



AFC Conference on

AFC in July

Mark your calendar now and join your Franciscan Sisters and Brothers in Buffalo, New York for the 2010 Annual Conference. The theme is *Passionately Embracing Gospel Living*.

July 29-31, 2010

**Hyatt Regency Hotel
Buffalo, NY**

Keynote speakers are Brother Bill Short, OFM, and Sister Clare Andre Gagliardi, OSC.

Bro. William Short, OFM, is professor of Christian Spirituality at Berkeley and is a scholar on the Franciscan Theological Tradition.



Visit the Franciscan Federation website at www.franfed.org for more information and registration materials coming soon.

FIT Forum

If you are interested in learning more about the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition, or would like to ask questions, find resources, education, or attend seminars on this topic, go to Links/Franciscan Links at www.franciscantradition.org.

There are now links to the Commission on the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition (CFIT).

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- ◆ The Franciscan Federation exists to tend the charism of our form of life. Charism is a free God-given gift for the purpose of building up the Christian Community, the Body of Christ. (Ramona Miller OSF).
- ◆ The AFC in 2010 will be in Buffalo, New York, on July 29—31st. Theme is Passionately Embracing Gospel Living.
- ◆ The International Franciscan Conference invites all TOR Congregations to become members.
- ◆ Check out monthly Franciscan Federation Musings at www.franfed.org

Region IV News Bytes

Immigration Ads

During the month of February, there will be immigration issue adds in diocesan newspapers, sponsored by *Sisters Lighting the Way*. The Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother are one of fifteen religious congregations in Wisconsin sponsoring the ad.

-Mary Jo Palma, OSM

Franciscan College Celebrates 75 Years

Silver Lake College of the Holy Family, in Manitowoc Wisconsin, celebrates its 75th Anniversary with events planned throughout 2010. Celebrations began on January 28th, with an

all-school liturgy in the college chapel celebrated by Bishop Robert Morneau, Auxiliary Bishop of the Green Bay Diocese. The College began in 1935 as Holy Family College by Mother M. Generose, of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, for the education of congregational members. It became co-educational in 1969.

This 75th Anniversary also marks the initiation of a new revised liberal arts curriculum, providing all students with three required courses that include components of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition. These

courses also include the study and practice of Franciscan values, servant-leadership, justice and service.

Welcome to the Steering Committee!

We warmly welcome Lucy Ann Myer, FSPA, of LaCrosse, who will represent the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration on the Region IV Steering Committee

Steering Committee Meeting Planned for May 22, 2010

Meeting is at St. Mary's parish in Tomah, WI, from 10-2 p.m. New Agenda items are wel-



INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

<i>AFC in Buffalo</i>	1
<i>Region IV News</i>	1
<i>Retreat Offerings</i>	2
<i>Of Things Franciscan</i>	2
<i>Region IV Serving You</i>	2

Editor:: Sister Lorita Gaffney
Franciscan Sisters of Christian
Charity
2406 S. Alverno Rd.
Manitowoc, WI 54220
Phone: 920-686-6128
Fax: 920-684-7082
Email: lorita@silver.sl.edu



**CHECK OUT
FEDERATION
ACTIVITIES AT
WWW.FRANFED.
ORG**

*Re-
treat*

Shalom Retreat Center, Dubuque, IA., 563-583-3592; email: info@shalomretreats.org

- * *Meeting the Jesus of Luke*, June 6—12, 2010; Director; Dr. Wendy Cotter, CSJ
- * *The Spirituality of Thomas Merton*, June 13-19, 2010, by Patrick Collins, SJ
- * *Dancing with God*, June 28-July 3, 2010; by Charles Wehrley, CSsR
- * *The Mirror of My Unseen Face*, July 4-11, '10; Director; Nancy Schreck, OSF

Cardinal Stritch Univ. Milwaukee

Contact: 414-410-4428

- * *Spring Retreat: The Franciscan Tradition & Franciscan Tradition in Art & Literature*, May 22, 2010 from 7:45 a.m.—4 p.m. \$109.

St. Francis Institute, Milwaukee, WI; contact 414-374-8841 or email sfim@thecapuchins.org to register.

- * *Servant Leadership: The Art of Empowering*; March 30, 2010, 9-noon; by Keith Clark,

Programs

OFM Cap. At Sr. Camille Kliebhan Conference Center, Cardinal Stritch Univ.

Wheaton Franciscans & Tau Center, Wheaton, IL, ktomberg@wheatonfranciscan.org; 630-909-6805. \$20 per program

- * *Living Eucharistically: What Happens after We Say Amen?* Feb. 24, 9-11:30 or 6:30-9 p.m. by Sr. Mary Ellen McAleese
- * *Glory Be! Discovering Christianity's Sturdy Mystical Roots*, 7-9 p.m.; March 15; Abraham & Sarah; March 22; Julian of Norwich to Today. By Sr. Gabrielle Uhlein.
- * *Living the Peace Prayer of Francis*; March 16, 7-9 p.m. by Sr. Georgene L. Wilson
- * *Shining Through the Living Light: Hildegard of Bingen*; April 15, 2010, 7-9 p.m.
- * Book Discussion Group: *The Humility of*

Of Things Franciscan

International Franciscan Conference (IFC-TOR)

In May, 2009, 135 Franciscan general ministers met in Assisi and declared, "We are disturbed by the range of social, economic, technological, political and legal challenges as well as those within our religious congregations. We desire to respond to these challenges in faith, walking with Francis, and Clare in the footprints of Jesus."

When the newly-elected IFC-TOR Council met in October, it became clear that many responses to concrete needs must happen at the local level. As an international organization, they hope to provide resources and specific programs for members, especially in areas with little access to TOR formation.

A Spirit and life Director will be hired to collect Franciscan resources, and enhance the website in service to Third Order Franciscans. Work will be done to promote JPIC issues with Franciscans International and

other partners..

All TOR congregations are encouraged to become members of the IFC-TOR. It is our international organization, our global TOR voice, in service to our charism and the Gospel. If your congregation is not a member and would like to become one, contact the IFC-TOR for more information: www.ifc-tor.org.

- Franciscan Federation Musings, Dec. 2009

Global Concerns NewsNotes

The Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns publishes *NewsNotes* which focuses on issues of justice, peace, and integrity of creation. It is available free on website and by email subscription. It presents information, analysis and resources about situations in countries where Maryknollers work, and about global trends, US policies, and multicultural policies that impact these countries. Reports are concise, and, when possible, provide action suggestions. Visit website at www.maryknollogic.org and click on *NewsNotes*.

**Region IV Steering Committee
Serving You**

- Judy Chiodo, OSF— Sisters of St. Francis Rochester Assisi Heights; Regional Co-chair
- Mary Louise Dolezal, OSF- Franciscan Sisters of St. Paul
- Rose Margaret Firkus, SSJ-TOSF, Sisters. of St. Joseph-of the Third Order of St. Francis
- Lorita Gaffney, OSF - Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Regional Co-chair, Newsletter Editor
- Ginny Heldorfer, OSF- Dubuque Franciscans
- Kathleen Holland, OSF- Clinton Franciscans, Secretary.
- Mary Kabat, OSF- Bay Settlement Franciscans
- Mary Jo Kahl, fsm - Fran. Sisters of Mary; Treasurer
- Angie Keil, OSF - Sisters of St. Francis, Tiffin, Ohio, Treasurer
- Ann Kelley, OSF, Sisters of St. Francis, Milwaukee
- Kay Klackner, OSF, Fran. Sisters of Christian Charity
- Joanne Klinnert, OSF- Little Falls Franciscans
- Mary Beatrice Knipple, CSSF- Felician Sisters, Mke
- Lucy Ann Myer, FSPA—Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, La Crosse
- Mary Anthony Menting, SCSC. Sisters Of Mercy of Holy Cross, Merrill
- Nancy Miller, OSF - Dubuque Franciscan
- Mary Jo Palma, SSM—Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother, Oshkosh
- Melanie Pradis, OSF—Wheaton Franciscan
- Marilyn Shea, OSF- Clinton Franciscans
- John Marie Simien, SCSC- Sisters Of Mercy of Holy Cross, Merrill
- Phyllis Wirtz, SSSF—School Sisters .of St. Francis,