



"Into New Life: Celebrating the Easter of St. Francis"

**Brothers and Sisters of St Francis
Annual Regional Gathering
September 11-13, 2026**



Brothers and Sisters of Saint Francis Region
Secular Franciscan Order
Alabama · Georgia · North Carolina · South Carolina · Tennessee

WELCOME TO OUR 2026 ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING

Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC

Commemorating the Easter of St Francis

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Opening Prayer

Almighty, most high and supreme God, Father,
holy and just, Lord, King of heaven and earth:
we give you thanks for yourself.
Of your own will you created all things spiritual and physical,
and made us in your own image and likeness,
and gave us a place in paradise,
through your only Son, in the Holy Spirit.
We trust in you and we ask for your light
so that we may choose those
who will properly serve our fraternity through their leadership.
Help us to select those who are able
to animate and guide us by their example,
their virtues and prudent decisions
so that the gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis
may come alive in our community.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.



"Let us begin, for up to now, we have done nothing."
- St. Francis of Assisi

"May the Lord be with us always, and wherever we are, may we be with Him always."
- St. Clare of Assisi

**Celebrating the Easter of St Francis:
Sisters and Brothers serving in Fraternity**

**September 11-13, 2026
ARG Schedule**

FRIDAY September 11

- 2:00pm REC Meeting
Rhododendron Room 2B (Frist floor).
- 4:00pm Registration
Pritchell/Main Registration Area
St Michael the Archangel Fraternity
- Book store set up
Rhododendron Room 2A
Franciscan Family of Greensboro
- Audio Visual Sound check in
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- 5:00-5:30 Welcome – Ellen Ferrone, OFS
 Liturgy of the Hours – Evening Prayer
 St Francis of the Hills, Hendersonville
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- 5:30-6:30 Dinner buffet (tickets required)
Main Dining Room
 (Table Talks: Formation, JPIC, Multicultural, Spiritual Assistants)
- 6:45 Introductions – Ellen Ferrone, OFS
- 7:00-7:45 **Keynote Speaker: Darleen Pryds, PhD**
 *"The Franciscan Path to Resurrection: Living with Loss and
 Cultivating Authentic Spirituality"*
- 7:45-8:30 9/11 Memorial
- 8:30 **Social & Apostolate**
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room) and lobby
- 8:35 Choir Practice for cantors and musicians

SATURDAY September 12

- 7:15-8:15 Breakfast buffet (tickets required) (*Main Dining Room*)
- 8:30 **Franciscan Crown Rosary - Morning Prayer**
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament Fraternity
- 9:00-10:30 Celebration of the Eucharist
Commissioning of New Spiritual Assistant
Procession to Eucharistic Chapel
- 10:30 Break**
- 10:45 **Keynote Speaker - Darleen Pryds, PhD**
Introduction to Breakout Session – David Cruze-Uribe
- 12-1:00 **Lunch** buffet (tickets required)
(Table Talks: Formation, JPIC, Multicultural, Spiritual Assistants)
- 1:15-2:15 **Regional Fraternity Council Meeting**
Rhododendron Room 3 A-B (Second Floor)
- 1:15-2:15 **Signing is Praying Twice – Sing Along**
Apostolate: Gleaning Bags for the Society of St Andrew
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- 2:15 Break**
- 2:30-3:45 **Keynote Speaker - Darleen Pryds** with Breakout sessions
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)
- 4:00-5.00 **Small Group Meetings**
Formation - Lynn Oeser, OFS (*main conference room*)
JPIC – Allison Salerno, OFS (*main conference room*)
Multicultural – Vera Stewart, OFS & David Cruz-Uribe (Rhodo 4 2nd Floor)
Spiritual Assistants - Fr. Bob Menard, OFM RSA (2B Main Floor)
- 5:00-5:30 Gathering of Hispanic Speakers – David Cruz-Uribe, OFS
- 5:30-6:30 **Dinner** (tickets required) (*Main Dining Room*)
- 7:00-7:30 **Office For the Dead - in Memory of Our Deceased Brothers and Sisters of BSSF**
St. Elizabeth of Hungary Fraternity, Augusta

7:30 Recognizing Our Sister and Brothers
New Councils,
New Attendees
Anniversaries
Newly Professed

Renewal of Commitment for All Professed (prayer is on page 19)

8:00 Announcements
Closing Prayer/Mediation - John Edgar, OFS
Social & Snacks
Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Floor 2B)

Charismatic Prayer
Rhododendron Room 3A-B (Second floor)

9:00 Quiet hours. Please be mindful of noise levels in guest room areas after 9:00 pm.

*******REMINDER CHECK OUT IS 10AM SUNDAY MORNING*******

SUNDAY September 13

7:00-8:00 Breakfast buffet (tickets required)

8:15 Stations of the Cross
BSSF Spiritual Assistants
Rhododendron Room 1A-C (main conference room)

9:15 Celebration of the Eucharist

11:00 Adjournment - Closing Prayer Closing – Closing Comments

10:45 Clean up

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BSSF All-Fraternity Apostolate of Blessing our Gathering Space
Please assist us in putting the rooms in the order we found them

Sign-up sheets for Adoration, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,
and Next Year's ARG Planning Committee
on table in the back of the room

FRANCISCAN BOOKS AND ARTICLES WILL BE FOR SALE

(St. Francis Springs Prayer Center Sponsor)
Rhododendron Building – 1st Floor, room 2 A

The Chapel will be open for Eucharistic Adoration
10:30 am Sat until 9:00 am Sun

Please sign up to spend quiet time with our Lord.
(Chapel: Mountain Laurel Building, lower level - conference room #5)

Our ARG Apostolates

Prepare Gleaning Bags for the Society of St. Andrew
Leave Our Gathering Space Blessed

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***** Please complete the Evaluation*****

2026 ANNUAL REGIONAL GATHERING ATTENDEES

Honored Guests

Fr Bill Robinson, OFM, Conv
Sr Bernadette Cappola, OSC
Sr Susanna Boylston, OSC
Darleen Pryds, PhD

ALABAMA

St. Joseph Cupertino – Bessemer
Gabrielle Cruz-Urbe, OFS, Formation
Director & BSSF Area 1 Councilor
David Cruz-Urbe, OFS, Minister & BSSF
Kelly Horwitz, OFS

GEORGIA

Immaculate Conception – Jonesboro
Lynda Von Kanel, OFS, Minister
Ashe Griffin, OFS
Bret Thoman, OFS
Katia Thoman, OFS
Laura Cleary, OFS

Stigmata of St. Francis – Johns Creek
Drew Bogda, OFS
Grace Farren, OFS
Jack Farren, OFS
Jan Murina, OFS Vice Minister
Jo Ann Rademacher, OFS
Sari Reid, OFS
John Reid, OFS Candidate
Christine Reynolds, OFS Formation
Director
Lisa Springfield, OFS

St. Elizabeth of Hungary – Augusta
Becky Bresnahan, OFS, JPIC Animator &
BSSF Area 3 Councilor
Webb Bufford, OFS
Sue Bufford, Guest
Theresa Christie, OFS, Formation Director
& BSSF Secretary & Communio Editor
Judy Bowyer, OFS
Heather Donnelly, OFS
Susan McArthur, OFS, Minister
Carrie Murga, Candidate
David Roman, OFS

Martha Roman, OFS
Allison Salerno, OFS, BSSF JPIC Animator
Carolyn Townes, OFS
Gregory Traver, Guest
Maria Smith Valiquette, OFS
Richard Valiquette, Aspirant
Ken Wessling, OFS
Nora Wessling, OFS Vice Minister

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg – Blairsville

Jennifer Moore, OFS, Minister
Matthew Moore, OFS, Councilor

St. John Vianney Emerging Fraternity – Lithia Springs

Sharon Loiselle, OFS, Leader

NORTH CAROLINA

Padre Pio – Raleigh

Rachel Bongiorno, OFS Vice Minister
Travis Bongiorno, OFS, BSSF Area 5
Councilor
Mary Cockrill, OFS Secretary
Mike Cockrill, Guest
Lee Cunningham, OFS, BSSF Area 5
Councilor
Ellen Ferrone, OFS, BSSF Regional
Minister
Michael Hancock, OFS
Denise Mickalites, OFS
Joan Monti, OFS
Chris Peffley, OFS
Donna Peffley, Guest
Barbara Redzich, OFS
Anna Rzewnicki, OFS
Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS
David Shick, OFS
Henry Simms, OFS
Char Witosky, OFS

St. Maximilian Kolbe – Charlotte

Frances Acosta, OFS Vice Minister &
BSSF Area 4 Councilor
Janet Ceraldi, OFS *
Mark Ceraldi, OFS*
JC (Jungyeon) Liu, OFS, Minister

Fraternity of St. Clare – Winston-Salem

Bob Dorsch, OFS, Minister

Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament – Burlington

Irene Crowder, OFS, Minister

Marian Decowski, OFS

Flo Echevarria, OFS

Sue Watson, OFS

Brian Ward, OFS

St. Francis of the Hills – Hendersonville

Frank Colin, OFS*

Brenda Harris, OFS, Minister

Sean Law, Guest*

Gene Ray McGruder, OFS, Treasurer

Greg Pozzi, Inquirer

Mark Taylor, OFS*

Sara Simboli, OFS, Aspirant *

Young Sun Thompson, OFS*

Fraternity of Brother Francis – Newton

Esther Kelly, OFS, Minister

Karen Mitchell, OFS•

Caroline Nocik, Aspirant

Mike Oeser, OFS, Secretary

Lynn Oeser, OFS, Formation Director &

BSSF Formation Director

Xiomara Palma, OFS, Councilor

Peggy Quelch, Inquirer

Donna Schronce, OFS

Ginnie Stewart, OFS•

St. Thomas More – Wilmington

Judy Hefferman, OFS

Anita Levan, Aspirant

Robert Pape, OFS Minister

Clara Tien Loung OFS

Francis Tien Loung, Guest

Franciscan Family of Greensboro – Greensboro

Kathy Gallucci, OFS, Minister

Jeanne Kiely, OFS Formation Director

Gracie Vincent, Guest

Blessed Fr. Solanus Casey – Morehead City

Rhonda Bowen-Crosley, OFS

David Burns, Guest*

Kevin Munford, OFS

Joan Rogers, OFS, Minister

Bob Sabisch, OFS, Treasurer

Barbara Smith, OFS

St. Clare – Asheville Commuters

Louisa Emmons, OFS Minister*

Barbara Freeman, OFS Formation

Director*

Tony Lazaro, OFS, Councilor*

St. Elizabeth of Hungary - Elizabeth City

Wendy McGrath, OFS

Cee Cee Petruncio, OFS, Treasurer

Marann Waker Jordan, OFS

SOUTH CAROLINA**Our Lady of Good Counsel – Greenville Commuters**

Valerie Baronkin, OFS* Minister

Charlie Comberrel, OFS, BSSF Treasurer

Alice Ramos, OFS* Vice Minister

Crucified Christ – North Charleston

Renee Kerr, OFS

St. Michael the Archangel – Spartanburg

Michaeleen Davis, OFS Minister

Carol Drum, OFS

Lynn Skinner-Johnson, OFS*

Jim Johnson, OFS*

Jane Morris, OFS

Sandra Rodriguez, OFS Councilor

St. Clare of Assisi – Aiken

Tony DaVino, OFS Minister

Carole King, OFS, Vice Minister

Karen Perry, OFS, Secretary

Scott Sorenson, OFS

Vera Weber, OFS, MCC

**Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary –
Bluffton**

Peggy Cleary, OFS
Barbara Gloven, OFS, Formation Director
Christine Lukesh, OFS Minister
Kathy McInerney, OFS, Vice Minister

**St Padre Pio, Emerging Fraternity -
Indian Land**

Joe Branniff, OFS
Arlene Branniff, OFS
Lynn Carter, OFS, Councilor
Susan Garera, OFS
Paulette Horsman, OFS
Helen Hudson, OFS
Rose Keene, OFS, Formation Director
Patte Kennedy, OFS Councilor
Angie Letourneau, OFS
Mieke Maslanek, OFS
Linda McCadden, OFS
Pete McCadden, OFS Leader
John Myers, OFS Vice Minister
Lenore Myers, OFS, Secretary
Pam Opalka, OFS
Lonny Persica, OFS, Treasurer
Vickie Persica, OFS
Diane Petrino, OFS
Jeanne Pyke, OFS,
Karen Risech, OFS
Tom Veltri, OFS
Mary Frances Veltri, OFS, Councilor
Fran Zabel, OFS
Gordy Zabel, OFS

***Day Attendees**

TENNESSEE

Channel of Peace – Chattanooga

Bill Edwards, OFS
Barbara Garrison, OFS, Formation Director
Andy Haq, OFS
Daryl Moffit, OFS, Minister
Rosemary Moffit
Brian Tierney, OFS,
Andrea Tierney, OFS

Sts. Francis and Clare – Knoxville

Bonnie Ameche, OFS, Councilor
Cynthia Camp, OFS*
Eva Crowe, OFS*
Christine Courtney, OFS
Maryanne Farinella, OFS*
Cassie La Fasto, OFS
John Michael Fox, OFS*
Allan Paradis, Guest*
Terry Paradis, OFS Minister*
Joyce Scheil, OFS*
Jean Schnieder, OFS Formation Director*
Teresa Tidwell, OFS
Jeff Tidwell, Guest
Kristen Von Clef, OFS Treasurer
Darcy Welsh, OFS*

**Guests from Fraternities Outside the
Region**

**Our Lady of the Angels, Charles
Lwanga Region, Uganda (1)**
Stephen Smith, OFS

**Companions Francis and Clare, Sr
Margaret of Cortona Region (2)**

Joanne Hawley, OFS*
Kris Krulik, OFS*

Newly Elected Councils

BI John Duns Scotus – Murrells Inlet, SC

Minister - Mary Sacavage, OFS
Vice Minister - Ted Penny, OFS
Formation Director - Joanie Penny, OFS
Secretary - Barbara Umpleby, OFS
Treasurer - Kathleen Barnes, OFS
Councilor - Eric Schwartzkopf, OFS
Councilor - Marly Redden, OFS
Spiritual Assistant – Sr. Kathy Adamski, OSF

Channel of Peace – Chattanooga, TN

Minister – Daryl Moffitt, OFS
Vice Minister – Gail Campbell, OFS
Secretary – Dianna Starr, OFS
Secretary – Jill Johnson, OFS
Formation Director – Barbara Garrison, OFS
Councilor – Chris Liakos, OFS
Spiritual Assistant – Msgr Al Humbrecht
JPIC Animator – Chris Liakos, OFS
Ecumenical Animator – Bill Edwards, OFS

Crucified Christ – No. Charleston, SC

Minister: Cindy Bryan OFS
Vice minister: Ken Martinelli OFS
Secretary: Larry Papineau OFS
Treasurer: Charles Allen OFS
Formation: Renee Kerr
Spiritual Assistant – Sr. Kathy Adamski, OSF

Fraternity of Brother Francis – Newton, NC

Minister - Esther Kelly, OFS
Vice Minister - Jane Wilson OFS
Secretary - Mike Oeser, OFS
Treasurer - Karen Mitchel, OFS
Formation Director - Lynn Oeser, OFS
Councilor - Rita Borst, OFS
Councilor - Xiomara Palma, OFS
Councilor - Doug Miller, OFS
Spiritual Assistant – Fr Jim Collins

Sacred Hearts of Jesue and Mary – Bluffton, SC

Minister – Christine Lukesh, OFS
Vice Minister - Kathy McInerney, OFS
Secretary – Debbie Clisham, OFS
Treasurer – Angela Cavalluzzi, OFS
Formation Director – Barbara Glover, OFS
Councilor 1 – Mary Houser, OFS
Councilor 2 – Maureen Cronin, OFS
Spiritual Assistant – Ken Wessling, OFS

Franciscan Family of Greensboro, NC

Minister – Kathy Gallucci, OFS
Vice Minister – Susan Russell, OFS
Secretary – Holly Bessy, OFS
Treasurer – Joyce Best, OFS
Formation Director – Georgette Schraeder, OFS
Councilor 1 – Judith Walsh, OFS
Spiritual Assistant – Fr Bob Menard, OFM

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg – Blairsville, GA

Minister: Jenny Moore, OFS
Vice Minister: Patrica Romejko, OFS
Secretary: Rose Clawson, OFS
Treasurer: Kathi Traywick, OFS
Formation Director: Linda McKnight, OFS
Councilor: Matthew Moore, OFS
Spiritual Assistant – Jean Schneider, OFS

St Clare – Asheville, NC

Minister - Louisa Emmons, OFS
Vice Minister - Tony Lazaro, OFS
Treasurer - Jill Varney, OFS
Secretary - Gail Carroll, OFS
Formation Director - Barbara Freeman, OFS
Councilor - Gwen Hobson, OFS

Seven Dolors BVM – Franklin, TN

Minister - Sofia Grey, OFS

Vice Minister - Joshua Strobe, OFS

Secretary - Joanne Conley, OFS

Treasurer - Kathleen Kirkpatrick, OFS

Formation Director - Stephen Brace, OFS

Councilor 1 - Deacon Simeon Panagatos, OFS

Councilor 2 - Patty Lovell, OFS

Councilor 3 - Audrey Amort, OFS

St. Elizabeth of Hungary - Elizabeth City, NC

Minister – Dory Davis, OFS

Vice Minister – Eileen Channey, OFS

Secretary – Lee Norfleet, OFS

Treasurer – Cee Cee Petruncio, OFS

Formation Director – Pam Barber, OFS

Councilor 1 - Janet Norfleet, OFS

Councilor 2 – Doreen Warren, OFS

JPIC Animator – Clarissa Fisher, OFS

Newly Appointed**St Padre Pio, Emerging – Indian Land, SC**

Pete McCladden, OFS Leader

John Meyers, OFS Vice Minister

Lenore Myers, OFS Secretary

Lonny Persica Jr, OFS Treasurer

Rose Keene, OFS Formation Director

Mary Frances Veltri, OFS Councilor

Fr Jeffery Kirby, Spiritual Assistant

WELCOME OUR NEWLY PROFESSED...

BI John Duns Scotus – Murrells Inlet, SC

Eric Schwartzkopf, OFS

Annamaria Guzzi, OFS

Fraternity of St Clare – Winston Salem, NC

Mary Jo Flynn, OFS

Fraternity of the Stigmata – Johns Creek, GA

Drew Bogda, OFS*

Lisa Springfield, OFS*

Cary Whipple, OFS

Padre Pio – Raleigh, NC

Courtney Cantrell, OFS

Rosemary Czejkowski, OFS

Eyram Klu, OFS

Stacy Lewis, OFS

Debra Marusak, OFS

Dorothy Ann Pribish, OFS

John Price, OFS

Barbara Redzich, OFS*

Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary – Bluffton, SC

Kathy McInerney, OFS*

St Padre Pio, Emerging – Indian Land, SC

Lynn Carter, OFS*

Rose Keene, OFS*

Patte Kennedy, OFS*

Linda McCadden, OFS*

Peter McCadden, OFS*

Gordy Zabel, OFS*

Sts. Francis and Clare – Knoxville, TN

Christine Courtney, OFS *

Eva Crowe, OFS*

Cassie La Fasto, OFS*

Teresa Tidwell, OFS*

*** Attending**

Spiritual Assistants of the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region

and the fraternities they serve:

Sr Kathy Adamski, OSF	Crucified Christ, No. Charleston
Sr Kathy Adamski, OSF	Bl. John Duns Scotus, Murrells Inlet
Sr Bernedette Capploa, OSC	St Francis of the Hills
Charlie Comberrel, OFS	St Michael the Archangel
Fr Jim Collins	Fraternity of Brother Francis
Sr. Kathleen Ganiel, OSF	Fraternity of Saint Clare & Bl John Duns Scotus
Fr. Stephen Hoyt	Saint Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity
Msgr. Al Humbrecht	Channel Of Peace
Friar Hugh Macsherry, OFM	Padre Pio
Friar Robert Menard, OFM,	Franciscan Family of Greensboro
Joanita Nellenbach, OFS	
Friar Paul Pantiru, OFM Conv.	Immaculate Conception
Friar Robert Perez, OFM Cap	St John Vianney
Friar Bill Robinson, OFM Conv.	Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS	Bl Fr. Solanus Casey
Dave Shick, OFS	St Thomas More
Jean Schneider, OFS	Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg
Georgette Schraeder, OFS	
Fr. Mark Schuster	Sts. Francis and Clare
Brian Tierney, OFS	
Ken Wessling, OFS	Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary
Pat Wilkerson, OFS (retired)	
Joyce Wawrzynski, OFS (retired)	

Those in Spiritual Assistant Formation:

Brian Ward, OFS

Let us pray for our dearly departed brothers and sisters...

Channel of Peace – Knoxville, TN

Ann Hammers, OFS June 11, 2026

Franciscan Family of Greensboro – Greensboro NC

Margie Massey, OFS November 11, 2025

Franciscan Martyrs of Siroki Brijeg – Blairsville, GA

Nancy Haizlip, OFS October 17, 2025

Fraternity of the Stigmata – Johns Creek, GA

David Panter, OFS Dec 19, 2025

Dennis Kissel, OFS April 9, 2026

Barbara Small, OFS February 15, 2026

Constance (Connie) Moran, OFS January 9, 2026

Padre Pio – Raleigh, NC

Gail Halada, OFS August 21, 2025

St Clare – Asheville, NC

Cathy Champon, OFS May 29, 2026

St Clare of Assis – Aiken, SC

Bernie Bessette, OFS October 27, 2025

St Elizabeth of Hungry – Augusta, GA

Dianne Ambrose, OFS Jan 28, 2026

Audrey Benet, OFS July 14, 2026

St. Francis of the Hills – Hendersonville, NC

Peake Dana, OFS January 22, 2026

St Thomas More – Wilmington, NC

Linda Keir, OFS May 1, 2026

Mary Tociłowski, OFS February 16, 2026

St Maximillian Kolbe – Charlotte, NC

Mary-Claire Dempsy, OFS May 23, 2026



BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS SCHEDULE OF VISITATIONS AND ELECTIONS 2026 - 2027

BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS SCHEDULE OF VISITATIONS AND ELECTIONS 8.28.2026			
* confirmed			
Date	Minister	Fraternity	Acitivity
10/9-10/2026	Cindy Bryan	Crucified Christ N. Charleston, SC	Visitation
11/13-14/2026	Jenny Moore	Martyrs of Siroki-Brijeg, Blairsville, GA	Visitation
11/15/2026*	Robert Pape	St Thomas More, Wilmington, NC	Election
11/20-21/2026*	Tony Davino	St Clare, Aiken, SC	Visitation
11/21/2026*	Michaeleen Daviss	St Michael Archangel, Spartanburg, SC	Election
		2027	
1/17/2027*	Margie Williams	Stigmata of St Francis, Jones Creek, GA	Election
3/14/2027*	Sharon Winzeler	Padre Pio, Raleigh, NC	Election

Upcoming Key Activities and Dates

National Chapter – October 13-17, 2026
Wichita, KS

BSSF 2027 Annual Regional Gathering
August 6-8, 2027
Ridgecrest Conference Center, Black Mountain, NC

“Your Servant Leaders” BSSF Regional Executive Council

Minister: Ellen Ferrone, OFS

Vice Minister: David Cruz-Urbe, OFS

Secretary: Theresa Christie, OFS

Treasurer: Charlie Comberrel, OFS

Formation Director: Lynn Oeser, OFS

Regional Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Bob Menard, OFM

Area 1 Councilors: Gabrielle Cruz-Urbe, OFS,

TN: Chattanooga, Knoxville, Franklin

GA: Johns Creek

Area 2 Councilors: Margi Williams, OFS

AL: Bessemer

GA: Blairsville, Jonesboro, Lithia Springs

Area 3 Councilors: Becky Bresnahan, OFS, Susan McArthur, OFS

GA: Augusta

SC: Aiken, Charleston, Bluffton, Garden City

Area 4 Councilors: Frances Acosta, OFS, Michaelleen David, OFS

NC: Asheville, Charlotte, Hendersonville, Newton

SC: Greenville, Spartanburg, Lancaster

Area 5 Councilors: Lee Cunningham, OFS,

NC: Burlington, Elizabeth City, Greensboro, Morehead City, Raleigh, Wilmington, Winston Salem

Appointed Positions

Communio Editor: Theresa Christie, OFS

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Animator: Allison Salerno, OFS

Multicultural Commission Chair: Vera Weber, OFS

Webmaster: Michaelleen Davis

Prayer Coordinators (online prayer requests)

Area 1: Lindy Cox Grace, OFS

Area 2: Christine Lukesh, OFS

Area 3: Anthony Cumia, OFS

Area 4: Carol Drum, OFS

Area 5: Robert Sabisch, OFS

RENEWAL OF “OFS” PROFESSION COMMITMENT

Let us bless our Lord and God, living and true;
to Him, we must attribute all praise, glory, honor,
blessing, and every good forever.

All Professed Secular Franciscans together:

We thank you, Lord, for calling us to the Secular Franciscan Order.

We ask Your pardon for all our shortcomings,
weaknesses, and transgressions against our commitment
to the Gospel life and against the Rule.

We renew once again our commitment to the Gospel life,
according to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order,
until the end of our days.

Grant also that we may live in harmony with
our brothers and sisters, and that we may give witness
to younger people of the great gift we have received from you:

our Franciscan calling to “go forth as witnesses and instruments
of the Church’s mission among all people,
proclaiming Christ by our life and words.”

Most High and Glorious God, grant that we may live justice and peace.

All praise be yours, O Lord,
through all that you have made.

Amen