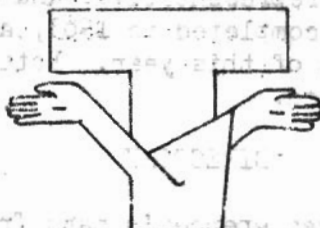


Information Sheet

Third Order
Society of St. Francis
American Province

January 1983



ATTENTION fcf*

1. Are you in a Fellowship? If not, there may be tertiaries living near you with whom you could meet. Ask Marie, our Fellowship Coordinator.

If you are isolated, would you like contact with a Fellowship (by mail, tace, or whatever)?

2. Any group of 3 or more tertiaries meeting together regularly constitutes a Fellowship, even if "regularly" is only once or twice a year.

3. Fellowships: please send information to Marie:

- membership list
- contact person or convenor
- meeting plans: date, place
- events, retreats, etc.
- put Marie on your mailing list

* Why the fcfcfcf? "Fellowship Coordinator"

Mrs. Marie Webner
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CALENDAR

First Wednesdays - Monthly quiet day at Bishop's Ranch, California

- Feb. 25-27 Arizona Retreat at Picture Rocks, with Br. Gordon Peter, SSF
- Mar. 7-11 First Order Provincial Chapter
- Mar. 15 Deadline for Chapter nominations
- Mar. 17-20 Florida tertiary retreat - Br. Robert Hugh, SSF
- April Chicago quiet day - Br. John-Charles, SSF
- June 17-20 Southwest Regional Convocation in Albuquerque
- Jul. 17-22 3rd Order family camp - Bishop's Ranch
- Jul. 22-24 Western Convocation at Bishop's Ranch
- Sep. 9-11 Northeast Conference, and possible Counselors' Meeting
- Sep. 30-Oct. 2 Southeast Conference

Note: Will those in charge please send details to Marie, and to Helen Webb for the Info. Sheet (4008 Buckingham Road, Baltimore, MD 21207) Is your event included? If not, please send in the information.

THIRD ORDER CHAPTER

The Chapter members are your representatives and decision makers. The term of the present Chapter members is completed in 1983, and so an election is being held during the first seven months of this year. Voting is by professed tertiaries, but general discussion is encouraged.

DIRECTORY

We apologize for omitting James Spencer's name from the Directory. Please add

JAMES SPENCER, Ste. 204-1002 Pakington St., Victoria, B.C., Canada V8V 3A1
Postulant 9/6/81.

PROFESSED

A.C. Houcham 12/10/82
Dorothy Couture 10/29/82
Andrew Wilkes 11/6/82
Anne Lee 6/6/82
Jean Bear 12/19/82
Virgilee Ehmer 8/10/82

THIRD ORDER AROUND THE WORLD

Zambia There was a two-day general meeting in Lusaka, November 6 and 7 with Brother Geoffrey. Chapter met the first afternoon, beginning with just the professed present, later being open to novices also. They would like to simplify their report form. There was a profession the second morning.

On November 8-10 Brother Geoffrey traveled to other locations and visited other tertiaries. As of November there were 10 professed, 11 novices and 1 postulant, with 2 Chaplains

Australia December 1982. An order for one thousand 3rd Order profession crosses has been placed with a Sydney firm. They will look the same, but be made of stronger metal. The cost is \$2.00 apiece in Australia. (The American Province supply comes from there.)

A new Treasurer was appointed, following the resignation of the one who had served 6 years. Agenda items and reports for the Provincial Chapter were to be in by February 11. Personal items were included in their brief newsletter - even a couple waiting the arrival of their first born in January. There was an ad for S.P.A.N., the newsletter of the Anglican Franciscans in the South Pacific - \$2.50 for 4 issues a year, from the Friary, P.O. Box 96, Kenmore, Qld. 4069.

New Zealand November 1982. In the November newsletter is a letter from the Provincial Minister. (He appointed 4 Area Chaplains.) Robert Fulton wrote a report for Chapter 1982 as outgoing Guardian. He expressed appreciation for Br. Reginald's inspiration and guidance as they began about 10 years ago as a separate Third Order Province. Br. Caleb and Br. Leo have helped since then. He thanked several tertiaries who have worked for the Third Order.

The Chapter met October 2 at the Friary in Auckland. The new name is "The New Zealand Province of the Third Order". A new Treasurer was elected, and the outgoing one thanked. It had been decided to hold a New Zealand-wide retreat every 3 years. In 1983 they plan one in the Auckland area, from a Thursday evening to Tuesday morning. A committee is to produce training material

for novices. They will have a competition to produce a Poster about SSF's three Orders. Dorothy Ridley, the new Guardian, wrote a message to the professed, novices, postulants, mentioning priorities. Their newsletter included comments from groups in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Nelson. There is a combined effort to buy for a handicapped tertiary a foot-operated page turning machine.

The Wellington tertiaries are sending clothes to the Friars in Tanzania for use by the novices, who arrive with only the clothes they are wearing.

From a Nelson tertiary: "The wind of the Holy Spirit has blown through the reeds of my soul and brought forth a new song, a song of great beauty, notes of love and joy and peace that bring rapture to the ear that heeds them, and a desire to seek the Source."

The New Zealand roster lists (as of November) 53 professed, 15 novices, 8 postulants

GLEANINGS

The First Order American Provincial Chapter will meet March 7-11 at the Bishop's Ranch. John Rohim is now at Codrington College, Barbados. Brother Geoffrey's schedule includes:

Jan. 10-31	Little Portion
Feb. 1-24	Trinidad & Barbados
Feb. 24	Miami
Mar. 4	Minneapolis
Mar. 7	Idaho with Kale King
Mar. 11-Apr. 24	California

The First Order, European Province, is working on a revision of the Admission Services. February 11-13 there is to be a Drama Workshop at Hilfield Friary. In England, Br. Mark was given permission to transfer from S.S.F. to the Community of the Servants of the Will of God, where he has been living for five years. In Stepney, the Sisters and Brothers settled in to a house as a joint CSF/SSF venture. Br. Barnabas will be giving one of the lectures in July as part of the celebration of Oxford Movement 150.

In the Pacific Islands Province SSF, the Provincial Chapter meeting of 22-23 October was preceded by a Novice Conference.

A Christmas card was received from Brother Geoffrey, "with loving Christmas greetings to all tertiaries".

DID YOU KNOW -

- About The Canticle, "Voice of the Community of St. Francis, San Francisco"? If you wish to be included on the mailing list, write the Community of Saint Francis at 3743 Army Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

- The Franciscan Communications Media Ministry has a brief quarterly publication called "Focus". For copies write Franciscan Communications, 1229 S. Santee Street, Los Angeles, CA 90015

- Brian P. Hall, a tertiary, has written a book, "Shepherds and Lovers: a guide to spiritual leadership and Christian ministry", published by the Paulist Press. \$6.95 paper. The book was reviewed in "The Living Church", Dec. 12.

- From the Franciscan Herald Press: "Franciscan Readings," ed. Marion Habig, \$5.95 (+ \$1.00); "The Roots of St. Francis," Raphael Brown, \$9.50 (+ \$1.00).