



Franciscan Federation Musings

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Welcome to the monthly Newsletter of the Franciscan Federation

Please send news items to the National Office, franfed@aol.com by the 15th of the month.

NEW ON THE WEBSITE: WWW.FRANFED.ORG

- Order form for the Franciscan Prayer book (go to Prayer Book tab on the Home page)
- Prayer Book resource by the Spirit and Life Committee (go to Prayer Book section, Prayer Book Resource tab)
- IFC-TOR Final Summary Report (go to IFC-TOR tab on the Home page)
- Updated flier for Chiara Center Programs (go to Region 3 website for Chiara Center)
- Job Listing – Franciscan Action Network (go to Job Listing section, Franciscan Action)

FRANCISCAN MORNING AND EVENING PRAISE

A wise saying suggests that no one arrives at the promise land without some sojourn in the desert. The years of anticipation have been our desert period and now the promise land is here—we are or will soon be raising our voices in praise of our creator with our Franciscan Morning and Evening Praise in hand. I have no doubt that our prayers during this joyous time will emphasize what our hearts know that our joy is shared by all who use this Franciscan book of prayer. As we turn the pages, may the love in our hearts unite us to Christ and to each other in a bond of peace.

ALLELUIA! GLORY TO GOD!

FRANCISCAN PRAYER BOOK RESOURCE

The Spirit and Life Committee prepared a resource for the Franciscan Prayer Book which includes reflections and questions for sharing. This resource with a printable copy can be found on the Federation website, www.franfed.org. Go to the Prayer Book tab, then click on Prayer Book Resource.

COMMISSION OF REGION ELECTION PROCESS AND NOMINEES

The process of COR election and nominee profiles have been emailed to those who registered to attend the Commission of Region during the Annual Conference. These files will soon be posted to the Annual Conference section of the website, www.franfed.org, go to the COR Nominee tab. We thank the following nominees for their willingness to serve the Commission of Regions and the Federation, Michele Craig MFIC, Betty Kane OSF, Wilma Kramer OSF, Karen Marie Lanigan OSF, Pat Larkin OSF and Mary Maloney SFP.

NEWS FROM REGION 4

New Region Co-Chairs are Lorita Gaffney OSF and Judy Chiodo OSF. Mary Jo Kahl FSM and Angie Keil OSF will serve as Treasurer, with Kathy Holland OSF as secretary.

PROGRAM CANCELLED – ST PETER’S IN THE LOOP

The presentation scheduled for July 8 & 9 by Maurice Carmody OFM has been cancelled due to illness. Please alert your members.

JOB OPENING – Franciscan Action Network

The Creation Action Fellow (CAF) is a one year fellowship designed to increase the input of Franciscan eco-justice message in the Washington, DC Advocacy Community. The Creation Action Fellow will be an integral person in FAN’s contribution to the domestic and international climate change agenda. More details are posted in the Job Listing section of the Federation website, www.franfed.org. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to: Russ Testa, Executive Director, Franciscan Action Network, P.O. Box 29053, Washington, DC 20017, 202-527-7561, FAX 202-527-7576 testa@franciscanaction.org

NEW PUBLICATION – 15 Days of Prayer with Saint Francis of Assisi

New City Press has a new publication by Thaddée Matura OFM. This new book focuses on Francis' spiritual and gospel vision. A PDF sale flier is attached with this issue of *Musings*. Visit the New City Press website, www.newcitypress.com, for more information.

NATIONAL OFFICE CLOSED DURING AFC

The National Office will be closed from Wednesday, July 8th through Thursday, July 16th for the Annual Conference.