

# INFORMATION SHEET

THIRD ORDER, SOCIETY OF SAINT FRANCIS, AMERICAN PROVINCE

APRIL 1993

<b><u>PROFESSED</u></b>		<b><u>Postulants</u></b>		<b><u>Withdrawn</u></b> (from formation)
BOYER, Linda	01/09/93	BARNIDGE, Bonnie	01/08/93	BENSON, Daryl Jane
CHAN, Yolande	10/17/92	BARNSTONE, Loraine	03/27/93	BUNNELL, Steven
KOYZIS, Yvonne	01/02/93	BERKLEY, Claude	03/16/93	EARL, Mark
LOVERIN, Cynthia	04/03/93	BONAS, Hilton	03/16/93	FREEMAN, Marian
ROBINSON, Richard T	04/03/93	CHRISTIANSEN, Anthony	02/01/93	FREER, Douglas
SANFORD, Ruthanne S.	01/26/93	CROOKS, Thora	03/16/93	HOFELLER, Kathy
SIMONS, Daniel	08/15/92	CROUCH, Gay	02/08/93	JONES, Brian
STEPHENS, Peggylee	02/14/93	ELMS, Madeline	11/19/92	KOLMOS, John
TREECE, Dan B.	12/19/92	FELL-SMITH, Germaine	03/16/93	LICCIONE, Joseph
		GAVETTE, Cindy	01/07/93	MILLS III, Edward
		HEIM, Whitney	01/08/93	MILTON, Thomas
<b><u>Noviced</u></b>		HOBBS, Melinda	02/19/93	NEUVILLE, Robert
ALDRICH, Joan	12/10/92	HODGE, Gary	12/03/92	NORTON, Evelyn
MOWLAH-BAKSH, Ruby	03/14/93	ISAAC, Philip	03/16/93	RYMAN, Roderick
RICE, Corinne C.	11/27/92	MANDERS, Suzan	03/04/93	SHEPARD, Kenneth
Severson, Dana Bingham	01/26/93	MORRIS, Martha	03/16/93	SMITH, Otis
THOMAS, Judith	12/17/92	PLATER, Ormonde	01/07/93	STEDT, Pauline
		POW, Lionel K.	03/14/93	STEUART, Carol
<b><u>Found</u></b>		RODRIGUEZ, Francilla	03/16/93	WILKES, Stephen
DINNELLA, Marietta		SANFORD, Leah	01/23/93	WILLIAMS, Susan
ROBERT, Catherine		SEEL, Tony	11/10/92	WILSON-YOUNGCHILD, Barbara
		TEMPLIN, Bernard	04/08/93	
<b><u>Readmitted</u></b>		TURNER, Denise	11/29/92	
Kenville Chambers		WEST, Edna	02/02/93	
		WRIGHT, Steven	01/06/93	

The 1993 Third Order Directories for the American Province were mailed March 11.

Please contact me if you have not received your copy. If you have received your copy and find errors please let me know what needs to be corrected. Please remember to send me copies of your profession mandate or notice of novicing since this is how our database is kept updated. The crossed arms graphic on the cover of this year's directory was copied from the cover of the 1955 Third Order Directory.

**Arizona Fellowship (St Mary of the Angels) Co-Conveners** are Diane 'Anne' Dresskell and Pat Shelton Wilkes.

The new **Area Chaplain** for Central Florida is the Rev. Joan Verret.

**TSSF New Zealand** Province's Provincial Minister is Michael Watson and the Provincial Secretary is Virginia Atkin 129 Messines Road, Karori, Wellington. The New Zealand Province recently had 2,000 profession crosses made for the Order.

The new Provincial Secretary for the **TSSF European Province** is:  
Dr. Frank Fairbanks, 45 Carleton Rise, Welwyn, Herts, AL6 9RQ, tel. 043871 5804

**Professed questionnaires** were mailed March 3. If you are a professed, please complete the form and return it to Marie Webner. Chapter is very interested in your thoughts and wishes for the Order. Please let me know if you are professed and have not received a copy and I will gladly send you a copy.

Professed members will receive a **nomination form for the office of Minister Provincial** in May. Any professed brother or sister is eligible for the office. Our current Minister Provincial, Alden Whitney, is eligible to serve two more terms and is agreeable to be nominated again. Nominations will close July 1 and a list of nominees published by August 1. The Minister Provincial will be elected by Chapter at its annual meeting in October.

The **Standing Committee** will be meeting at San Damiano on June 21st to review our statues and make necessary changes. Please write me with any input you may have on our statues.

Our **Formation Director**, Ann Harris, recently spent two weeks visiting the Third Order community in Trinidad and Tobago.

## **1993 CONVOCATIONS**

Northeast, August 26-28, Graymoor, New York, Contact Jane Ellen Traugott or Alison Trenholme.

Northern Rockies & Plains, August 20-22, Transfiguration Retreat Center, Bayard NB, Contact Betty Wood

Midsouth, April 30, May 1-2, Bishop Mason Center, FlowerMound TX, Contact Sue Heinsohn.

Midwest, June 18-20, Carmelite Center, Darien IL, Contact Linda King.

Southeast, September 17-19, Ignatius House, Atlanta, Contact Alice Wright

Southwest, June 4-6, Picture Rocks, Tucson AZ, Contact Pat Shelton Wilkes.

Western, July 23-25, Bishop's Ranch, CA, Contact Joan Kidd.

Remember to send Anita Catron your thoughts or ideas concerning an inter-regional convocation.

## **1993 Fellowship Retreats** (that I am aware of)

Minnesota, May 7-9, House of Prayer, Collegeville MN, Contact Julia Bergstrom.

North Carolina, April 30, May 1-2, Snail's Pace, Saluda NC, Contact Alice Wright.

East Tennessee, May 28-30, Nazareth House, Snowflake VA, Contact John Tolbert.

**The Inter-Provincial Third Order Chapter (IPTOC)** will meet at Little Portion Friary beginning October 26, 1993. Chapter requested in the last "Information Sheet" that the following be reflected on by individuals and Fellowships and that the thoughts arising from these reflections be sent to Alden Whitney to be incorporated in his study paper to IPTOC. Alden has received only 4 responses so far. Fellowships and individuals please spend some time reflecting on this chart and send Alden your responses.

FRANCIS	20th CENTURY UNDERSTANDING	WHAT FOR TSSF?
Passionate love for God, for all people, especially the marginalised and despised, and for all creation.	Exactly the same!	Is this reflected in our personal and corporate prayer, worship, and ministry?
Joyful celebration of life	Exactly the same!	Do we experience celebration?
Complete identification with Jesus (counter cultural)	Identification with the mission of Jesus in proclaiming the all-embracing unconditional love of God.	Does our life in all aspects proclaim this "good news"?
Literal understanding of the Gospel, especially with regard to uncompromising poverty. (counter cultural)	Recognition of our complete dependence on God.	Is our life style a prophetic sign of such dependence on God?
Total loyalty and commitment to the church of his day, while recognizing its weaknesses.	In a puriform society and a much divided church, we recognize a struggle regarding unquestioning loyalty.	Are we open to the movement of the Spirit, which may lead us to change?
Insistence on obedience to Ministers and Guardians.	Cooperation with and responsibility toward the authority of the Rule and Chapter.	How do you take responsibility in the Third Order?
Humility, tending toward self-deprecation.	Recognition of the truth of ourselves before God.	How do we enable each other to risk revealing our true selves?

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An **"African Contingency Fund"** has been established by the Third Order family in Europe. The main purpose of the fund is to provide financial resources to allow travel for the Provincial Minister and Provincial Chaplain within the African province. Our province has made a \$1,500 contribution to the fund.

Shortly the **Book of Source Documents (The Roots)** will not be included in the BASICS sent to new postulants because I have only a few copies left. I sent Rosie a few of the copies I had left for our library. Postulants can borrow a copy from the library. If you have a new Postulant in your area, you may want to share your copy with them. The European Province SSF holds the copyright and reprinting is uncertain.

**Amory King** gives her heartfelt thanks to the many who have held her mother and her family up in prayer. Amory's mother was in an automobile accident and was given less than a 5% chance for recovery from the heart surgery and ensuing complications. She left the hospital with the prognosis of a full recovery.

Prayers are requested for **Larry Hardy**.

Congratulations to **Marle Webner**, our Provincial Chaplain, who celebrated her fortieth anniversary of profession in the Third Order on February 14. Her parish, St. Andrews, Tucson, AZ, hosted the celebration with Samuel Hale as the preacher at the celebrations eucharist. Marie conducted a quiet day titled "LOVE and JOY, Producing Good Fruit in Polluted Soil" at the parish the previous day. Marie will be traveling to Hawaii where she will be baptizing her grandson Jonathan.

**News from Guyana:** Rev. Charles Roland writes to say he has received the "Franciscan Times" and that he wished he could write more often to let us know what is happening in his area. He has little time to meet with other TSSF members and is isolated. He had some Catholic and Episcopalian visitors from the U. S. with him for a week. The visitors took videos of him, his church, and the rain forest. Barbara Gilkes, one of the visitors who took the videos, wrote to say they plan to send the Order a copy of the video of Charles and his missionary church in Kurupung when they have it edited together. She said Fr. Charles would like to hear from us and that he is quite isolated there. She also had high praise for Charles and his work. I will pass the letters on to Robert Durand who can include more information in the next "Franciscan Times". David Boyan, Lower Pomeroon River Guyana, wrote wishing us a happy Easter and thanks for approving funds for a chain saw to be used in rebuilding three churches in his area. Transportation has been a problem in getting the saw to him.

The past secretary for the European Province, Katherine Sladden, will be visiting the Northeast United States from mid to late July of this year. She will be visiting a friend in New Haven, CT from July 14 to 22. She would like to meet with Third Order members while she is here and could come earlier and stay later. If you are interested in meeting Katherine please contact me or Katherine directly at 23 Queens Road, Benfleet Essex SS7 1JN UK.

**SSF News:** Patrick Damian has been granted a leave of absence. His address is:  
Patrick R. Leach, Sunburst Apartments 11-A, 84 North Country Road, Port Jefferson, NY 11777.  
James Edward's father, Brian Allen, has died. Timothy Joseph has returned to the Pacific Islands Province to take up work as Deputy Minister for the PNG region. The three nominees for Minister Provincial of the American Province SSF are; Justus Richard, Dominic, and Jason Robert.

**Phone numbers** are very useful. If your isn't in the Directory, please consider sending it to me to include in the next Information Sheet and Directory.

**TO MAKE OUR LORD KNOWN AND LOVED EVERYWHERE.** "This is the First Aim of the Third Order but seriously neglected in our discussions and practice. Over the years tertiaries have put much energy into understanding the Third Aim (to live simply) perhaps to the point of being obsessed with poverty, and ignoring the First Aim."  
Brian Hamilton, Minister General TSSF, by way of the Third Order Chronicle, European Province.

I wish you all a blessed and glorious Eastertide.

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

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