain. In the United States, Apostolic Commissions were formed. Our National Statutes were approved by CIOFS in 1985.

The process of Regionalization called for by the Pauline Rule began in 1988. New General Constitutions, compatible with the Pauline Rule, were approved in 1990. In 1991 the first U. S. Regional Fraternity was formed in Hawaii, 'Ohana 'O Ke Anuenue. The thirty-first, and final, Regional Fraternity, The Tau Cross Region in New York, was approved in 1997.

A revised version of the General Constitutions was approved in 2000, and promulgated in 2001. Revised National Statutes were approved in 2003 by CIOFS [3]. At their Annual Meeting in October 2007, NAFRA voted to restructure the four Apostolic Commissions into one Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Committee.

[1] A Short History of the Third Order, Marion A. Habig, O.F.M. and Mark Hegerer, O.F.M

[2] <http://www.nafrahistory.org/introduction.htm>

[3] History compiled by Marie Amore, OFS and William Wicks, OFS, Quinquennial Congress XVII Program Book, Pittsburgh, PA 2007.

LADY POVERTY REGION

The Lady Poverty Region was established as Region #68 of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA on **October 23rd, 1994**. One of the National Fraternity's thirty active regions, Lady Poverty Region serves the geographic area north as far as Waterford, PA, south as far as Charleston, WV, west as far as Steubenville, OH, and east as far as Altoona, PA. Lady Poverty Region has twenty-five active fraternities in the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, and Maryland. Lady Poverty region has fraternities in seven dioceses and is bonded to six Franciscan Provinces.

Each local fraternity is assigned a member of the Regional Executive Council as their liaison to address problems, answer questions, and assist in scheduling elections and visitations. The Councilor/ Fraternity assignments are listed in this directory

The region distributes its quarterly newsletter, *La Pobrecita*, to each local fraternity that is to be made available by the minister to every fraternity member. The Region has its own website at <http://www.ladypovertyregion.org/>

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Mary Queen of Franciscans, #114, Herman, PA
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Portiuncula Fraternity of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, Steubenville, OH
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St. Anthony, #130, Uniontown, PA
St. Anthony of Padua, #106, Johnstown, PA
St. Augustine, #109, Pittsburgh, PA
St. Bonaventure, #123, Loretto, PA
St. Clare of Assisi, #124, Punxsutawney, PA
St. Elizabeth, #125, Loretto, PA
St. Francis of Assisi, #111, St. Albans, WV
St. Francis, #126, Pittsburgh, PA
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Fraternity Clusters

The Lady Poverty Region is divided into four fraternity clusters by geographic location: central, eastern, southwest, and northwest. The clusters are named for qualities St. Francis exemplified: Eastern: **Cluster of Perfect Joy**; Southwest: **Cluster of Compassion**; Central: **Cluster of Love**; Northwest: **Cluster of Goodness**. The Clusters were formed to assist the Regional Fraternity in promoting and advancing the Franciscan charism among the members of the fraternities in each Cluster. It is easier to initiate or promote activity or activities for advancing Franciscan charism with a smaller group than the entire Regional Fraternity. Cluster gatherings are not limited to transitus celebrations, retreats or Days of Reflection, but may also be workshops, or simple social occasions.

The Cluster group is meant to be its own level of fraternity between the local fraternity and the regional fraternity.

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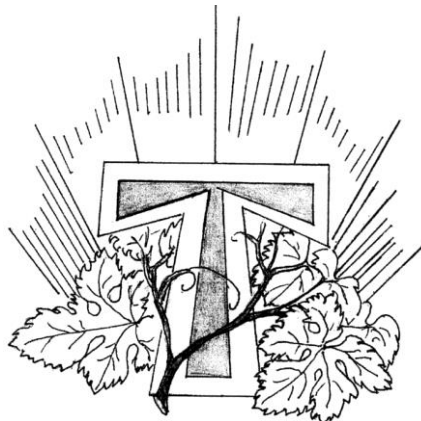
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I am the vine, you are the branches

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St. Lawrence of Brindisi, New Castle, PA	St. Augustine Province, OFM Cap
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- ◆ St. Francis of Assisi, Pittsburgh,
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FRATERNITIES BY STATE:

PENNSYLVANIA	18
WEST VIRGINIA	2
OHIO	2
MARYLAND	1
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TOTAL	23

CLASSIFICATION OF FRATERNITIES:

ACTIVE	23
REACTIVATING	0
NEWLY FORMING GROUP	0
EMERGING FRATERNITY	0

DEACTIVATED FRATERNITIES:

- PRINCE OF PEACE (NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PA)
- PORTIUNCULA (BEAVER FALLS, PA)
- ST. CLARE (JOHNSTOWN, PA)
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- ST. PAUL (BUTLER, PA)
- SAN FRANCESCO D'ASSISI (PITTSBURGH, PA)
- SAN DAMIANO (STONEWOOD, WV)
- ST. LAWRENCE (PORTAGE, PA)
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