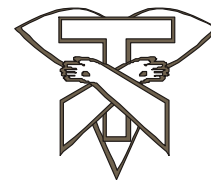


# Good News Report

Secular Franciscan Order  
Trillium Regional Fraternity



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## Minister's Letter Sept. 2008

### Regional Chapter of Elections June 2008

Praise God! The Regional Chapter of Elections took place in June. Special thanks to David Mitchell for his work with registrations (David is one of those support people behind the scenes that without them, things just would not happen), thanks to our music ministry team, Colleen, Gudrun and Silvana for the music throughout the weekend, deep gratitude to Fr. Peter for celebrating the Eucharist and being ever present with us with advice, knowledge and prayer; for Garnet Moses, ofs, the National Visitor, for his fraternal warmth and sharing of the Secular Franciscan charism; to Leonard Hughes, ofs, for his thought-provoking reflections and for the members of council and people who were willing to do whatever was needed to make the weekend a success. Thanks for the dance presentation Kendal!

We had representation at our Chapter of Elections from the following fraternities:

St. Mary of the Angels-Welland, St. Felix of Cantalice-Toronto, St. Joseph the Worker-Port Elgin, St. John Vianney-Toronto, St. Francis and St. Clare-Scarborough, St. Francis-Burlington, Sacred Heart-Guelph, St. Anthony of Padua-Brampton, St. Anthony of Padua-Sarnia, St. Bonaventure-Toronto, St. Angela Merici-Oshawa, Holy Rosary-Belleville, St. Charles Borromeo-Toronto, St. Peter's-London, Queen of Peace, Madoc, St. Peter's-Woodbridge.

Many past members of the regional council will be continuing for the next term, some serving in new positions. Minister, Debbie Tessier; Vice Ministers, Michel Guilmette and Colleen MacAlister; Secretary, Gail Barrett; Treasurer, Louise Arruda. Area Councillors Allana Myslawchuk, Barbara Lefort, and Irene McEvers are serving until nominations close. There is a need for nominations to these positions, and if those already serving are to serve for another term, we

will need nominations for them as well, so please send us your nominations. Cathy Kruger will stay on as Newsletter Editor with the help of Maurice Prindiville. We say farewell and a great big thank you to Kay Craig and Stephen Young Sik-Huh for their dedicated service and support of the Trillium Fraternity over the last term. A fraternal welcome to Silvana Loughheed as Youth Coordinator and Les Alberti as Formation Director.

### Regional Council Meeting

The new Regional council met Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at Sisters of the Good Shepherd Convent in Toronto. The council reflected on the goals from the Chapter: Aging members; vocation promotion; Community building; formation; Fraternity Apostolates; Youth. The topics of aging members, fraternity apostolates and youth took on more focus at this meeting. Les Alberti is planning a Formation Workshop in London later this fall. Silvana is working on possible activities for the Youth commission which may be sparked in Belleville. Discussion took place on reaching out to our aging members. We will share more with you soon on that topic.

### National Visitor

Garnet Moses submitted the report of his visit to our Regional Chapter and had many good things to say. The following is an excerpt from his report:

*Continue to uphold with high esteem your Franciscan Vocation. Be faithful to the Secular Rule and to the daily morning and evening prayers. The regional council should pay special attention to the local fraternities because that is where the life of the Secular Order lies, among the OFS sisters and brothers.*

*Continue to encourage regular attendance of monthly fraternity meetings. It is important to keep in contact with one another. No one should feel totally isolated. It is good to remember that all your local fraternities*

*belong to the regional fraternity and the regional fraternity belongs to the national fraternity and the national fraternity belongs to the international fraternity. In effect, we are all one large Franciscan family united throughout the world through our prayers, our rule, our teachings and our commitment to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare. Also, pay close attention to what is happening within the Church. Maintaining a good rapport and good communication with the bishops and pastors throughout the region is essential.*

*The decline of Spiritual Assistants in the region will most likely continue for some time. The region should continue to train Secular sisters and brothers to take on the responsibility of Spiritual Assistant. As much as possible, the region should utilize the services of Fr. Peter Knaapen for the training and monitoring of newly appointed Spiritual Assistants.*

*Formation should be the number one priority of the region which would be in line with the International Council's priorities. Formation Directors should be dedicated and where possible given the resources necessary to accomplish this work to obtain the maximum benefits.*

*I offer for your consideration, offering up the deceased members who have passed away from your region since your last chapter. This can be done at one of the masses during the weekend of the chapter. In remembrance of what they have given to the order and for the love we once shared with them, it is good to commend their souls to the mercy of God.*

*As I preside over your elections, I must say that I was pleased to see the number of nominations for positions on your regional council. This shows the zeal and enthusiasm among member to serve the order in spite of their other responsibilities. This can be a building process for further growth within the region.*

*I was also pleased to see the enthusiasm of those willing to serve as Youth Coordinator on the regional council. I would encourage the regional council to give support to the youths*

*that have shown an interest in the Franciscan Spirituality. A good example of this was seen by the presence of Kendal Freeman and her giftedness to verbally express herself to follow in the footsteps of St. Francis and also to express herself in dance with youthful graces.*

#### Conclusion:

*Congratulations to Debbie Tessier for her willingness to undertake a third term of office as minister of the region. I also congratulate the other council members who undertook a second term on council and to those who have joined the council for the first time; I commend your willingness and generosity. Most likely, the new council would have many successes and at the same time have many challenges to meet in the next three years. However, with the grace of God and the intercession of St. Francis and St. Clare, I am confident that your commitment and determination will bring you many successes.*

*I wish the new council every success in their endeavours. Remember you are not alone, your sisters and brothers in fraternity are united in prayer with you.*

*Finally, I say thank you to my sisters and brothers for their warm and hospitable welcome on my visit to Trillium Regional Fraternity. For this I am truly appreciative. Submitted in love and joy,*

**Garnet Moses s.f.o.**

*National Anglophone Vice-Minister  
National Fraternity of Canada.*

#### **Web-site**

The domain that serves the web-site is now owned by Swhistlesoft.com, a new name for the Prodyne Technologies company that first designed the web-site.

The new site address is:

[www.secularfranciscanstrilliumregion.com](http://www.secularfranciscanstrilliumregion.com)

a rather long name but it ensures that those looking for a Secular Franciscan site will find it.

There is more to the site that is working:

-the newsletter archive is almost complete and contains newsletters in Word as well as PDF formats. Some adjustments still to make on the

newsletters themselves, as transferring them caused some problems.

-the fraternity listing is mostly complete with some minor updating to do and spelling corrections

-most pictures of the new council are up

-news and events are being posted. Anyone with news or events to post, please contact me.

### Where do we go now?

The work in the last six years has paved the direction for the work of the Trillium Regional Fraternity council for the next three years. We are moving, always moving, watching for the Holy Spirit and striving to be ready when he acts. We look forward to this work, and also celebrating the Transitus, the Feast of St. Francis and the final celebration of St. Elizabeth of Hungary on November 16<sup>th</sup> (Eve) and November 17<sup>th</sup> in the coming months.

Prayers and blessings to all,

*Debbie Jessier, ofs*

### Good News Report

is the official newsletter of the Secular Franciscan Order, Trillium Region. We aim to publish it in the middle to the end of **September, December, March & June.**

Any items you wish to include are warmly welcomed and will be published, space permitting. Articles may be sent by the **8<sup>th</sup> of the month of publishing, to Newsletter Editor, Cathy Kruger, ofs at 782 Cope Road, Welland, ON L3B 5N7 905-732-7479 or [ckruger@iaw.com](mailto:ckruger@iaw.com)** E-Mail is preferred.

**Please Note:** If you no longer wish to receive the above, please let me know as above.

✳ **If you think you missed the summer newsletter you didn't! There wasn't one.**



### Spiritual Assistant's Letter.

**Fr. Peter Knaapen, OFM Conv.**

This year we commemorate the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Trillium Regional Fraternity. A lot of people worked very hard to bring the Region into existence. There were no longer three Tertiary Provinces but just one Region as part of the one Order of the Secular Franciscan Order. Since the

inception of the Region, God has blessed us with vocations and new fraternities. There are around 450 brothers and sisters who are part of our regional family.

This year we conclude our biennial celebration of the 8<sup>th</sup> Centenary of the Birth of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, patroness of the Order. The international council developed a Formation program on her life that can be downloaded from their website [www.ciofs.org](http://www.ciofs.org).

Next year, 2009, marks the 800<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Founding of the Franciscan Movement. Eight hundred years ago twelve men presented themselves before Pope Innocent III to ask for recognition and approval of their gospel way of life. In his Testament, St Francis recalls what happened and after the Lord gave me some brothers, no one showed me what I had to do, but the Most High Himself revealed to me that I should live according to the pattern of the Holy Gospel. And I had this written down simply and in a few words and the Lord Pope confirmed it to me.

Two years ago the General Ministers of the Franciscan Family encouraged all to make this a special time of renewal. As you read this newsletter I will be at, or come home from, attending a two week renewal programme for the North American Conventual Friars entitled 'Sacro Convento'. This programme was offered at different time and locations across the USA.

The International Council of the SFO in preparation for the upcoming International Chapter asked every delegate to the Chapter and National Council to reflect on the profession of the Secular Franciscan and the sense of belonging to the Order. They produced a very good reflective letter. It would be good for all of us to read it. It will help you to have a greater appreciation of the Order and your profession. I think it would help us to answer the call to renewal. The whole document can be found on the ciofs website mentioned above.

The article quotes several Popes on this regard. St Francis founded a **true Order**, that of the Tertiaries, he was the first to conceive and happily carry out, with the help of God, what no founder of regulars (religious Orders) had previously contrived, to have the religious life practiced by all. (Benedict XV, Encyclical 'Sacra Propediemo' June 6, 1921)

This ancient term 'Order' means nothing more than your intimate belonging to the large

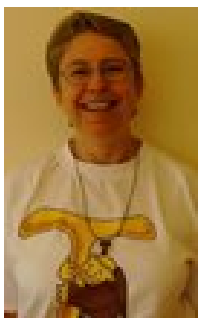


Franciscan family. The word "Order" means the participation in the discipline and actual austerity of that spirituality, while remaining in the **autonomy typical of your lay and secular condition**, which, moreover, often entails sacrifices which are not lesser than those experienced in the religious and priestly life. (John Paul II, June 14, 1988, General Chapter, SFO)

The document goes on to state that *Profession and Sense of Belonging* are two fundamental intertwined elements to fulfill the SFO mission, without which the Order does not and cannot exist. It poses this question to us "What authentic awareness do we have of the fact that Profession has constituted us in the *state of "Professed"* members by imparting to us the Franciscan *character* and introducing us vitally and indissolubly in the body of the Secular Franciscan Order?"

May St. Francis help us to observe the Gospel and make Christ the inspiration and center of our lives. Happy Feast day.

**Peter Knaapen, OFM Conv.**



## **YOUTH NEWS**

**by Silvana Loughheed, ofs Youth Coordinator Trillium Regional Franciscan Fraternity**

Hello Dear Franciscan Brothers and Sisters,

New beginnings are opportunities for Hope, for wondering and for dreaming! How Franciscan! How Youthful!!!

My name is Silvana and I have the privilege of serving our Trillium Regional Fraternity as Youth Coordinator for the next 3 years.

In my own Holy Rosary Fraternity I have served as Formation Director, Minister, Vic-Minister and presently as Secretary. 21 years ago I made my profession at Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Church in Belleville when eight months pregnant with my daughter Marlena. Unforgettable!

My Franciscan vocation has been wed to my calling to work with young people of all ages as a teacher, music minister and youth minister. Through the Youth Ministry Office at St. Michael the

Archangel Church in Belleville, my co-worker and I have facilitated involving youth in the following activities: World Youth Days (Toronto & Germany), Journey To The Father Teen Conferences (6 years running), Youth Summits in preparation for the Eucharist Congress in Quebec City, social justice trips to St. Francis Table and to Canadian Food For Children warehouse, a CD called Gift of Grace with our contemporary youth ensemble called the Spirit Blazers, a drama called The Everything Skit and dramatization of the Stations of the Cross accompanied by praise and worship music.

We are about to run YOUTH ALPHA for the third time, training teen leaders to facilitate small group discussions. Our TNT (twenty & thirties) group continues to have monthly pot-luck suppers followed by faith exploration. Catholicism 201 by Fr. James Mallon will be the basis for our discussions.

All of the above busyness is NOT what most Lay people are called to do. All of the Body of Christ is called to accept youth as members of the Church now, and to model and mentor the youth in our family. This requires journeying with them and being open that they we too will learn from them. They do not care about how much you know until they know how much you care!!

At all times I wear my Tau cross. This is a visible sign. If a young person asks me about the Tau, a door is opened. When young people come into my home they see a statue of St. Francis and St. Clare as well as the San Damiano cross. These are visible signs. Joy - this is a visible sign. A simple life, a love for the poor-these are visible signs. Hospitality - this is a visible sign of acceptance saying, "You matter to me!"

Wherever we are, we are called to build relationships with young people. What better way to discover their gifts and to invite them to become more of who they are called to be? Build relationships. What better way to model the Gospel life in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare? Build relationships. My hope is to give practical tips on how to be Franciscans planting seeds for the purpose of evangelization. St. Francis' heart burned to spread the Gospel-the Good News of Jesus Christ. "If necessary use words."

Begin by identifying the youth in your family and community circle and those you know that work with youth in your church and schools.

Where are the schools named after Franciscan saints or Mary, the model Franciscan? The Feast of St. Francis is around the corner. Consider a member of your fraternity offering to read a storybook about St. Francis to students in the local elementary school. (St. Francis of Assisi: A Life of Joy by Robert F. Kennedy Jr. or The Wondrous Adventures of St. Francis of Assisi by Tricia Gray, St. Anthony Messenger Press) Another possibility is a donation of the latest movie on St. Francis to the local high school (St. Ignatius Press starring Raoul Bova, directed by Michele Soavi) with the suggestion of watching it during religion classes on Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Give it to a teacher or student you know. Make sure that the schools know how to contact you or your fraternity in case there are other opportunities to speak to the classes or participate in promoting vocations.

õYou are the hope of the Church and of the world. You are my hope!õ(Pope John Paul II to the youth of the world) Can each of us adopt and live this saying - think it and breathe it every time we are eye to eye, side by side with a young person? This is our daily challenge-step by step and seed by seed. Let us pray: Come, Holy Spirit!

Coming soon to your fraternity: info on the 5<sup>th</sup> International Pilgrimage to Assisi, August 2<sup>nd</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Theme: The Gospel: this is my life. Ages 17 to 30. Peace,

**Silvana**



### **Ministers and Secretaries:**

When e-mailing the last newsletter, 28 were non-deliverable and 6 regular mail letters were returned. I can only furnish you with the news if I have your up-to-date addresses and e-mails. This means I have had to mail by snail about 20 more for this edition using extra stamps. Will you please help me with this? Many thanks to those who did update their addresses. **Cathy Kruger** [ckruger@iaw.com](mailto:ckruger@iaw.com)



**Vice-Minister  
Colleen MacAlister**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As the little colours of fall begin to slip through my window, I marvel at the way time marches on!

It seems as though this summer has passed even quicker than last year!

It seems like only yesterday that Monkfest happened and we prayed for the Eucharistic Congress, WYD in Australia and prepared for our Chapter of Elections!

The Chapter of Elections was awesome! It was beautiful to meet so many brothers and sisters! We were family, sharing the Eucharist and Liturgy of the Hours! There was wonderful spiritual enrichment and a lot of fun too!

I had brought a young woman with me who is in Franciscan Formation. Kendal shared her thoughts on Franciscan Youth, helped with my display and even blessed us with a graceful dance to a beautiful praise and worship song!

Kendal also helped me by planning and leading our first õPeace Campö. (*This was a 'free' one day camp for children and youth ages 6 to 16. If any one wants information on this event, please do not hesitate to contact us and our Youth Commission.*)

We have welcomed a new member to the Youth Commission. Silvana Lougheed is now the Youth Coordinator on the newly formed council and brings with her much Youth experience! Welcome Silvana!

The Lord has called us to serve, and as you can see in this letter, my role on council now has a different title!

I have been in the Regional Council, as Youth Coordinator for the past six years and before that as treasurer! I have met so many dear council members, who have helped me grow as a person! These persons will forever be a part of my life. I want to thank them all so much. Thank you!

And now a new adventure begins. Welcome to all the new members, old members and of course, dear Father Peter! Now we go on to explore new possibilities and gifts, sent to us by the Lord, in this group of servants on our newly formed Regional Council!

Together we will serve our brothers and sisters in the Secular Franciscan order of the Trillium Region. .

May we say with Francis, for today let us begin to serve the Lord for until now we have done nothing!

*Please keep the new Council in your prayers as we begin the discerning of our roles in Servant Leadership.*

Peace and Good **Colleen MacAlister, ofs**

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## **Damiano Crucifix**

### **About the Crucifix**

*This icon crucifix is in what artists call the Umbro-Byzantine style. It was painted by an unknown artist probably in the 11th century; the time when the little church of San Damiano was built. It was already a time-honoured object of veneration when Francis was struggling to find the Lord. This is an icon which tells the whole story of salvation. It starts before creation, with the hand of the Father - and its story will only end with the ending of time and space.*

.... Prayer is love, and this is a picture to pray before. Learn its story and then live its prayer with Francis and Clare.

### **In the Beginning**

.... At the very top of the crucifix is the hand of God in the divine circle in the act of creating all things - and down beside Christ's right leg is our scarcely discernible human origin, Adam. Adam's head alone is shown with the apple gripped between his teeth. Above Adam is the cockerel, not only as the symbol of Peter's denial [and Adam's] but as the herald of the New Day, the third day of Christ's resurrection.

### **The Water and the Blood**

.... Running round the entire picture from the hand of the Father at the top to the Patriarchs in Sheol at the foot, are parallel red and blue lines; for Christ came not by water only but by water and blood, the warp and woof of all creation. The blood of sacrifice and the water of cleansing. Baptism and the Eucharist.

.... In the very centre, Christ stands as one both crucified and risen. His loin cloth has become the priestly vesture of the Old Covenant, but it is cinctured by the three knots of the evangelical counsels, poverty, chastity and obedience; it may have been this which suggested to Francis the knotted cord of the Franciscan habit.

### **The Outsiders**

.... In the central section are the two figures, who, after Adam, are most remote in scale from Christ. On the left is Longinus, his slender spear piercing the side of Christ, and on the right is Mockery personified by Pilate, dressed in royal blue, his lips pursed to spit.

### **The Friends of Christ**

.... The Centurion, bearded and with a cloak, stands above Pilate, directly under Christ's left arm. He is looking up at Jesus and exclaiming: "Surely this man was the Son of God!" Next to him are Mary Cleopas and Mary Magdalen. Their faces are serene, Magdalen is even smiling, for they are not only standing under the cross, they are coming in the early morning to the empty tomb.

### **The New Covenant**

.... Mary and John stand under the right arm of Jesus, they are the Church under the cross. John, who is nearest to the breast of Jesus, gestures towards the blood coming from the wound in the right side of Jesus, but he turns towards Mary, for he hears the words addressed to us all: "Behold your Mother". Mary is, in St Francis' words, the "Virgin made Church."

### **The Third Day**

.... You might, at first, take the black box behind Jesus' outstretched arms to be the cross beam, but it is in fact the tomb. Traditional icons show the tomb, not as a cave alone, but as a long stone box. At either end of the tomb are Peter and John suspended in the act of running to Calvary on Easter morning. They look in at either end and see that the tomb is empty. Two angels greet them on either side. The red draped angels are the tomb angels, their hands

point to Jesus, and they look towards the holy women who are simultaneously under the cross and in the garden, saying: "He has risen, he is not here."

### **King of Kings**

.... The two green draped angels, one hand up, one down, are the angels of the Ascension. They say: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up?" For above them is Jesus, robed and carrying the victorious cross, in a circle of vermilion (the red circle is the traditional iconographic representation of Elijah's fiery chariot - the Old Testament type of the Ascension.) He is entering heaven where he is greeted by angels. These are the ten angels of the Covenant. The Covenant that Christ fulfilled in his Paschal mysteries. That is why two of the angels are in white - they represent the two commandments of the old law which are directed to God alone. The others wear red drapes because they represent the commandments that govern the covenant between a person and his neighbour, which can only be fulfilled by participation in the Passion.

### **The Stone that the Builders Rejected**

.... Christ's feet rest against the symbolic rock that stands for Daniel's vision, which, in classical icons is shown under the feet of Christ, and of Mary, and of the Trinity, when they sit enthroned. Christ is the foundation stone, the corner stone which, being torn from the mountain of God has destroyed the old and is the foundation of the new.

### **The New Anastasis**

.... Beneath the stone, kissed away by the devotion of ages, should be the traditional iconographic representation of the Anastasis, the harrowing of hell. But here it is Christ's blood from his wounded feet which descends into a Sheol, occupied not only by the Fathers of the Old Testament, but by all of us, washed and redeemed by his precious blood and armed with anticipatory halos.

*This article is used with kind permission of the Colletine Poor Clares in Wales, and will be continued.*

## **Franciscan Friars and Lay People Offer Care & Shelter to Homeless Women**

Inspired by the unfortunate death of a woman who lived on the streets at the intersection of Leslie and Lawrence, St. Clare Inn welcomes women who are homeless and are dealing with mental health issues. The Inn offers transitional housing in a safe drug and alcohol free

environment; a place where women can continue to heal mind, body and spirit. Founded on the values of respect for each individual, simplicity of lifestyle, community and peace, the Inn was named for St. Clare of Assisi who abandoned her noble standing and affluent lifestyle to dedicate her life to live among and serve the poor during the Middle Ages.

Since opening in May 2007, St. Clare Inn has been home to four women from the Toronto community who were facing monumental challenges. Living in a compassionate and caring home-like setting, each of these women grew to a better understanding of their personal and health issues. One woman regained her personal and financial independence.

The experience of the past year has proven that St. Clare Inn fulfills a small but vital role in the community. Space limitations, made it impossible to accommodate all of the women interested in coming to the Inn. A recent move to a new larger residence in East York will now serve more women in the community.

The parishioners at St. Bonaventure Church have a very strong presence at the Inn. It would not exist without the care and dedication of many volunteers.

St. Clare Inn is sponsored by *The Friends of Saint Francis*, a registered charity established by a group of professional lay men and women and [Franciscan Friars](#). Further information is available at [www.stclareinn.org](http://www.stclareinn.org) or by calling Friar Tom Purcell OFM Conv. 416.447.5571.

## **Trillium Certificates**

For Trillium Certificates to mark professions, anniversaries of profession & Service Recognition for Spiritual Assistants, (usually 5 year milestones) please contact:

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Since certificates are signed by both the Minister and Spiritual Assistant, please apply in good time if you wish to have them on the profession day or anniversary date.



# Local Fraternity Bulletin Board

## About This Page

Local fraternities, please send us notice of events (past or upcoming). This is **your** page.

**Elections:** Congratulations to those serving their Local Fraternities.

### St. Felix - Downsview

Minister...	Teodora Lamadrid
Vice-Minister...	Elizabeth Williams
Formation Director..	Simone Vien
Treasurer...	Illuminada Aguilar
Secretary...	Jackie Bobak

### St. Angela Merici Fraternity

Belated Election Announcement:

Ministerí	Irene McEvers
Vice-Ministerí	Paul Nicholls
Secretaryí	Donna Marks
Treasurerí	Hilda Rembala
Formation Directorí	Susan Luckasavitch
Youth Coordinatorí	Teresa Viechweg



Profession ó Margaret Maines  
Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> 2008

The **Transitus** for all the Franciscan orders at:  
St Bonaventure Church  
1300 Leslie St  
in Don Mills (Take Leslie St exit south off the 401)

The service will begin at 7:30pm in the church and finish up with refreshments and socializing in the parish hall. If the Secular Franciscans could bring food and drinks of their choice that would be great. We expect a big turnout again with 1st and 3rd order including some of the 3rd order nuns.

**Everyone welcome.**

### A Franciscan Pilgrimage to Italy with Franciscan Seculars.

- This exciting 11-Day Franciscan Pilgrimage to Central Italy is slated for Sep./Oct. 2009.
- This event will be led by Bret Thoman, sfo.
- The price is estimated at \$2,490.
- Bret can be contacted at 770-402-4335 or [www.stfrancispilgrimages.com](http://www.stfrancispilgrimages.com)

## Transitus Of St. Francis

St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity, Sarnia  
invites you to their Celebration  
on the occasion of their  
Silver Jubilee of the Restoration of the  
Fraternity

Date: Saturday, October 4, 2008

Place: St. Benedict's Church  
1011 Oak Avenue  
Sarnia, ON

Time: 2:00 PM Transitus

Reception to follow (Refreshments and Socializing)  
5:00 PM...St. Benedict's Evening Mass

## 5<sup>th</sup> International Gathering of Youth in August 2009 at the Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi, Italy.

For young people from 17 ó 30 years.  
For all details contact Friar Ed Debono:  
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Encourage/assist young people you know.

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