



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
216 East Sweetwater Creek Drive
Longwood, Florida 32779
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. Francis of Assisi – Espejo de Cristo

Meeting Place, Address, Phone: Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
4497 W 1 Ave Hialeah, FL 33012 305-822-2011

Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place: the 3rd Friday of each month at 8pm

Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time: the 4th Friday of each month at 7:30pm

Any changes in your Fraternity Council in 2023? {NO}X {YES}; If not due to an official election, give reason for change: No changes

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT INFORMATION

Does your fraternity have a SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT YES_X__NO____

- Name Br. Lombardo D'Auria OFM, Cap
- Address 2411 NW 3rd St, Miami, FL 33014
- Phone 305-541-2767 & 201-281-7841
- Email brlombardocap@yahoo.com

In what year did this assignment begin? 2019

Was he/she formally assigned by your provincial? Yes

How many of your local fraternity meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year? All

How many local council meetings has your spiritual assistant attended this past year? All

List all the Books used for initial and ongoing formation:

- INITIAL: The Francis Journey(Spanish), writings of St. Francis and St. Claire, the Catholic Catechism on the catholic social teaching on the church.
- ONGOING: studying of the writings of St. Francis, the Franciscan Saints, the OFS Rules and Constitutions
- What topics in the FUN Manual have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation?
The Catholic Catechism, History of the OFS
- How often has your fraternity discussed the Status of Instrumentum Laboris?
On every meeting
- What initial goals has your fraternity made as a result of Instrumentum Laboris?
Helping the needy
- Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter and how often is it published?
No
- How is it distributed?
N/A
- Have you thought of sharing your newsletter with the bishop, regional executive council, etc.?
N/A
- What Apostolic work does your fraternity do as a whole fraternity? What percentages of the fraternity participate? Helping at the Homeless Kitchen, 80% participation, Toy and Food drive to the needy families, 80% participation.
- Does your fraternity attend Mass or prayer services outside the regular meeting times?
Yes every month.

MASS AT THE MEMBERS

JPIC, YOUFRA, ECUMENCIAL OUTREACH, VOCATIONS

- Have you had personal contact with the youth in your area this past year? Explain:
Vice-Minister
- Who is your current contact for your Youth/Young Adults/YouFra Animator for your fraternity?
Hilda Aguilera
- Has anyone in your Fraternity, including the Minister or Youth Animator, attended any National or Regional Youth/YouFra Zoom or in-person workshops/meetings? Yes, zoom meeting

- List your Fraternity “JPIC” projects and activities for 2022.

H02 Project, send petitions to the Florida Senator and Representative to support Laws for Gospel values and support. Support the Florida Bishops.

- Have you taken part in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2022? Explain:
No
- What activities have you done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity? Explain: Announcement on the church bulletin, visiting other churches with our fraternity polo shirt to make awareness of the OFS.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2023 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)? Retreat, Rite of Candidacy, Rite of Admission,
- What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2024?
Retreat for the candidates, general fraternal retreat, family nights, fundraiser, fraternal mass, fraternal OFS zoom prayer (Franciscan rosary, prayer with the scriptures, celebration of St. Francis Stigmata.
- Is there anything you wish to share with the Regional Executive Council?
No
- Have you found it easy to connect with the Region when scheduling elections, visitations or when having problems within your fraternity?
Yes
- What has been your fraternity’s greatest challenge this past year?
Has been difficult, to be able to share more frequently with members for health reasons.
- What is your fraternity’s strongest asset(s)?
Is the fraternal union among the members and prayer life.
- If you are meeting electronically, how many members take part only in these electronic sessions?
Formation classes
- 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
The zoom meeting has decreasing a little.
- 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 keep in touch several times through phone conversation and email.

- How often have you or your delegate attended your family meetings this past year?
Several times
- How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members?
We keep in touch by phone call, text and postcards.
- When was your last profession? How many were professed?
N/A

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? Opposed, times are tuff.
- We have not increase dues for over 10 years. What do you see as a fair amount for the increase?
If is necessary to be increase than it should be by \$5

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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