



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, 2024

Complete *and* approve at a Fraternity Council Meeting *and* submit before **February 14, 2025.**

(Attach additional pages if there is not enough space.)

This may be completed by editing the file and sending the completed, saved report to the Regional Minister.

Name of Fraternity: St Francis of Assisi – Espejo de Cristo

Gathering Place, Address, Phone: Immaculate Conception Church 4497 W 1 Ave. Hialeah, FL 33012

Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place: 4th Friday of every month at the Heavenly Sweet Hall

Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time: 7:30pm

- Were there any changes in your Fraternity Council in 2024? {NO} x {YES}; If not due to an official election, give reason for change: our minister Marta Hernandez had surgery and will be out for 6 months. The vice- minister Reny Aguilera is acting as minister in the meantime.

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT INFORMATION

- Does your fraternity have a Spiritual Assistant? If so, please provide name, address, phone, and email if not already provided with Council contact information.

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? {NO} x {YES}; If so, list the name of the Provincial who made the assignment and the obedience to which you are bonded.
- How many of your local fraternity gatherings has your Spiritual Assistant attended this past year?
All in the past year.

- How many local Council meetings has your Spiritual Assistant attended this past year?
All in the past year.

FORMATION INFORMATION

- List all the books and other materials 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 and the Encyclicals of the different Popes
 - ONGOING-- studying of the writings of St. Francis, the Franciscan Saints, the OFS Rules and Constitutions. Also the Book: Vida de San Francisco de Asis by Raoul Manselli

- What topics in the *FUN Manual* or *Franciscan Journey* 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 set as a result of *Instrumentum Laboris*?

Helping the needy

- What goals has your fraternity reached as a result of *Instrumentum Laboris*?
Helping the needy

- Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter? x {NO} {YES}

- If so, how often is it published?
- How is it distributed?

- With whom do you share your newsletter (bishop, Regional Executive Council, your Family Councilor, etc.)? n/a

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

- Describe the activities (Mass, prayer services, etc.) your fraternity attends outside the regular gathering times.

Helping at the Homeless Kitchen, 80% participation, Toy and Food drive to the needy families, 80% participation.

JPIC, YOUFRA, ECUMENCIAL OUTREACH, VOCATIONS

- Describe the personal contact you have had with the youth in your area this past year.
- Who is the current contact for your Youth/Young Adults/YouFra Animator for your fraternity?
Hilda Aguilera
- How many in your fraternity, including the Minister or Youth Animator, attended any National or Regional Youth/YouFra Zoom or in-person workshops/meetings?
- List your Fraternity “JPIC” projects and activities for 2024.
Well for Africa- H02 Project, send petitions to the Florida Senator and Representative to support Laws for Gospel values and support. Support the Florida Bishops.
- Describe your participation in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2024.
No
- Describe the activities you have done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity.
Announcement on the church bulletin, visiting other churches on special mass, like Feast of Padre Pio, wear our fraternity polo shirt to make awareness of the OFS.

GENERAL QUESTIONS

- What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2024 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)? Retreat, Rite of Admission,
- What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2025?
General fraternal retreat, family night, picnic, the Bingo fundraiser, fraternal mass, Transitus, celebration of St. Francis Canticle of the Creatures .
- Is there anything you wish to share with the Regional Executive Council?
The Spanish Franciscan fraternities feel left out or ignored when it come to have materials in Spanish, for sample the Ritual book (brown book) was updated only in English. We are all one order therefore, every nationality should be considered like Spanish and Koran we’re all brothers and sister, are we not?

- Describe any difficulties you have had connecting with the Region when scheduling elections, visitations or when having problems within your fraternity.
none
- 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 are your fraternity's strongest asset(s)?
Is the fraternal union among the members and prayer life.
- How many in person gatherings have you had this past year? 12
 - About how many members attend in person? 10
 - How many attend through some electronic means? none
- During the past year, how often have you been in touch with your Family Councilor? How was this done (personal contact, zoom, email, or phone conversations)?
By phone and emails
- How often have you or your delegate attended your family gatherings this past year?
Several times
- How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members?
We keep in touch by phone call, and text
- How are you keeping in touch with your Active-Excused, Lapsed, or Temporary Withdrawn members?
By phone calls
- When was your last profession? n/a How many were professed? n/a
- Is your *Come and See* brochure available in another language? yes
Do you need the *Essential Documents* in another language? yes
- How many members received and read the one printed copy of the TAU-USA, the National Fraternity's newsletter? 10
- How many members received and read the 3 electronic copies of the TAU-USA? n/a
Do you provide a printed copy for those members without email? no
- Do you prefer the electronic or printed copy of the TAU-USA (the cost for each printed edition in Spanish and English is \$30,000)? printed

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!

Note: You will shortly receive your Fair Share Contribution assessment. Please mail a check along with your Fraternity's 2024 Treasurer's Report to the address below.

MAIL OR EMAIL YOUR ANNUAL REPORT TO:

Jeane Swaynos, OFS (FFMR Regional Minister)
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Also send a copy to your Family Councilor.

MAIL YOUR TREASURER'S REPORT AND FAIR SHARE CHECK TO:

Karen Rooney, OFS (Regional Treasurer)
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LOCAL FRATERNITY VISITS

Father Jerome Wolbert, OFM, is one of our National Spiritual Assistants and the Provincial Spiritual Assistant for Our Lady of Guadalupe Province, which encompasses almost the entire USA. He will be coming to visit our region for a Regional Pastoral Visitation on May 16-18, the dates of our Annual Meeting. He will extend his trip to permit him to personally visit as many local fraternities as possible. During these visits he will meet with the council and, if possible, the local fraternity. He will be arriving on May 9th and flying back May 27th.

Below is a list of dates when he could visit your local fraternity. Please designate three dates that would work for you in ranking order. He will be visiting throughout the week. You will need to schedule your meeting at that time and may need to provide housing for one night for him. You may want to meet at someone's home if the church where you meet is not available.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your Provincial Spiritual Assistant, and we will try to accommodate as many fraternities as possible. Please List your first three choices and return it with your completed annual report. Times are flexible, please be specific.

Availability to Meet with Fr. Jerome

Date	Day	Morning 9-12	Afternoon 1-4	Evening 5-9
5-10	Saturday			
5-11	Sunday (Mother's Day)			
5-12	Monday			
5-13	Tuesday			
5-14	Wednesday			
5-15	Thursday			
5-16	Friday Annual Chapter Meeting	Not available	Not available	Not available
5-17	Saturday Annual Chapter Meeting	Not available	Not available	Not available
5-18	Sunday Annual Chapter Meeting	Not available	Not available	Not available
5-19	Monday			
5-20	Tuesday			
5-21	Wednesday			
5-22	Thursday			
5-23	Friday			
5-24	Saturday			

5-26	Sunday			
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