**2010 Spiritual Assistants Congress -** Wednesday evening. 9/15 – Saturday morning. 9/18/2010

Points/Questions for Discussion:

* 1. OPENING QUESTION: What are the signs of the times of spiritual *assistance* in the Franciscan Family?
  2. What are the signs of the times of the Secular Franciscan Order and how do we develop this lay Franciscan spirituality
  3. Is there awareness of the difference between the Franciscan spirituality of the religious spiritual assistants and the spirituality of lay Franciscans?
  4. What is the role of the Spiritual Assistant, especially a Lay Spiritual Assistant, in our times?
  5. What is the Secular Franciscan Order facing and how does it affect our understanding?
  6. GROUP DISCUSSION: What are the three most pressing issues confronting Spiritual Assistants to the SFO in the USA, from heard or personal experience?
  7. SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION: What resources are available to a Spiritual Assistant to respond to these needs? Be Creative!
  8. What processes do we initiate to deal with these issues?

On Friday morning, Bob Fitzsimmons, SFO, NAFRA Formation Director, will present these questions for discussion:

* 1. What are Spiritual Assistants currently doing in Formation?
  2. What should be happening in Formation?
  3. How do Spiritual Assistants collaborate with Formation Directors and Formation teams to do Ongoing Formation to accomplish these goals?