

Lady Poverty Region

Annual Chapter

June 29-July 1, 2018



Minister's Annual Report
2017-2018

Activities Completed

Regional Executive Council meetings:

- October 28-29 – Sisters of the Sacred Heart Center, Munster, PA
- April 14, 2018 – Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center, Villa Maria, PA
- June 29, 2018 – Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center, Villa Maria, PA

Activities Completed

Elections:

- Alverno – June 18, 2017
- Stigmata – July 17, 2017
- Holy Cross – September 19, 2017
- Portiuncula – December 10, 2017
- St. Augustine – March 18, 2018
- Mary, Queen of Angels – May 6, 2018
- Sts. Louis & Elizabeth – June 10, 2018

Activities Completed

Visitations:

- St. Clare – August 12, 2017
- Holy Spirit – September 27, 2017
- Canticles of the Son – October 14, 2017
- St. Augustine – October 15, 2017
- Mary, Queen of Franciscans – November 15, 2017
- Sts. Louis & Elizabeth – November 19, 2017
- Immaculate Heart of Mary – March 20, 2018
- Anthony of Padua, Johnstown – June 10, 2018

Activities Completed

Regional Events:

- 8th Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscans
Saint Francis University – July 6-9, 2017
- Annual Chapter / Visitation
Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center
June 29-July 1, 2018

Projects Completed:

- Lady Poverty Region Strategic Plan (updates) –
April 2018
- Updated Francis/Lady Poverty



Activities Completed

Strategic Plan Goals Completed:

- Recruit 1-2 members from each cluster for regional formation team
- Timely scheduling of visitations and elections
- Encourage regular review of Rule and Constitutions during visitations
- Encourage local fraternities and clusters to host regional or cluster activities
- Encourage sharing of local fraternity events via LPR website and *La Pobrecita*

Activities Completed

Strategic Plan Goals Completed:

- Encourage fraternities to report database and Directory changes as they occur
- Encourage timely submission of annual reports
- Explore options for secular spiritual assistant training programs and publicize these programs
- Provide a checklist for measuring personal conversion through apostolic action - “How am I doing?” in my Franciscan vocation
- Plan a Regional pilgrimage to Assisi in 2018

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- Active/Excused Professed: 338
(compared to 338 in 2016; 357 in 2015)
- Candidates: 37
(compared to 22 in 2016; 23 in 2015)
- Inquirers: 14
(compared to 27 in 2016; 15 in 2015)
- Affiliates: 1
(same as in 2016 and 2015)

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- Deaths: 10 (17 in 2016; 15 in 2015)
- Lapsed: 23 (14 in 2016; 23 in 2015)
- Withdrawals:
 - Temporary: 0 (same as 2016 & 2015)
 - Definitive: 0 (same as 2016; 1 in 2015)
 - Suspended: 0 (same as 2016 & 2015)
 - Dismissed: 0 (same as 2016 & 2015)

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- Established Fraternities: 23
(same as in 2016; 25 in 2015)
- Established Fraternities without Spiritual Assistants: 3 (same as in 2016; 0 in 2015)
- Emerging Communities: 0
(same as in 2016 and 2015)
- Newly Forming Groups: 0
(same as in 2016 and 2015)

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- Total number of Spiritual Assistants: 19
(same as in 2016; 25 in 2015)
- Number of Franciscan Friars: 17
(compared to 16 in 2016; 21 in 2015)
- Number of Franciscan Sisters: 2
(same as in 2016 and 2015)
- Number of OFS: 0
(compared to 1 in 2016; 2 in 2015)

Looking Forward to 2018-19

- Encouraging leadership development
- Revitalizing our commissions – Youth, JPIC, and Formation
- Enhancing fraternal life and apostolic activity
- Celebrating our Franciscan identity and Rule
- Renewing our Strategic Plan
- Holding elections at next Chapter – June 2019

Many thanks . . .

- We extend our gratitude to the fraternities with whom we have visited and worked over the past year to build up the regional fraternity!
- We also thank all members of Lady Poverty Region for your support and good will throughout the year. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve you!
- Finally, I extend my personal thanks to the members of the Regional Executive Council, whose dedication, diligent work, and wise counsel have enabled us to accomplish as much as we have in this past year.

Questions?

Peace and Blessings to All!

Respectfully submitted,

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