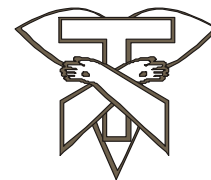


# Good News Report

Secular Franciscan Order  
Trillium Regional Fraternity



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## Minister's Letter December 2007



A committee of First Order Franciscans along with Secular Franciscans have developed a draft document on the topic of what it means to be a Secular Franciscan and how to train Lay Spiritual Assistants. The document has been named as the Green Working Paper, as it is a work in progress and the colour green is a sign of hope and new life. The title of the document reads- The Major Challenge for Spiritual Assistance in the Secular Franciscan Order: To Really Know, Love and Respect the Secular State in Life. Members of the committee are: Fr. Roland Bonenfant, ofm, Fr. André Comtois, ofm, Fr. Henri Éthier, ofm, Fr. Peter Knaapen, ofm Conv., Tom Wilkinson, ofs, and Marion Clorey, ofs. The revised General Constitutions of 2001 opened up the role of Spiritual Assistance to lay persons, both men and women. There are three National Fraternities discerning training programs for this special role: Australia, USA and Canada. The work is very important, and so your prayers would be appreciated and crucial to the progress. Some Trillium council members gathered to make recommendations to the committee. More discussions with presentations will take place at the Chapter of Elections in June 2008 with the local fraternity delegates.

What does it mean to be a Secular Franciscan? How does being secular, that is living in the world, determine our spiritual journey, and how does being a Franciscan inform our way of living in the world? These are questions that we often take for granted in our everyday life. The focus on the life of St. Elizabeth of Hungary can provide some insights into the possibilities of living out these tensions. She was married, had children and still developed great compassion for the poor. One might argue that she was married to a king and

had great privileges that many of us do not. Therefore her situation was unique and cannot compare to ours. That may be true, but it is not so much her life situation that inspires respect, but her radical life choices. She assisted the poor when she could have pursued other interests at her disposal. She established a hospital for the sick instead of fighting for her sovereign privileges after her husband's death. She even left her children to be raised by friends when she saw that the much needed work of caring for those in need was taking her away from them. Some very difficult decisions indeed. Ones that we are most often not asked to make. What inspires me most is that when her situation was most bleak, she saw Christ's light shining and followed it to the point of walking past the attractions of the good life, to bring that light to others. Thank you St. Elizabeth, patroness of the Secular Franciscan Order, for showing us that this way is paved with the light of Christ, despite its outward appearances!

The National Conference took place in Orléans, near Ottawa, on October 5 to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. I was there as National Secretary, and accompanied by Stephen Huh, Trillium Regional Vice Minister, Colleen MacAlister, Trillium Regional Youth Coordinator, and Georgette Morneau, ofs, the Formation Director from St. Anthony of Padua Fraternity in Sarnia, who replaced Kay Craig, Trillium Regional Formation Director, who was recovering from surgery. The purpose of the Conference was to gather as a National Fraternity with other representatives from Anglophone as well as Francophone Regions in Canada, and to learn, share and work on issues prevailing for Secular Franciscans in Canada at this time. Doug Clorey made a presentation on the International Presidency and how it works for us; David Bouchard made a power point presentation on the life of St. Elizabeth; Tom Wilkinson made a presentation on the Green Paper for Lay Spiritual Assistance in Canada; Fr. David Flood made a presentation on the Spirituality of Poverty; and Colleen MacAlister gave us a power

point presentation on Youfra following her experience with International Youth in Spain. All of these presentations are available to those who would like copies, just contact me and I can send them via e-mail or post.

The Trillium Chapter of Elections will be on the weekend of June 6 to 8, 2008 in Mississauga at Queen of the Apostle's Renewal Centre. Local Fraternity Ministers will receive a mailing in the next month with information on registration. Leadership in the Secular Franciscan Order has been a great privilege and an important part of my own ongoing formation. I strongly recommend that the members of the Trillium Fraternity, that is, all of you, consider working for the Lord in this way. Bring your gifts to this table. With the aid of the Holy Spirit and the others on council, so much can be done to help fraternities to grow, thrive and reach out to those in need. This term for me is coming to a close, and my prayer is that the next persons elected to council will carry on the work that this council has begun and built upon, as well as initiate a new period of moving forward in faith and fraternity.

Prayers of peace and joy during the Advent season, and may the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas bring you blessings throughout the whole year!

*Debbie Tessier, ofc*



**The Christmas of Francis of Assisi**

**By Fr. André Comtois,  
National Spiritual Assistant.**



Every year, in the Christian tradition, the feast of Christmas always arouses happy memories, which come partly from the Gospel narrative of the life of Jesus. In the 13<sup>th</sup> Century, Francis of Assisi was not indifferent as the Holy day of Christmas drew near.

Let us go back to the end of 1223 to the small village of Greccio, in the valley of Rieti, Italy. For the inhabitants of the village, the year would end as all others, in cold weather, loneliness and poverty. They already had got the first snow and the village took on its winter appearance. In the Advent liturgy, the Church calls on God saying: "Why don't you tear the sky open and come down?" However, there was nothing comforting. Solitude was everywhere and persisted.

All the inhabitants heard about a man of Assisi, called Francis, son of a rich merchant. After a silly and extravagant youth, he was converted to the Gospel life. He became poor for Christ's sake. A few thousands of young men committed themselves to follow him. Among them, some came from rich families; others came from modest and poor families. Some were scholars, while others were illiterate. To each of them Francis revealed the real face of Christ.

In December of the year, as the Christmas Holidays drew near, Francis was seized by the desire that he shared with his brothers. He said: "I want to evoke the memory of the Christ Child who was born in Bethlehem and the annoyances that he endured from his childhood; I want to see Him with my eyes, as He was, lying down in his manger and sleeping on hay between a cow and an ass.

At that time, cribs did not exist at all. The concept was completely new and really ingenious. It sprang up suddenly from the heart of Francis, like a spark of love. It was an idea like poets only might have. By this invention Francis gives us the eyes of children.

Francis wanted "to see" and "to let see" the Most High Son of God, born in the humility and poverty of a stable between two animals. In a society where money is master everywhere, Francis had to show the generosity of God. In a Church

where the clergy were eager for honour and power, Francis wanted to remind them of the humility of God. Finally, in a time of violence and war, Francis wanted to show the meekness of God to everybody.

At Greccio, Francis wanted to see Jesus in the poverty of a crib. He wanted “to reinvent” Christmas, God’s humanity. After the simple shepherds of Bethlehem, who more than the poor people of Greccio should understand and welcome the Good News of Salvation? Without hesitation, Francis decided to make this crib at Greccio.

In order to bring about his dream, Francis asked his friend Giovanni Velita: “If you want to, it is at Greccio that we will celebrate Christmas this year. I want to see the Divine Child with my eyes, as he was in Bethlehem.” What a joy and honour for the people of Greccio! Giovanni found the spot at the grotto, the animals and the required objects.

When time came, Francis arrived, accompanied with some brothers. Crowds of believers came from everywhere with torches and lanterns. In the surrounding woods their happy sounds resounded. It was an extraordinary night illuminated with lights. Francis spent the whole night in front of the crib, full of compassion and filled with an inexpressible joy. He contemplated the mystery of Christmas in its deepness. He could see the creation of God in this deep mystery. For Francis, what existed in the past was what he wanted for this unique moment. Everything was contained in Jesus, What was hidden so far became visible. The Franciscan historian, Thomas of Celano described what one the witnesses said: “We saw a little child lying in the manger lifeless and we saw the holy man of God go up to it and rouse the child as from a deep sleep.”

We should not think only of the marvellous side of that feast, without seeing its deep meaning. Thomas of Celano said explicitly: “It is in that place that Francis, becoming a child with the Child, had celebrated the Birth of Jesus a short time ago”. By doing so, this new celebration revealed our destiny: “Becoming a child with the Child Jesus.”

Joyeux Noel,

*André Comtois, O.F.M.*



## **YOUTH NEWS**

*by Colleen MacAlister of Youth  
Coordinator Trillium Regional  
Franciscan Fraternity*

### **Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

By the time this letter comes to you it will be almost Christmas! Christmas is one of the most exciting times of year! The beauty of the tinsel and lights, burning candles, decorated trees, ornamented with special memories of Christmases gone by! Christmas cards, gift shopping, letter writing, cookie making, snow shoveling and the beautiful smell of wood smoke hanging in the crisp air, floating lazily against a blue sky brilliantly reflected in the ice and snow of our Canadian landscape! Oh what a privilege to see; and beyond that how privileged are we who follow Francis, the Saint who truly emphasized and drew the attention of all to the Nativity! The child Jesus! The Holy Family! He even remembered the creatures in the stable!

O what a great “mystery” began to unfold in a deeper way, with Mary’s “yes” and Joseph’s listening heart! The power of the Holy Spirit and the guidance of the Angels brought them both to the “place” where the star would rest over Bethlehem! The world experienced its greatest JOY! The sky filled with angels singing, “GLORIA”!

I remember Midnight Mass, as a child! The Church would become like a totally different world! Christmas trees, candlelight, the Nativity scene and the scent of flowers and evergreens. The Lord had truly come! There was an expectancy of new things and new beginnings! Of course looking forward to presents was part of that as well! But what I remember most is the Joy!

“Joy to the World, the Lord has come!”

Jesus came to us, that first Christmas and the poor and rich, the shepherds and kings were called to His cradle.

Today He continues to come, humbly in the form of bread and wine, and we are still called to Him, called to His altar.

Even if there are those who don’t believe, He still comes and He is still really present. Today more than ever we need to share with our families, neighbours, communities and youth, this great reason for the season.



Our Christmas, has become the world's holiday season. We cannot deny it is a holiday season, because after all it is. The kids are out of school and we get time off work and it is truly a time for family. At the same time we must remind people that it is the birth of Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God and Savior of the world that we celebrate. Jesus is the Reason for the Season's greetings and the holidays!☺

Let us be like Francis and take the child Jesus up into our arms and embrace Him! Letting Him come to life in us for all to see!

As I reflect within my heart, at this time of year, I find a special place there, for my Franciscan family. I am so grateful for the time that I have had with all of you. My heart is full of love and joy at the "brothers and sisters" the Lord has given to me! It is also full of excitement as I think of all that Christmas really means to us! Emmanuel God is with us! I feel the same expectant excitement as I did many years ago as a child, in the Church at Midnight Mass. I will remember all of you there.

I want to extend to all of you my heart felt greetings of MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Pax et Bonum and Love and Prayers

*Colleen MacAlister, ofs*

*I was so full of Christmas that I didn't share much YOUTH NEWS! In my next letter I will tell you of all of the good things that the Lord has been doing in opening doors and giving the opportunity to share about Franciscan Youth! Make sure that you are on our contact list!*

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[www.francescoproductions.com](http://www.francescoproductions.com)

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[www.cmdnet.org](http://www.cmdnet.org)

[www.youngneighbours.org](http://www.youngneighbours.org)

## **Formation News**



I would first of all like to thank everyone for your prayers and cards during my recent surgery and recuperation. It was most heartwarming and healing to know how many people were praying for me. May God

Bless you all with peace, good health and joy in the Lord.

I also want to say that I have not been as active as I previously was, but right after the New Year I will hopefully get the Formation Committee back to productive action. After our heartwarming workshop in the spring, we can't just let things slide. This must be an ongoing thing, and your Formation Commission is going to work very hard to make this happen.

I wish everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

*Kay Craig, ofs*

### **Good News Report**

is the official newsletter of the Secular Franciscan Order, Trillium Region. We aim to publish it in the middle to the end of **September, December, March & June.**

Any items you wish to include are warmly welcomed and will be published, space permitting. Articles may be sent by the **8<sup>th</sup> of the month** of publishing, to *Newsletter Editor*,

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### **Joke Corner: Christmas Eve Accident**

Three men die in a car accident Christmas Eve. They all find themselves at the pearly gates waiting to enter Heaven. On entering they must present something related to or associated with Christmas.

The first man searches his pockets and finds mistletoe, so he is allowed in.

The second man presents a candy cane, so he is also allowed in. The third man pulls out a pair of stockings.

Confused at this last gesture, St. Peter asks, "How do these represent Christmas?" "They're Carol's."

## We Have Come To Believe In Love



*We are sharing excerpts from "We Have Come to Believe in Love," the letter of the Ministers General of the Third Order Regular, as we prepare to celebrate the Eighth Centenary of the birth of St. Elizabeth of Hungary.*

### Elizabeth as Contemplative and Saint

In Elizabeth's life the supremacy of charity shines with a special radiance. It is charity which constitutes the marrow of holiness and of the Gospel. Her life is a hymn to love, a love that is expressed in service and abnegation, a love that pours itself out in spreading goodness. But this love has a vertical dimension; it is nourished by another love, the love that comes from God as well as the one that rises to Him. It is a single love which burned Elizabeth's soul in both its aspects, as Jesus once said. After all, the final examination of our life will be on love. This is the supreme note of her holiness.

Elizabeth wanted to live the Gospel simply, "sine glossa", as Francis would say, in all its spiritual and material aspects. She left no writings, but many phases of her life can only be comprehended through a literal understanding of the Gospel. She transplanted into her daily life the demands of Jesus down to the last consequences:

— *"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give it to the poor . . . . Then come, follow me"* (Mt. 19:21). Isn't this what Francis and his companions did? Wasn't Elizabeth's obsession to succor and give to the needy?

— *"Whoever loves father or mother . . . son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me"* (Mt. 10:37). And she separated herself even from her children in order to give love without reserve to the unfortunate.

— *"If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand him your cloak as well"* (Mt. 5:41). Wasn't Elizabeth disinherited by her own family? Didn't she renounce everything she possessed to serve others? (cf. Luke 6,29).

— *"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the Gospel will save it"* (Mk 8:35). Doesn't losing your soul mean sacrificing your will? What else had

Elizabeth done but sacrifice her own will since she was a child?

— God *"desires mercy, and not sacrifice"* (Mt. 9:13). But Elizabeth offered both to God.

— *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me,"* Jesus said. (Mark 9:37). It seems that Elizabeth always wanted to have a little boy or girl near her, in order to experience this presence of Jesus.

Elizabeth made her life into a following of Jesus, who "went about doing good." She combined the active and contemplative life. She put on Mary, without stripping herself of Martha. Her ardent inner strength grew out of her contact with God. Her prayer was intense and constant, at times even reaching ecstasy. Her constant awareness of the presence of the Lord was the source of her strength and joy, and of her commitment to the poor. She had someone in whom to trust. But her encounter with Christ in the poor also stimulated her faith and her prayer.

She was accustomed to praying on her knees. "When she came from her secret prayers, her face was wondrously radiant, as though sunbeams were coming from her eyes" Her handmaids once surprised her as she was rapt in ecstasy, saying: "Lord, if you want to be with me, I want to be with you and want never to be separated from you."

Her pilgrimage towards God is marked by resolute steps of interior detachment, until she was totally stripped bare, like Christ on the Cross. She detached herself from her life at court and from her home at the Wartburg, from her position of princess; from privileges, wealth and security; from her reputation before those who accused and defamed her. She even detached herself from her maternal love for her children. At the end she had nothing left but the poor gray tunic which wanted to keep as a symbol and shroud.

The statements of her handmaids, on the joy and peace that Elizabeth radiated were astonishing. Her face shone with joy and peace. The depth of her soul was the kingdom of peace. She made the *perfect joy* taught by Francis a reality -- in hardship, solitude and suffering. When the magnates insulted and defamed her as stupid and mad, she bore it with patience and joy; they accused her to her face of having quickly forgotten her dead husband and of rejoicing in what should have saddened her.

“We must make people happy,” she kept saying to her handmaids-sisters. She was extraordinarily joyful, even though, at times, tears flowed serenely down her face.

Elizabeth died very young, at the age of twenty-four. She expired peacefully, surrounded by her beloved companions. She passed through this life like a luminous meteor full of hope. She quickly spent all the energies and graces God had entrusted to her. She brought light into the darkness of many souls. She brought happiness to afflicted hearts. No one can count the many tears she wiped away, the wounds she healed and the love she awakened.

Elizabeth is a mirror of perfection, in which married couples, widows, single women and penitents can look at themselves. Her holiness is a universal example for lay people and religious alike; for she had first been a laywoman. Her holiness was an innovation rich in nuances and outstanding virtues, as the Pope emphasized in the bull of canonization. Now it was not only martyrs and virgins who had access to the intimate love of God and to the honor of the altars, but also wives, mothers and widows. The miracles that were recounted after her death were amazing astonishing. But her greatest accomplishment was that she set all the strings of her heart vibrating with love, as if it were the most natural and simple thing in the world.

Her companions were considered handmaids or servants, but like her, they were authentic religious. Elizabeth made the journey of perfection of Christian love as a laywoman, wife and mother, but after her profession, she was no longer a simple laywoman; she consecrated her life completely to God and to the relief of human misery.

The Third Order of Saint Francis, Regular and Secular, desires to encourage the remembrance of their holy patroness during the eighth centenary of her birth and wants to consider her as light and model of its evangelical commitment. The Franciscan family wants to honor the first woman who achieved sainthood following the footsteps of Christ in accordance with the “forma vitae” of Francis of Assisi. Elizabeth was the woman who emptied herself in order to fill herself with Christ.

If we recall Elizabeth’s birth, her unique personality and her sensitivity, it is so that through knowledge and admiration, we might convert ourselves into instruments of peace, that we might learn from her how to pour a little balm on the

wounds of our surroundings, humanize our circumstances, and wipe away some tears. Let us radiate a heart where the Father’s compassion cannot be found. May the commitment that Elizabeth lived stimulate our commitment. May her example and her intercession light our way towards the Father, source of all love, the Good, all good, supreme good, peace and joy.

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**The International Fraternity**  
**A presentation by Doug Clorey, ofs**  
**National Conference October 2007**  
**Secular Franciscans the World Over**

The context in which we live---we are members of the SFO family; we live our vocation as members of four fraternities-an organic union of all catholic SFO fraternities: local, regional, national, and international. We need to be aware of all these levels of fraternity and our membership in each one.

Only the International Fraternity represents the entire SFO. It is guided by a council and a presidency. The council is a large group of representatives from every National Fraternity, and so a smaller executive council is needed; therefore the Presidency. The official seat is in Rome, with its own headquarters from which the Secretariat works, which in turn supports the work of the Presidency. They deal with e-mails and correspondence. The International Fraternity is OFS---Ordo Secularis Franciscanis. The official languages are: English, French, Italian, and Spanish. The council consists of all the International councillors elected by the National Fraternities across the world and the Presidency. They meet every three years. The term of office is three years. The Presidency consists of a small group that manages the business of the Minister, Vice-Minister and seven councillors representing French, English, Spanish and Italian plus German and Portuguese language National fraternities. The General Secretary and Treasurer are appointed positions. Their term is six years. There are 104 councillors representing all of the National Fraternities.

**Question from the floor:**

**Gilles**-Who elects the candidates for the Presidency, where do the candidates come from?

**Doug**-Elective General Chapter letters go to all National Fraternities asking for nominations. There are also nominations from the floor at the Chapter.

How many SFO's across the world? Survey in 2004: 431,000 SFO and 49,500 Franciscan youth-10,000 fraternities worldwide, found in 104 countries, 59 are canonically established, 45 emerging. There are at least 59 representatives. Most are English speaking, then French, Spanish

and Italian. There is significant growth in Europe and Africa. Europe has the largest number of SFO, followed by South America and North America. More than half are over the age of 65. In Africa, half are over 50, a quarter are under 35. More than half of SFO members are married; widowers make it three quarters. Two thirds are women, two thirds are living in suburban areas. More than half have not completed high school. More than a third are considered poor and most are middle class. A third are clergy or religious.

Franciscan Youth is very strong in South America with 500 fraternities.

**What binds us as a fraternity?**

John Paul II at the International General Chapter- "What does the church expect from the SFO?" The church should be a model of structural unity, a community of love. The church expects from secular Franciscans a courageous presence, constructing a more fraternal Gospel world.

**What are our priorities?**

**Six priorities:**

**Formation** - to facilitate a solid and consistent formation; to develop and share formation materials. Worldwide need for formation that is consistent.

**Presence in the World** - peace making, justice, engagement in work family, church

**Youth** - overseeing and guiding our Franciscan youth fraternities

**Finances** - ensuring continuity of income to assure the security of the order; eg. purchase of headquarters.

**Spiritual Assistance** - First Order, TOR, lay SA

**Communication** - taking more effort to connect with the other members of the Franciscan Family

**Editor's note:** This article will be concluded in the next edition of the *Good News Report*.

On behalf on Maurice Prindiville and myself Cathy Kruger, your newsletter editors, may we wish each and every one of our Franciscan brothers and sisters the blessed peace and deep joy that only comes through the Christ-child born into our world.

*Cathy Kruger. ofs*



# Local Fraternity Bulletin Board

## About This Page

Local fraternities, please send notice of events (past or upcoming). This is your page.

It has been very encouraging to have received several personal change-of-address messages. You are telling us you don't want to miss a single issue of the *Good News Report!*

## Congratulations!

**Leonard Hughes, ofs** of St. Peter Fraternity, London and **Steve Cartier, ofs** of St. Mary Fraternity, Blenheim were recently ordained Deacons. We congratulate them and pray that they may go forward with peace and joy as they serve the Lord in this new capacity.

## Obituary

**Bert Agombar** of Mary Queen Of Peace/Mother Of God Franciscan Fraternity, Carlsruhe/Walkerton, went home to the Lord on November 14, 2007 in his 90<sup>th</sup> year.

Bert leaves his wife, Dorothy, four sons, five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

At the time of his funeral the sun shone, there was no wind but the birds were twittering in the trees. Was St. Francis greeting his faithful son?



## Professions

A warm welcome to the following recently professed Secular Franciscans:

**Jacqueline Bobak, ofs**, Sep. 30, 2007  
St. Felix of Cantalice, Downsview

**Marzio Apolloni, ofs**, Oct. 4, 2007  
St. Joseph the Worker, Port Elgin

**Vernon Grant, ofs**, Nov. 21, 2004  
St. Anthony of Padua, Brampton

**Marcella Adamsson, ofs**, Nov. 17, 2007  
**Nellie Schouten, ofs**, Nov. 17, 2007  
St. Mary of the Angels, Welland

## Election Results



**New Council of St. Francis and St. Clare, with TRF Visitors Irene McEvers, ofs and Stephen Huh, ofs.**

### St. Francis & St. Clare Fraternity, Toronto

Minister – Bill Little, ofs  
Vice-Minister – Monica Gallardo, ofs  
Secretary – Carmen Jose, ofs  
Treasurer – Zenaida Alavata, ofs  
Formation Director – Bella Mangallon, ofs

### St. Clare of Assisi Fraternity, Midland

Minister – Richard Juneau, ofs  
Vice-Minister – Ellie Vanden Heuvel, ofs  
Secretary – Florence Carson, ofs  
Treasurer – Carmelina Farrugia, ofs  
Formation Director – Pauline Juneau, ofs

### St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Catharines

Minister – Leona Watson, ofs  
Vice-Minister – Sandra Anthony, ofs  
Secretary – Michael Dubé, ofs  
Treasurer – Maurice Prindiville, ofs  
Formation Director – Michael Anthony, ofs

### St Angela Merici Fraternity, Oshawa

Minister – Irene McEvers, ofs  
Vice-Minister – Paul Nicholls, ofs  
Secretary – Donna Marks, ofs  
Treasurer – Hilda Rembala, ofs  
Formation Director – Susan Luckasavitch, ofs  
Youth Co-ordinator – Teresa Viechweg, ofs

**Congratulations to all as you serve your brothers and sisters in St. Francis.**