



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER Five Franciscan Martyrs Region

Florida, South Georgia, Lower Alabama

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Annual Local Fraternity Report for the Year Ending December 31, 2023
Complete *and* approve at a Fraternity Council Meeting *and* submit before ***February 14, 2024.***

Send to: Jeane Swaynos, OFS, Regional Minister
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or email to swaynos@cfl.rr.com.

Please send a copy to your area Family Councilor, as well.
(Use additional pages and attach if there is not enough space.)

Name of Fraternity: St Bonaventure Fraternity

Meeting Place: Sacred Heart Church Activities Center, 7190 US 17 S, Fleming Island, FL 32003

Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place: First Monday of each month @ 6:30 PM via Zoom

Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time: Third Saturday of each month @ 10 AM

Any changes in your Fraternity Council in 2023? **YES – Katherine Straub, OFS, elected Vice-Minister but resigned for health reasons. Leslie Armas, OFS, was elected by the Council. Leslie was an elected Councilor.**

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT INFORMATION

Does your fraternity have a SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT YES ☒ X ☐ NO ☐

- Name **Deacon Richard Hay**
- Address **9779 Fiddleback Lane Jacksonville, FL 32222**
- Phone **904-704-6176**
- Email **richard.hay@sacredheartcatholicchurch.org**

In what year did this assignment begin? **2023**

Was he/she formally assigned by your provincial? **Pending based on direct training by Br. Jerome Wolbert, OFM.**

How many of your local fraternity meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year? **7 of 8**

How many local council meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year? **7 of 8**

List all the Books used for initial and ongoing formation:

- INITIAL – **The Franciscan Journey, Lester Bach, OFM Cap; Catechism of the Catholic Church**

- ONGOING --- **What It Takes, Lester Bach, OFM Cap, Topics on Celebration of the Rule, Anniversary of Greccio**

- What topics in the FUN Manual have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation?

NONE

- How often has your fraternity discussed the Status of Instrumentum Laboris?

NOT OFTEN

- What initial goals has your fraternity made as a result of Instrumentum Laboris?

We are working on becoming more visible in our respective parishes.

- Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter and how often is it published?

It has been discussed.

- How is it distributed?

Not Applicable

- Have you thought of sharing your newsletter with the bishop, regional executive council, etc.?

Has not been discussed.

- What Apostolic work does your fraternity do as a whole fraternity? What percentages of the fraternity participate?

---- **Contribute to the local Food Bank approximately three times per year. 100% participation.**

---- **Servants of the Servant Ministry in Jacksonville. Some members participate weekly serving meals to the homeless. We also contribute financially approximately twice per year. Perhaps 30%-50% participation.**

---- **Currently assessing an additional apostolate.**

- Does your fraternity attend Mass or prayer services outside the regular meeting times?

We have not though a few attended Blessing of the Animals and Transitus this past year.

JPIC, YOUNG ADULTS, ECUMENICAL OUTREACH, VOCATIONS

- Have you had personal contact with the youth in your area this past year? Explain:

None have had contact with youth.

- Who is your current contact for your Youth/Young Adults/YouFra Animator for your fraternity?

We currently do not have an Animator. Our previous representative resigned due to health problems.

- Has anyone in your Fraternity, including the Minister or Youth Animator, attended any National or Regional Youth/YouFra Zoom or in-person workshops/meetings?

No one.

- List your Fraternity "JPIC" projects and activities for 2022.

2022 was listed in the previous report. None for 2023.

- Have you taken part in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2022? Explain:

2022 was listed in the previous report. None for 2023.

- What activities have you done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity? Explain: **A Come and See event was held on September 16, 2023. At least ten people showed an interest in the Secular Franciscans. Three have become Orientees. We also have visitors that attend the Gatherings.**

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2023 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)? **Ministry Fair at Sacred Heart, Transitus, and Blessing of the Animals**
- What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2024? **Admission to the Order in February 2024; Parish Retreat for Sacred Heart in June 2024; Day of Recollection in November 2024**
- Is there anything you wish to share with the Regional Executive Council? **Nothing now.**
- Have you found it easy to connect with the Region when scheduling elections, visitations or when having problems within your fraternity? **Contact with Family Councilor has been good with timely responses.**

- What has been your fraternity's greatest challenge this past year? **Electing a new Vice- Minister after a resignation; replacement of Spiritual Assistant; a "deathbed profession"; scheduling a Day of Reflection; preparing for a Come and See event.**
- What is your fraternity's strongest asset(s)? **The members of our Fraternity are the strongest asset. We support each other and look forward to our monthly gatherings which are very well attended by professed members and those in formation as well as visitors. Our Fraternity is growing with two going into Candidacy and another three becoming Orientees.**
- If you are meeting electronically, how many members take part only in these electronic sessions? **Council meetings and Formation sessions with Candidates and Orientees are held electronically. All that are scheduled to attend are present.**
- Do you see your ZOOM meetings decreasing over this past year or have they become meetings in addition to your person to person meetings? Explain **See above.**
- During the past year, how often have you been in touch with your family councilor? Was this connecting to your family councilor through personal contact, zoom, or phone conversations? **We have been in contact with our Family Councilor several times, once by personal contact but mainly by phone or email.**
- How often have you or your delegate attended your family meetings this past year? **Once and was attended in May.**
- How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members? **Phone calls, email, and cards.**
- When was your last profession? How many were professed? **Our last profession was in February 2023. One was professed. There was also a "deathbed" profession in April 2023.**

We may have to increase dues this next year 2025. NAFRA has increased the dues for each member this year to take effect 2025.

- **Are you opposed to the increase in dues for our region?** The Council suggests a discussion by the entire Fraternity at a Gathering to further explore this issue. It helps to know why NAFRA has increased dues and why they are referred to as dues. In my nearly 25 years experience it has always been referred to as Fair Share. We are not a club.
- **We have not increase dues for over 10 years. What do you see as a fair amount for the increase?**

Keep copies of this Annual Report and your Annual Treasurer's Report in the Fraternity's records

IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND SOMETHING OR NEED HELP, CONTACT US! WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

****Please mail your Fraternity's 2022 Treasurer's Report and your Fair Share Contribution in the amount of \$55 times the TOTAL NUMBER of Professed and Candidates to:**

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