**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 Bonaventure Fraternity**

**Gathering Place, Address, Phone:**  **Sacred Heart Catholic Church,** **7190 US-17,** **Fleming Island, FL**  **32003**

**904-284-3811**

**Council Meeting Day(s), Time, Place: !st Monday of the month, 6:30 PM, Zoom**

**Monthly Gathering Day(s), Time: 3rd Saturday of the month, 10 AM**

* Were there any changes in your Fraternity Council in 2024? **Yes** If not due to an official election, give reason for change:

**Bruce Mathews OFS was one of our Councilors. He embraced Sister Death on September 19, 2024.**

## 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. **No**
* In what year did this assignment begin? **N/A**
* Was he/she formally assigned by your Provincial? {NO} {YES}; If so, list the name of the Provincial who made the assignment and the obedience to which you are bonded. **N/A**
* How many of your local fraternity gatherings has your Spiritual Assistant attended this past year? **N/A**
* How many local Council meetings has your Spiritual Assistant attended this past year? **N/A**

## FORMATION INFORMATION

* List all the books and other materials used for initial and ongoing formation:
* INITIAL -**The Franciscan Journey by Lester Bach, OFM Cap**

-**Appropriate paragraphs from the Catechism when needed.**

* ONGOING **- Called to Make Present the Charism by Benet A Fonck, OFM**
* What topics in the *FUN Manual* or *Franciscan Journey* have been used and are useful for Ongoing Formation? **We have not used either this year.**
* How often has your fraternity discussed the status of *Instrumentum Laboris?*

**occasionally mention servant leadership at fraternity gatherings particularly regarding the fraternity**

**election of 2026.**

* What initial goals has your fraternity set as a result of *Instrumentum Laboris*?
* **to become more spiritual at fraternity gatherings**
* **to focus on ongoing formation**
* **there has been discussion of a JPIC appointment**
* **there is some involvement with youth though no one is assigned**
* What goals has your fraternity reached as a result of *Instrumentum Laboris*?
* **have become more spiritual**
* **focused on ongoing formation**
* **communicating through our fraternity website and a listing in the Diocesan directory**
* Do you have a local fraternity Newsletter? **NO**
* 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? **– contribute to the local food bank**

**-- prayer and feeding the homeless on Sundays (Servants of the Servant)**

**-- Christmas family from Catholic Charities**

**Participation in these apostolates vary.**

* Describe the activities (Mass, prayer services, etc.) your fraternity attends outside the regular gathering times. **– Blessing of the Animals**

## JPIC, YOUFRA, ECUMENCIAL OUTREACH, VOCATIONS

* Describe the personal contact you have had with the youth in your area this past year.

**A member of the Fraternity is in contact with a college student who is interested in the Order. It has been proposed that this student give a presentation to peers in campus ministry with OFS supervision.**

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

**None assigned**

* How many in your fraternity, including the Minister or Youth Animator, attended any National or Regional Youth/YouFra Zoom or in-person workshops/meetings?

**None**

* List your Fraternity “JPIC” projects and activities for 2024.

**A member volunteers for prison ministry. The member keeps us informed of upcoming executions with the opportunity to keep vigil at the execution site.**

* Describe your participation in any Ecumenical outreach activities in 2024.

**None.**

* Describe the activities you have done to increase vocations to the Secular Franciscans in your fraternity.
* **Participated in 150th anniversary celebration of the parish. Invited parishioners to a welcoming ceremony and adoration.**
* **Come and See scheduled for September 2025.**

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

* What programs has your Fraternity participated in during 2024 (Retreats, Days of Recollections, special celebrations)?
* **Day of Recollection Nov 2024**
* **150th anniversary of Sacred Heart Parish June 2024**
* **Blessing of the Animals Oct 2024**
* What programs/events has your Fraternity Council planned for 2025?
* **Come and See Sept 2025**
* **Transitus? Oct 2025**
* **Day of Reflection Nov 2025**
* Is there anything you wish to share with the Regional Executive Council?
* **St Bonaventure has no assigned SA. The person we were hoping to eventually have assigned has, through further discernment, decided not to complete the SA course. We would like to have an SA assigned if that is possible.**
* Describe any difficulties you have had connecting with the Region when scheduling elections, visitations or when having problems within your fraternity.
* **We have had no difficulties in response from the Region.**
* What has been your fraternity’s greatest challenge this past year?
* **Our greatest challenge this year has been dealing with and eventually dismissing a person who was in candidacy and part of our Fraternity. The Region and Fr Jerome were very helpful in resolving the situation.**
* What are your fraternity’s strongest asset(s)?
* **We connect to each other as family. The group is very spiritual and shows many talents in various areas.**
* How many in person gatherings have you had this past year? **12**
* About how many members attend in person? **15**
* 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)? **There have been several contacts with our Family Councilor by email. These contacts consist of information sharing, resolution of questions, and generally asking the well-being of the Fraternity.**
* How often have you or your delegate attended your family gatherings this past year? **St Bonaventure Fraternity was represented at one of the two family gatherings. The December gathering for 2024 was postponed to January 2025 and no one was able to attend.**
* How are you keeping in touch with your shut-in members?
* **Our infirmarian stays in touch with our shut-in member. Several fraternity members have also visited.**
* How are you keeping in touch with your Active-Excused, Lapsed, or Temporary Withdrawn members?
* **We have one active-excused member who has attended at least half the gatherings this year. He is**
* **We have one lapsed member that refuses to respond to any attempts at contact.**
* When was your last profession? How many were professed?
* **February, 2023 1**
* **April, 2023 (“death bed” ) 1**
* Is your *Come and See* brochure available in another language?
* **No – we are working on this issue.**

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?
* **How many receive the TAU-USA will be investigated**
* How many members received and read the 3 electronic copies of the TAU-USA?

Do you provide a printed copy for those members without email?

* **All professed members have been forwarded by email the electronic copies of the TAU-USA. All members of the Fraternity have an email address.**
* 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)?
* **Electronic**

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:**

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216 East Sweetwater Creek Drive

Longwood, Florida 32779

Cell 407-462-0808

[**swaynos@cfl.rr.com**](mailto:swaynos@cfl.rr.com)

**Also send a copy to your Family Councilor.**

**MAIL YOUR TREASURER’S REPORT AND FAIR SHARE CHECK TO:**

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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.

**NOTE: The only day we can accommodate a visitation would be Saturday, May 10 from 2-4 pm. This date will require a change in our schedule. Our normal gathering weekend is the weekend of the Regional Meeting. We are well separated by distance. Getting together during the week would be difficult.**

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| **Date** | **Day** | **Morning 9-12** | **Afternoon 1-4** | **Evening 5-9** |
| 5-10 | Saturday |  | X |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |

If you need additional copies of the treasurer report, follow this link

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