



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas #75

LA TILMA

*NEWSLETTER OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,
EMPRESS OF THE AMERICAS REGION #75*

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Brothers and Sisters,

We are all back with our feet on the ground. After these days that we spent in Phoenix we can only say what an awesome time we spent with our family from the OFS USA. Having come together to the talk sessions, hearing, learning and hopefully applying this to our way of life. I can truly say that you will not forget this grand reunion. If this was your first Q Congress it will stay in your heart and in your mind. Some were not able to understand all that was said, but we did understand the universal language (**LOVE**) like our universal Church, **Catholics**. If you have had other experiences this will be a new chapter in your life of which you will be able to keep present in your memory and you **will** return to the next one. This was not only just a regular Q Congress but the **800th Anniversary** of the founding of our OFS Order and the **100th Anniversary** of the Quinquennial Congresses.

I have attended all the previous congresses since the transition from provinces to regions in the OFS/USA in 1995 and I can say they were all different, but with the same flavor of being with brothers and sisters that I have never forgotten, and meeting new members also makes it even grander. For we will never have enough of each other. I am so grateful that all of you went to represent our wonderful Region, OLG#75. Whether you flew, drove or had the great experience of being on the charter bus, this I believe topped it all. The bus was grand, clean and comfortable. I know those of you who rode in it would say the same. The visit also to Le Bac (Tucson mission) was also a 1st time for some. Then the dinner, singing, dancing and music was an unexpected treat. Thank you all for being such great company. Pass your experience on to those that could not join us but let them know we missed them, and maybe we can make another trip together for another exciting adventure.

God bless you all! Pray for all in our Region, and have a Franciscan moment of your joys as we continue to follow our Father Francis and Sister Clare.

Hermanos y hermanas,

Todos estamos de vuelta con los pies en la tierra. Después de estos días que pasamos en Phoenix, solo podemos decir qué tiempo increíble pasamos con nuestra familia de la OFS USA. Después de habernos reunido a las sesiones de charla, escuchar, aprender y ojalá se aplique esto a nuestra forma de vida. Realmente puedo decir que no olvidarán esta gran reunión. Si este fue su primer Congreso Q, permanecerá en su corazón y en su mente. Algunos no fueron capaces de entender todo lo que se dijo, pero sí entendimos el lenguaje universal (**AMOR**) como nuestros **Católicos** de la Iglesia universal. Si has tenido otras experiencias sería otro capítulo nuevo en tu vida del que podrás mantenerlo presente en tu memoria. Volverás al siguiente. Y este no fue solo un Congreso Q regular, sino el **800° Aniversario** de la fundación de nuestra Orden OFS y el **100° Aniversario** de los Congresos Quinquenales.

MESSAGE/GREETINGS

Brother Gordon, OFM
Provincial-Regional Spiritual Assistant

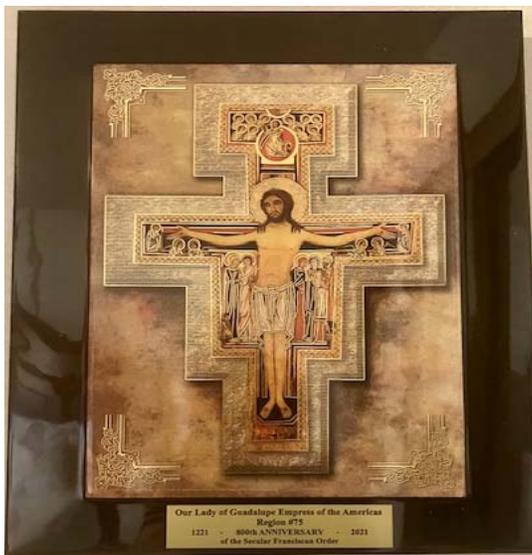


He tenido el privilegio de asistir a todos los congresos anteriores desde que nos regionalizamos en los Estados Unidos en 1995 y puedo decir que todos eran diferentes pero con el mismo sabor de estar con hermanos y hermanas, que nunca he olvidado, y conocer nuevos hermanos también lo hace aún más grandioso. Porque nunca tendremos suficiente del uno y otro. Estoy muy agradecida de que todos ustedes pudieron representar a nuestra maravillosa Región. Ya sea que hayan volado, conducido o tenido la gran experiencia de estar en el autobús chárter, creo que esto lo superó todo. El autobús era grandioso, limpio y cómodo, sé que todos que fueron en el autobús dirían lo mismo. La visita también a Le Bac (misión de Tucson) fue la 1ª vez para algunos. La cena, cantos, bailamos, música fue un placer in- espera. Gracias a todos por ser unos compañeros tan maravillosos. Pasen su experiencia a aquellos que no pudieron unirse a nosotros, pero hágales saber que los extrañamos y tal vez podamos hacer otro viaje juntos para otra gran aventura.

Dios los bendiga a todos y oren por todos en nuestra Región, fraternidades, y tengan un momento franciscano de sus alegrías mientras continuamos siguiendo a nuestro Padre Francisco y Hermana Clara.

Paz y Bien,
Tu hermana en Cristo

Sofía Villarreal, OFS



Dearest sisters and brothers in St. Francis, Another “Tilma,” another time to be nose about what many other fraternities are doing. During the fine representation of our region at “the Q,” I was happy to touch base with many sisters and brothers with that I have not had the pleasure of sharing a hug since before “Brother COVID” tackled us by surprise. (If our father, St. Francis, could call a nasty ol’ fly “Brother,” I guess nasty ol’ COVID-19 could be called “Brother,” too.)

There sure were a lot of Franciscan People at “the Q.” Many couldn’t resist buying books, gifts, *etc.*, at the Franciscan “Mall.” I heard that, in total, we numbered over 600 friends-of-Francis. Yet, God and Francis were communicating with each of us personally. And, now, the 2022 “Q” is a fantastic memory with Gospel-filled challenges.

Some sessions allowed us a longer break before the next event. I remember going to my room once, and having an unusual thought. I wondered how the absent fraternity members were doing. I remember pausing in prayer for those who were suffering extended illnesses—especially the homebound. Still, they did what they could to maintain active membership in their respective fraternities.

Also, I remember thinking and praying for those fraternity sisters and brothers who chose to take a vacation from their vocation. These are the ones who have lost the value of their vocation; the ones who, too many times, rarely have a reason for not returning to the Gathering—but, only an excuse—often borne out by being anywhere *but* the Gathering.

Let us not abandon these waning members of our fraternity. Instead, like the “Good Shepherd,” let us go after these lost sheep. (Perhaps by a seasonal, special “Come and See” for remembering them.

As we re-dedicate ourselves to service within each of our fraternities, let us continue to pray to (and accept the challenge from) the Holy Spirit to live “Life to Gospel and Gospel to life.”

With Christ through Francis,
Br. Gordon Boykin, O.F.M.
Provincial-Regional Spiritual Assistant

MESSAGE/GREETINGS

Gigi Gregory, OFS

Regional Vice-Minister

My dearest Brothers and Sisters
I pray you are all well and those that came down with Covid, I hope you all are on your way to a full recovery. I truly enjoyed seeing, visiting, and participating at the "Q". I was happily named the facilitator for one of the "Little Fraternities". There were 5 sisters that gathered with me for three days. We shared our feelings on reflections we were given and also shared about our journey to become professed as Franciscans. We also had a chance to share about our families.

I will never forget my talks with Bishop John Stowe, OFM (top right). As a matter of fact, other members of my fraternity #106 Mary Immaculate had an opportunity to share some time with Bishop John. He was our Spiritual Assistant for 15 years! We were blest with his teachings and knowledge.

I was able to sit for one of the dinners with our CIOFS Minister General, Tibor Kauser, OFS and Mary Stronach, OFS, the newly elected CIOFS Vice-Minister General. I also enjoyed the company of Willie Guadalupe, OFS, NAFRA International Councilor and Layna Maher, OFS, NAFRA Formation Commission (middle right). I almost wished I had an autograph book!

The breakout sessions were wonderful! I was given the opportunity to present at the Immigration breakout session (bottom right).

All in all it was a thrill to be part of the "Q", I pray to be able to attend the next one with my brothers and sisters.

God Bless you all,

Gigi

Regional Vice-Minister



Carmen Aguilar, OFS, Regional Formation Director



**Peace and All Good! Dear Brothers and Sisters of our beloved Region of
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Empress of the Americas # 75**

Today I bring to you Article 8 of our Rule which tells us that we must let prayer and contemplation be the soul of our being and doing. Starting with myself, how many of us can stand before the Trinity, guided by the light of the Holy Spirit, and accept that by the mere grace of God, prayer and contemplation are the center of our being and our doing? I can say that it is not until we truly let God be the center of our being and doing that we permit Him start the transformation of which St. Paul speaks when he says, *"It is no longer I, but Christ who lives in me."* We see that very same experience in St. Francis. The fruit of his whole life of prayer and contemplation is what makes him another Christ, the Christ of the Middle Ages. We Franciscans, in any of our Branches (First, Second, Third, TOR) profess to move from **life to the Gospel and from the Gospel to life**, but what exactly does that mean, and how can we do it and achieve it? First of all, it is not by our own merit nor effort that we can do it. It is by God's grace, but it does require that we allow ourselves to be worked and transformed by the Lord. To let Him work in us, we have to empty ourselves of everything that prevents us from giving ourselves completely to Him. This can only be achieved by placing ourselves in His presence and letting Him work in us as He wills. Here is what our Rule tells us and guides us in order for each one of us to be able to make our own way. ***"Let us begin, brothers and sisters, for up to now, we have done little or nothing."***

THE FRANCISCAN PRAYER

Article 8 of our Rule says:

As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, *so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do.* Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.

St. Francis says: *Therefore, brothers all, let us be very careful not to lose or turn our minds and hearts away from the Lord under the pretext of any mercy or work or help. But in the holy charity which is God, I beg all the brothers, both ministers and others, that, having removed every impediment and postponed every concern and solicitude, in the best way they can, let them, to the best of their ability, make them serve, love, honor and adore the Lord God with a clean heart and pure mind, which is what he seeks above all things; and let us always make a dwelling place for Him who is Lord God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who says: "Watch ye therefore, praying at all times, that ye may be counted worthy to flee from all evils to come, and to stand before the Son of man." When you stand praying, say: "Our Father, who art in heaven". Let us adore Him with a pure heart, "for we must pray always and not faint", "for the Father seeks such worshippers." "God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth." (1 Kings 22:25-31)*

Peace and Good!

Your sister in Christ, St. Francis and St. Clare,
Carmen Aguilar, OFS

***** Español*****

Por Carmen Aguilar, OFS

¡Paz y Bien! Hermanos y Hermanas de nuestra querida Región de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Emperatriz de las Américas # 75.

Hoy les presento el Artículo 8 de nuestra Regla la cual nos dice que temenos que hacer de la oración y la contemplación ***el alma de nuestro ser y de nuestro obrar***. Comenzando por mí misma, ¿cuántos de nosotros podemos ponernos ante Dios Trino, bajo la luz del Espíritu Santo y reconocer que por gracia misma de Dios, la oración y la contemplación son el centro de nuestro ser y de nuestro obrar? Yo puedo decir que no es sino hasta cuando verdaderamente dejamos que Dios sea el centro de nuestro ser y hacer cuando empezamos a dejar que Dios obre en nosotros la transformación de la que San Pablo habla cuando dice: *“Ya no soy yo, es Cristo quien vive en mí.” Y eso mismo vemos en San Francisco. El fruto de toda su vida de oración y contemplación es lo que le convierte en otro Cristo, en el Cristo de la Edad Media. Nosotros los Franciscanos, en cualquiera de nuestras Ramas (Primera, Segunda, Tercera, TOR) profesamos para pasar de la vida al Evangelio y del Evangelio a la vida. Pero, ¿qué exactamente significa eso? ¿Cómo lo podemos hacer y lograr? Primeramente, no es por nuestro propio mérito ni esfuerzo. Es por gracia de Dios, Pero sí hace falta que nosotros nos dejemos obrar por Dios. Y para dejar que Dios obre en nosotros, tenemos que vaciarnos de todo lo que nos impide entregarnos por completo a El. Y eso solo se logra poniéndonos en su presencia y dejarlo que obre en nosotros como El quiera. Aquí está lo que nuestra Regla nos dice y nos guía para poder hacer cada uno de nosotros nuestro propio camino. Y **“Comencemos hermanos, porque hasta ahora, poco o nada hemos hecho.***

LA ORACIÓN FRANCISCANA”

El Artículo 8 de la Regla de la Orden Franciscana Seglar dice:

Como Jesucristo fue el verdadero adorador del Padre, del mismo modo los Franciscanos seglares hagan de la oración, de la conteplación el alma del propio ser y del propio obrar. Participen de la vida sacramental de la Iglesia, especialmene de la Eucaristía, y asóciense a la oración litúrgica en alguna de las formas propuestas por la misma Iglesia, reviviendo así los misterioso de la vida de Cristo.

Dice San Francisco:

Por lo tanto, hermanos todos, guardémonos mucho de perder o apartar del Señor nuestra mente y corazón so pretexto de alguna merced u obra o ayuda. Mas en la santa caridad que es Dios, ruego a todos los hermanos, tanto rels ministros como los otros, que, removido todo impedimento y toda preocupación y solicitud, del mejor modo que puedan, hagan servir, amar, honrar y adorar al Señor Dios con corazón limpio y mente pura, que es lo que él busca sobre todas las cosas; y hagámosle siempre allí habitación y morada a aquel que es Señor Dios omnipotente, Padre e Hijo y Espíritu Santo, que dice: «Vigilad, pues, orando en todo tiempo, para que seáis considerados dignos de huir de todos los males que han de venir, y de estar en pie ante el Hijo del Hombre». Y cuando estéis de pie para orar, decid: «Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo». Y adorémosle con puro corazón, «porque es preciso orar siempre y no desfallecer»; «pues el Padre busca tales adoradores». «Dios es espíritu, y los que lo adoran es preciso que lo adoren en espíritu y verdad» (1 R 22,25-31).

**THE REGIONAL FRATERNITY
OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE,
EMPRESS OF THE AMERICAS REGION #75**

August 30, 2022

Dear brothers and sisters,

May the Lord give you peace! The Regional Fraternity Council was asked by NAFRA that at the moment we are due for a Visitation instead of the Elections that we had previously mentioned. The dates are still the same and the location will also remain the same.

We are asking all Ministers, Spiritual Assistants and observers to fill out the registration form that was sent to you. Remember, the expenses for all Spiritual Assistants will be taken care of by their fraternity and the observers will pay for their own expenses. Visitation date and location are:

Holiday Inn El Paso West-Sunland Park 900 Sunland Park Drive El Paso, TX 79922

Friday - Sunday, September 16- 18, 2022

National Fraternal and Pastoral Visitation – OLG Region #75

Please notify all members and encourage at least one observer per fraternity to attend. We have some space and we will let you know at a later time how many we can accommodate. Space is limited.

Send: (NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL ADDRESS) either via electronic e-mail or via postal mail to me at my address below. Our Treasurer Bonnie will need full payment at registration or if possible before.

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Thank you for your cooperation and participation.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Representative

Liz Trevino, OFS, #129 Saint Juan Diego



See my article below about Sr. Martha Delgado's retirement submitted for Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Fraternity #130.

Regional Multicultural Representative

Lita Pino OFS, #133 Espiritu Santo



Article for La Tilma Newsletter, August 26, 2022
Lita Pino, OFS, #133 Espiritu Santo, Past Minister



BROTHER EFREN QUINTERO'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

On July 11, 2022, I was really looking forward to attending Brother Efen's anniversary celebration at 7:00 p.m. I knew that I would be seeing our local Friars along with others that have passed our way in the past years. Two of my favorites had been provincials and I was excited. I made sure my husband and I had good seats so I wouldn't miss out on the Mass. As I sat, I realized this was a multicultural experience. First of all, most of the heads were all white, including mine. A number of the Friars were seated in their brown habits. The Celebrants were in their white garments, and Brother Efen processed in his regular brown habit. I couldn't help think "multicultural." The Mass was bilingual and the homily was very inspiring and in Spanish, yet the church was filled with different ethnic groups of people, whom all understood. In spite of the white hair I mentioned, you knew we were Mexican, Hispanic, German, Filipino, Italian, Asian, etc. Wow! Where had I been? Then I reminded myself that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ and as Franciscans, we know no difference in the color of our skin or language or "hair". We didn't stay to break bread because of health reasons, but I noticed the mixture of the cultural food, including the big beautiful cake!! I feel lucky to belong to a Franciscan parish, with the beautiful mixture of cultures!!!!

(See additional picture of the friars on page 13)



Many more great photos of OLG REGION AT THE Q 2022 beginning on page 16 of La Tilma!

Mary Immaculate Fraternity #106 El Paso, TX



Grace Akers, OFS, of Mary Immaculate Fraternity, was inspired by our beloved sister Vickie Earl to make these buttons for the members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Region attending the 2022 Q. Vickie always loved giving “little morsels”, as she would call them, for special occasions. Grace and Bonnie Franco, OFS, spent one Saturday morning making 80 buttons for those brothers and sisters attending the Q.

Sagrado Corazon de Jesus Fraternity #108

EL VEINTEAVO QUINQUENIO DEL JUBILEO 2022

El congreso del quinquenio y el jubileo

- *Los días del 3 al 7 de agosto del 2022 fueron fabulosos llenos de alegría, se escuchaba la algarabía del grupo por todas partes. Fue un regocijo general. Conocí muchas hermanas y hermanos de otros países que asistieron al jubileo.*
- *El festejo duró cinco días. Todas las personas con las cuales establecí un vínculo fraterno estaban motivadas igual que yo. Entre casi setecientas personas aquello era un centro de energía poderosísimo e inagotable.*
- *Todos disfrutamos del entorno que nos rodeaba*
- *Las comidas estuvieron deliciosas y muy bien organizadas.*
- *La celebración del jubileo y la fraternidad de las hermanas y los hermanos fueron muy cálidas.*
- *Los ponentes muy bien preparados y sus temas muy actualizados. Nos compartieron conocimientos nuevos.*
- *LA CELEBRACIÓN DE LAS MISA EN FAMILIA Franciscana increíbles y solemnes. La iglesia estaba abarrotada con un lleno total de Franciscanos y Franciscanas. La misa concelebrada con el obispo y su énfasis al decir cuántos franciscanos y más que hay en el mundo orando por la paz.*
- *También se le agradece la participación de todas las personas que planearon y organizaron este evento tan maravilloso. Al igual darles las gracias a las y los participantes de nacional e internacional que asistieron y nos acompañaron en el evento.*
- *Una franciscana escribiendo para las fraternidades de habla hispana, la narración de una vivencia muy personal.*



St. Patrick Fraternity #109 – El Paso, TX

Holger Alex, OFS

Reflections on my trip to the 2022 Q Congress

Well, it was like a pilgrimage of a lifetime especially the small fraternities, being in community. The trip to Phoenix especially groups of people (seculars OFS) from all over the U.S., and the breakout rooms which brings in the unexpected. I was in a breakout room which there were only Koreans which spoke no English, but I stayed and did my best to listen and understand. I got a lot out of the lectures especially the environment, poverty and climate which the world needs to address. I enjoyed and loved it, and above all the leadership about our roles as Franciscans in the world. This gathering happens every 5 years. I pray that I will make the next one.

Saint Juan Diego Fraternity #129 – Lubbock, TX



David & Diane Pyle, OFS, keep them in prayer for their diaconate formation.

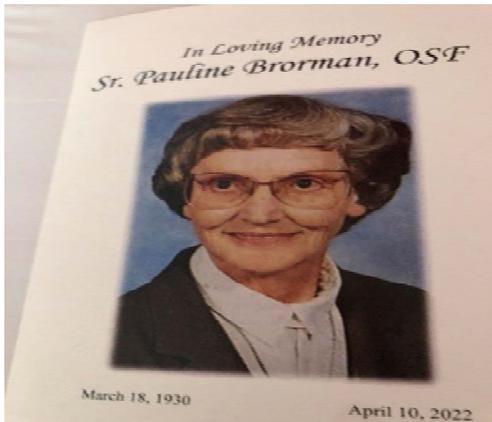
Above you'll find a sweet picture of them. I wanted to add that they were just dating when they began their formation process to become Franciscans. They became engaged six months before they married on October 21, 2017, in a simple, yet beautifully Franciscan Mass, with many of our fraternity there as witnesses. Then they professed together as Franciscans on November 14, 2020. So, it's been such a gift for our fraternity to witness their love for God and one another, and to journey with them throughout this process. Then and now they have been tremendous servants to all of us. We are so blessed to have them in our family and very excited to see them begin this new step in their life together.

Love you!

Lanell Ramos, OFS

Minister

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Fraternity # 130



We loved her dearly and she will be very much missed
in our gatherings.

Barbara Hampton, OFS
Formation Director



Pictured from Left to right:
Lois Mocha OFS, Barbara Hampton OFS, Candy Vasquez OFS, Sr. Martha Delgado OFS, Norbert Bubliss OFS, Eileen Gerber OFS, Maria Vasquez (visitor), Rosa Ann Ramos (visitor), Elizabeth Trevino OFS
Back Row:
Vera Arellano OFS, Cipriana Garcia OFS, Minister

Sr. Martha Delgado's Retirement

I will be retiring from being Spiritual Assistant to The Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Fraternity, St. Alice, Plainview. I am now 93 and I hope Heaven is around the Corner. I have truly enjoyed being with them as well as the old Fraternity in Amarillo, TX. What a Fraternity that was! So willing to work with the Church of Vatican II. They taught me so much. I will be sure to keep in touch. Praise God for all you do and are. Hope to visit with you when you come our way and be able to be hospitable as well.

Sr. Martha Delgado SFO was born and raised in Santa Rosa, N.M. At the young age of 15, she entered to study with the Franciscan Religious Order. She made her religious vows on August 25, 1947.

Sr. Martha taught and was a spiritual assistant and served other positions in her religious order. She became the first spiritual assistant to the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Fraternity #130 in Plainview, Texas, in 1997 just as it became established. Sr. Martha moved back to Amarillo, and after a few years returned to Plainview and has remained as their spiritual assistant.

Sr. Martha has shared how much she loves her family and is proud of all her nieces and nephews . She has also shared that they live in California all the way up to New York.

On August 20, 2022, Sr. Martha directed her last retreat.

The Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Fraternity would like to thank Sr. Martha Delgado for her selfless love, support and sharing of her wonderful spiritual journey with us. We wish her well. Keep on smiling that beautiful smile, we will miss you!

Pax et bonum, Sr. Martha Delgado!

LA FRATERNIDAD INMACULADO CORAZON

DE MARIA #135

LES INVITA A VIVIR EL RETIRO QUE LLEVA

EL NOMBRE:

“LA UNIDAD DE LA FRATERNIDAD”

QUE SE LLEVARA A CABO EL DIA SABADO

24 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE: 8:00AM A 4:00PM

LUGAR: PENDIENTE DE CONFIRMAR

FAVOR DE CONFIRMAR SU ASISTENCIA LO

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**Fire of Assisi Fraternity
#10002 Gallup, NM**

from Rick Macias, OFS, Minister



Fr. Edgardo celebrating the Memorial of St. Louis IX at our parish hall



Br. Efren Quintero's 25th Anniversary

RECOGNITION OF 50+ YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION

St. Anthony #101 – Albuquerque, NM
Arthur R. Lente, OFS – October 22, 1945

Mary Immaculate #106 – El Paso, TX
Ann Brennan, OFS – November 17, 1965

Sagrado Corazon de Jesus #108 – El Paso, TX
Flora Guzman, OFS – October 2, 1972

Santa Isabel de Hungria #114 – Las Cruces, NM
Carmen Lopez, OFS – October 3, 1956

St. Francis #121 – Santa Fe, NM
Jeanette Becker, OFS – November 1, 1965
Ida Pacheco, OFS – November 14, 1971

RECOGNITION OF 25+ YEARS ANNIVERSARY OF PROFESSION

St. Anthony #101 – Albuquerque, NM
Frederick Bates, OFS – October 29, 1989
Joanne G. Elfers, OFS – October 24, 1993
Barbara Heilman, OFS – October 24, 1993
Alcaria Valdez, OFS – October 29, 1989
Lydia Wroten, OFS – October 24, 1993
Rena Xuereb, OFS – October 24, 1993
Victor Xuereb, OFS – October 24, 1993

Mary Immaculate #106 – El Paso, TX
Bonnie Franco, OFS – November 28, 1993

Sagrado Corazon de Jesus #108 – El Paso, TX
Jesusita Flores, OFS – October 4, 1990
Elena Rodriguez, OFS – October 2, 1989

St. Patrick #109 – El Paso, TX
Cecilia Bustillos, OFS – October 16, 1983
Adelina Frisbie, OFS – October 11, 1981
Maria Luisa LaChica, OFS – October 3, 1981
Arturo Villarreal, OFS – October 3, 1981
Sofia Villarreal, OFS – October 3, 1981

Santa Isabel de Hungria #114 – Las Cruces, NM
Olga Carrillo, OFS – October 4, 1984
Jose Moreno, OFS – October 3, 1975

St. Francis #119 – Roswell, NM
Patricia Lopez, OFS – October 3, 1993
Blanche Stephens, OFS – October 21, 1984

St. Francis #121 – Santa Fe, NM
Anita Lopez, OFS – October 21, 1989
Clara Maes, OFS – November 13, 1977
Theresa Ortiz, OFS – November 12, 1978
Joanne Proulx, OFS – October 21, 1989
Cecilia Rivera, OFS – October 4, 1987

San Luis Rey #128 – El Paso, TX
Maria Ines Chaparro, OFS – October 6, 1997
Teresa Chaparro, OFS – October 6, 1997

Inmaculado Corazón de Maria #135 – El Paso, TX
Ester Elixavide, OFS – October 4, 1996
Juan Elixavide, OFS – October 4, 1996
Graciela Rocha, OFS – October 4, 1985

TENTATIVE
ELECTIONS/ VISITATIONS/ORIENTATIONS 2022-2025

(AUGUST, 2022)

The following dates for your elections and visitations can be changed according to your needs. This Schedule is only a draft with projected dates. It is a work-in-progress.

ELECTIONS 2022

(NOTE: where Visitation and Election are listed together; Visitations will be held in morning with outgoing Council. Elections in the afternoon.)

TENTATIVE ELECTIONS/VISITATIONS 2022

- #113 Our Lady of Guadalupe – Election Retreat/Elections on 10/09/2022
- #104 St. Margaret of Cortona – Visitation and Election Retreat/Elections TBD
- #114 Santa Isabel de Hungria – Election Retreat/Elections TBD

2023 TENTATIVE ELECTIONS

- #108 Sagrado Corazon de Jesus – Date TBD - *Elections completed in 2020*
- #119 St. Francis (Roswell) – Date TBD – *Conference Zoom mtg held 4/23/22*
- #133 Espiritu Santo - Date TBD - *Elections completed in 2020*
- #135 Inmaculado Corazon de Maria – Date TBD

2024 TENTATIVE ELECTIONS

- #101 St. Anthony – Election Retreat/Elections TBD - *Elections completed in 2021*
- #109 St. Patrick's - Election Retreat/Elections TBD (3rd Sun.) - *Elections completed in 2021*
- #128 San Luis Rey – Election Retreat/Elections TBD (4th Sun. 8 am) - *Elections completed in 2021*

2025 TENTATIVE ELECTIONS

- #106 Mary Immaculate — *Elections completed in 2022*
- #121 St. Francis (Santa Fe) –Election Retreat/Elections TBD – *Elections completed in 2022*
- #129 St. Juan Diego – Election Retreat; Elections TBD - *Elections completed in 2022*
- #130 Bros. & Sisters – Election Retreat; Elections on TBD - *Elections completed in 2022*

PENDING

- #107 Queen of Angels – pending further action
- #126 Santa Chiara Process and Forms to transition into a cell – Region reviewing Fraternity request
- #10002 “Forming Group” Fire of Assisi TBD; continued guidance with the group-*Visitation 6/26/21*

ORIENTATIONS

- #101 St. Anthony – March 26, 2022 – *Completed*
- #121 St. Francis (Santa Fe) – May 21st – *Completed*
- #129 St. Juan Diego – May 21st – *Completed*
- #130 Bros and Sisters -May 21st– *Completed*

Future Local and National Events:

- 2022, April 30 – Regional Formation Team Workshop, Zoom 10 a.m. – *Completed*
- 2022, May 7 – Regional Formation Workshop for English Fraternities, 10 a.m. – *Completed*
- 2022, June 3 – Regional Executive Council Meeting, Zoom 1:00 p.m. MST – *Completed*
- 2022, June 25 – Regional Formation Workshop for Spanish Fraternities, 10 a.m. – *Completed*
- 2022, August 3-7 “Q” – Phoenix, AZ - *Completed*
- 2022 – Regional Visitation Meeting, September 16-18, El Paso, TX
- 2022, October 11-16 - NEC/Chapter/Elections/Meeting in Detroit

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PAX ET BONUM

“Be strong, and take courage, all you who hope in the Lord”
[NAFRA Theme 2022-2023]

Articles for LA TILMA

Sofia Villarreal, OFS

Gigi Gregory, OFS

Articles for the Newsletter for the Winter Edition, 2022 must be received by

11/01/2022 for 12/2022 publication

Submissions may be e-mailed. ALL fraternity members are invited and encouraged to take part and contribute Fraternity News or events—past or present, election results, professions, activities, as well as articles, poetry, etc. Don't forget to state Fraternity Name and Location, as well as your own name and address when making a submission.

****NOTE: Local Ministers are responsible for e-mailing the Newsletter to all their local fraternity members.**

E-mail articles to Sofia Villarreal, OFS sofiaofs@yahoo.com , or Gigi Gregory, OFS gggregpry@sbcglobal.net
LA TILMA Newsletter Editors



Our Lady of Guadalupe Region Attendance At The 2022 Quinquennial



Boarding the bus for the trip to Phoenix



**Singing and Praising
The Lord...**

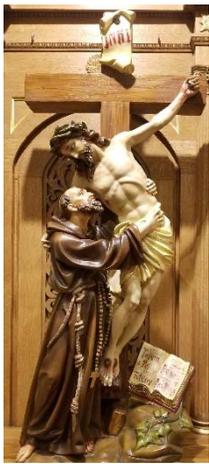
**...and praying The
Rosary along the way**



Welcome Dinner and Celebration!



Mass at the beautiful St. Mary's Basilica





Auxiliary Bishop Eduardo A. Nevares



OLG Region OFS Members Aided The YouFra In Their Service Project

(Making hand-tied fleece blankets for youth and elders in shelters and along the border. The blankets were then blessed by Auxiliary Bishop Nevares at the Q 2022 closing Mass.)



Keynote Speakers and Other Presentations



Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.



Fr. David Couturier, OFM Cap.



Donna Hollis, OFS and Gigi Gregory, OFS
Our Lady of Guadalupe Fraternity & Mary Immaculate Fraternity

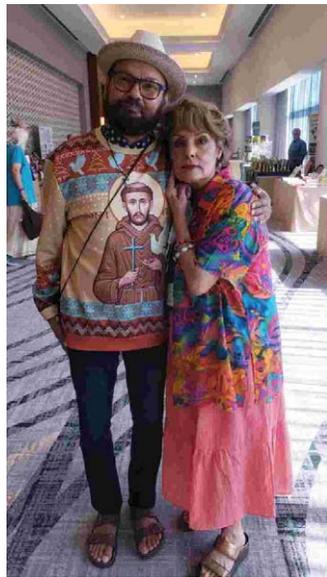


Luis Galvan, OFS
San Luis Rey Fraternity

Enjoying Each Other's Company



**Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.,
praying the blessing before
dinner**



**Late night chat with Tibor Kauser, OFS
CIOFS Minister General**



Group Pictures



Members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Region #75 at the 2022 Quinquennial



Members of the Spanish fraternities of Our Lady of Guadalupe Region with Willie Guadalupe, OFS, International Councilor

Everyone wanted a picture with Bishop Stowe 😊



Members of Inmaculado Corazon de Maria #135 with Bishop Stowe



OL of Guadalupe REC with Bishop Stowe



Various Members of OLG Region with Bishop Stowe & Willie Guadalupe, Intl. Councilor

More Pictures!



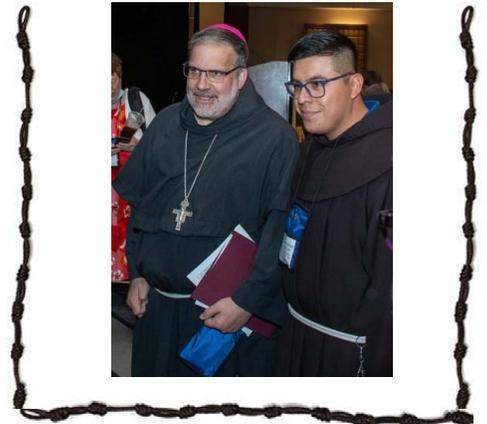
Members of St. Anthony Fraternity #101 with Natl. Minister Jan Parker, OFS and Natl. Secretary Jane DeRose-Bamman, OFS



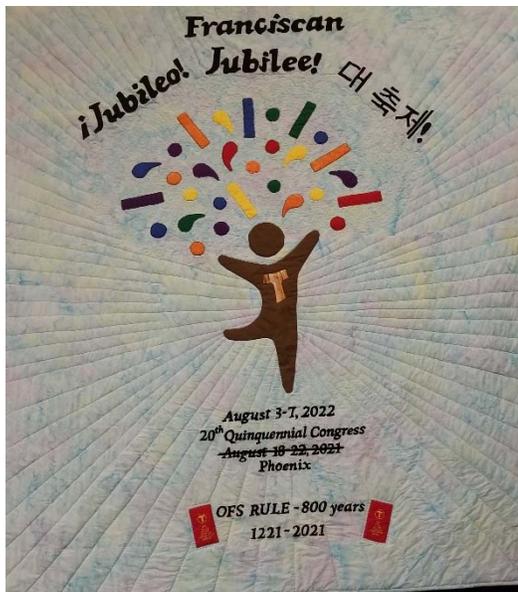
Members of Sagrado Corazon de Jesus Fraternity #108 and San Luis Rey Fraternity #128



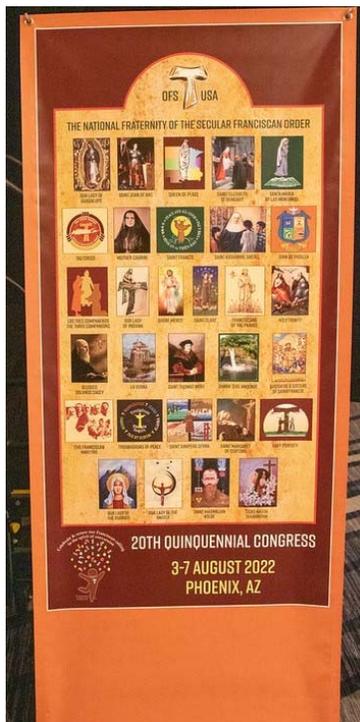
Members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Fraternity #113



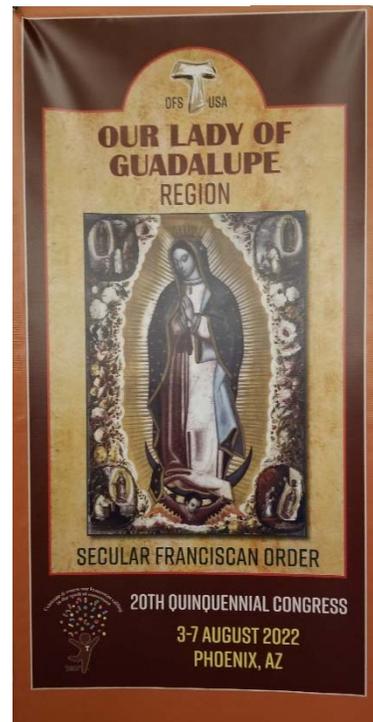
Official Banners and a Franciscan Quilt



Jubilee Banner



Quinquennial Banner



Regional Banner



Banners for the various OFS Regions in the USA were on display in the Jubilee room (main meeting room) along with the Quinquennial and Jubilee banners.



Wow! Wow! Wow! Look who won the Quinquennial quilt - Terry Craig, OFS, of Mary Immaculate Fraternity #106 (Right: Percy Navarette, OFS, of Mary Immaculate is helping her hold up the quilt.)



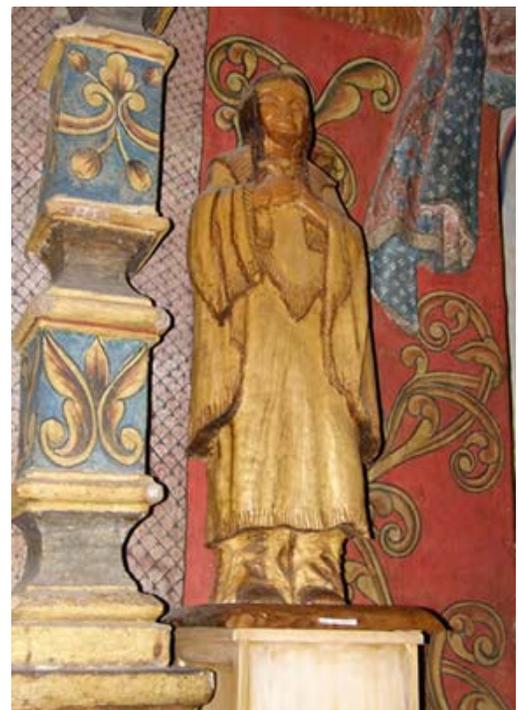
A Short Pilgrimage To A Blessed Site

Mission San Xavier del Bac

17th Century Spanish Mission in Tucson, AZ



On the way home, those members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Region riding on the bus from El Paso/Las Cruces stopped for a short pilgrimage to this historic mission just south of Tucson, AZ. It is often called “the white dove of the desert” and is located on the Tohono O’odham Nation San Xavier Indian Reservation. The original church was founded in 1692 by Fr. Eusebio Kino. This present Franciscan mission was founded between 1783 and 1797, making it the oldest European structure in Arizona. The mission is still actively run by Franciscans and serves the native community. The interior of the church houses some of the original paintings and carved wooden statues of saints. It truly is a “pearl in the desert”.



Lunch at Delicias Restaurant



After our visit to Mission Xavier del Bac, everyone was hungry. So we stopped at Delicias Restaurant in Tucson for lunch. The margaritas and piña colodas started flowing, the musicians started playing and the brothers and sisters started dancing. What a festive time we had!



The end of a very Blessed trip! Thank you Jesus!

