

BREAKOUT SESSIONS SCHEDULE

Breakout Room Number	Hotel Room Number	Thursday 1:30 – 2:30 pm	Thursday 3:00 – 4:00 pm	Friday 1:30 – 2:30 pm	Saturday 1:30 – 2:30 pm
1	Ahwatukee A	C1	C2	C3	C4 Noon – 2:30
2	Ahwatukee B	J	M	I	N
3	Laveen A	O	K	L	K
4	Laveen B	O	U	S	R
5	Maryvale A	A (2 hour-session)		A1	A2
6	Maryvale B	I	W	D2	D1
7	Estrella	T	E	X	J
8	Museum Phoenix A	V	Z	Q	Z
9	Phoenix B	B (2 hour-session)			
10	Dining Room. Phoenix C				Y
11	Jubilee Rm. Phoenix DE	F	P 3 – 4 pm G 7 – 8 pm	H	L

BREAKOUT SESSIONS PRESENTERS AND DESCRIPTIONS

A - Gathering of Provincials, Provincial Spiritual Assistants and Regional Spiritual Assistants - CNSA

2-hour session is for above mentioned persons only.

Fr. Christopher Panagoplos, TOR is President -in-Turn for the Conference of National Spiritual Assistants and Provincial Spiritual Assistant in Immaculate Conception Province, TOR. He serves as Regional Spiritual Assistant in Lady Poverty Region and as the Priest Chaplain at Altoona Regional Health System, St. Joseph Friary, Hollidaysburg, PA.

Fr. John DeLaRiva, OFM Cap. is the Rector of National Shrine of St. Francis of Assisi.

Fr. Chris Shorrock, OFM Conv. is the former National Spiritual Assistant to the OFS National Fraternity in Australia. He has a Doctor of Theology and has taught at the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne, Australia and the Franciscan International Study Centre in Canterbury, UK. He currently resides in Chicago at the House of Formation for St. Bonaventure Province, OFM Conv. He is an adjunct lecturer at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, Hales Corner, WI.

Fr Jerome Wolbert OFM, joined the friars in 2001 after a brief time as a Secular Franciscan. He is currently the guardian of Holy Dormition Friary, Sybertsville, PA (St Katharine Drexel Region) and pastor of St John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Hazleton, PA. In addition to ministry, he plays violin and viola in the Hazleton Philharmonic Orchestra. He is attracted to Franciscan spirituality in part because St Francis had a sense of the awesome vocation we have as Christians, and the even more overwhelming mercy of God when we invariably fall short.

A1 - A time for all Spiritual Assistants to gather, pray and discuss - CNSA

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A2 - How do I become a Spiritual Assistant? - CNSA

Informational session for those desiring to enroll in a Franciscan Family Connections program to become a local Spiritual Assistant.

B - And I Showed Mercy to Them: A Franciscan Response to Migrants and Refugees (2hrs)

A Panel discussion with *Fr. Sam Nasada, OFM and Br. David Buer, OFM*

In his Testament, St. Francis shared how his conversion story begun with him ministering to the lepers outside the city wall of Assisi. Today, how can we as Franciscans in United States follow the footsteps of Francis in responding to the needs of our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters, especially those waiting for mercy at our southern border.

C1 - Young People: A Treasure to Cherish

FY/YA Commission - Kathleen Molaro, OFS, Heather Cherniack, OFS, Jean D'Onofrio, OFS, Dr. Janice Mary Novello, OFS, Br. Scott Slattum, OFM and Kathy Taormina, OFS

Delve into Scripture, our OFS documents and those of the Church and explore why Secular Franciscans are called to “foster communion” with our youth (Rule, Art. 24).

Why does our Church and the Secular Franciscan Order believe it is important to reach out to younger Catholics? What do our documents say? Should this challenge be a priority in our churches and fraternities?

C2 - Get Your Fraternity Ready for YouFra!

FY/YA Commission

When a young person walks into your fraternity gathering, what steps do you need to take to make sure they are welcomed, inspired, and eager to return?

Young people seek authentic relationships and a community, a deepening of faith, and ways to work for justice. Is your fraternity ready to accompany our younger Catholics on their journey toward holiness? Do you know how to prepare for the possibility of establishing a YouFra?

C3 - Strength for the Journey: The Prayer Before the Crucifix

FY/YA Commission

Gather as one to experience a faith development session based on Francis' Prayer Before the Crucifix.

Living a virtuous, gospel-led life is not easy. The Prayer Before the Crucifix helped Francis face this task. Come and enjoy an example of a typical, multi-generational faith development session based on this beautiful prayer.

C4 - Christus Vivit – “to young people and to the entire people of God” Pope Francis

FY/YA Commission

(This session is limited to young adults ages 18-35, FYA Animators and FYA Spiritual Assistants)

Presentation by Jesse Manibusan, composer, singer/songwriter, storyteller, humorist, catechist, evangelizer and encourager. Jesse will share Pope Francis' Landmark Exhortation on Youth and Young Adults and Pope Francis' insights on the accompaniment, engagement, and vocational mission of youth and young adults in *Christus Vivit*, his 2019 post-synodal apostolic exhortation.

D1 - Convertirse en coautores en oración con Francis

Anne Mulqueen, OFS and Mary Stronach, OFS

A medida que revisamos las oraciones que escribió Francisco : el Oficio de la Pasión, el Cántico de las Criaturas, el Padre Nuestro, comenzamos a comprender mejor a nuestro Padre serafín hasta el punto en que nosotros también podemos unirnos a Francisco en la coautoría y personalización de nuestra vida de oración. Únase a nosotros para un momento de interacción personal con nuestra amada Santa y nuestra Santísima Madre.

D2 - Office of the Passion: Becoming Co-Authors in Prayer with St. Francis of Assisi

Anne Mulqueen, OFS and Mary Stronach, OFS

As we review the prayers which Francis wrote – the Office of the Passion, the Canticle of Creatures, the Our Father, we begin to understand our Seraphic Father better to the point where we, too, can join Francis in co-authoring and personalizing our prayer life. Join us for a moment of personal interaction with our beloved Saint and our Blessed Mother.

E - Conversion and the Memoriale Propositi

Jan Parker, OFS and Mary Bittner OFS

This Quinquennial marks the 800th Anniversary of the Memoriale Propositi. Is this historic document simply a ghost from the distant past? Or does its spirit live on and continue to transform us? Come and see how conversion has changed over the last 800 years.

Jan is currently our National Minister and Mary, our National Vice-Minister

F - Revitalizing our life as Franciscans: Ethical challenges & leadership

Fr. Martin Carbajo-Nunez, OFM

Fr. Martin will explore the possible ways of animating our life as Franciscans in a time marked by sociocultural change, social tensions and vocational crisis. It seems that a part of the Franciscans has their prophetic soul sickened, that they have lost the capacity of hoping and dreaming. However, Pope Francis reminds us that this is a time of hope and new prophecy. Therefore, they need the audacity and creativity of St Francis of Assisi to retake the core of their own charism and find the way of incarnating it today.

Father Martín, was born in Figueruela de Arriba (Zamora, Spain). He has a Doctorate degree in Moral Theology (Alfonsianum, Rome), a License degree in Germanic Philology (Santiago de Compostela Univ.), a Master in Social Communication (Gregorian Univ., Rome), and is a qualified computer technician. He currently teaches ethics and communication at three universities: two in Rome: Antonianum (PUA) and Alfonsianum (PUL); one in the USA: the FST, affiliated with the Univ. of San Diego (California). At the PUA, he has been Vice-Rector and Rector Magnificus ad interim for three years. His last book on ecology (Franciscan Roots of Laudato si'. Franciscan Ecology, Oñati 2016) already has nine editions in various languages.

G - Ser franciscano en la era digital

Fr. Martin Carbajo-Nunez, OFM

En esta charla, el p. Martín presentará la actualidad y relevancia de la tradición franciscana a la hora de abordar los actuales desafíos éticos en la economía, la ecología y la comunicación. En las últimas décadas, el enfoque franciscano ha adquirido una renovada importancia y así lo ha reconocido el Magisterio eclesial postconciliar.

H - The Importance of Franciscan Tradition in Formation of Modern Culture

Fr. Martin Carbajo-Nunez, OFM

In the thirteenth and fifteenth centuries, the Franciscans made a remarkable contribution in many different aspects of science and society (economics, epistemology, politics, ethnography, etc.), laying the basis for the development of modern science.

I - Praying with St. Clare of Assisi

Layna Maher, OFS and Francine Gikow, OFS

Learn/practice St. Clare's method of contemplative prayer from her 2nd and 4th Letters to Agnes of Prague. Discussion and prayer include gazing, (attending and reflecting,) consider, (includes mirror imagery), contemplating and imitation leading to transformation.

J – Praying with art (new)

Stan Sisson, OFS

Stan is a professed Secular Franciscan in St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity, Surprise, Arizona. He offered his gifts in Graphic Designing on many special projects for the Quinquennial creating our Logos, several ads for TAU-USA and the program booklet cover among others.

Mystical Revelations, Spiritual illuminations. Stan will share the process of how to dial up your prayer life with art. The practice of creating art as a form of prayer. The revelation of how art connects you to the divine and spiritually illuminates your mind.

K - Liturgical Movement

Donna Hollis, OFS

Live wholly - mind, body, and spirit. We will explore movements that express who we are within.

I was born with a dancing spirit and began my formal training at age 5. Performed in many groups and led dance workshops blending these varied aspects of dance including Ballet, Modern, Jazz, and folk dancing. I discovered "Liturgical Dance" when a member of a dance group at a Charismatic Church where 'movement' was an expression of prayer. Later I was given the opportunity to travel with dance groups that took me literally in all areas of the US and overseas. We are a 'dancing people', we move in patterns throughout our lives. I find that no matter where you are, Dance speaks to the inner heart of those watching and in participating you will find your own expressions of faith through movement which is what this workshop is about. (Praise His Name in the Dance...) Psalm 150:4

Donna is a National Councilor

L - Andiamo, Walk to Assisi

Cathy Roszhart, OFS

Let us go on a journey of health, balance and relationship in the spirit of Saint Francis' Canticle of the Creatures. Come discover a wellness program inspired by a Franciscan spiritual approach to healthy living.

Cathy was professed in August 2008, currently serves on her local council and is St. Thomas More Vice-Minister. She has a Bachelor's degree in Community Health Education and enjoys sharing her passion for wellness, using a holistic approach blending it with our celebrated Franciscan Charism.

M - Always Let the Gospel Be Your Guide! (new)

MaryEsther Stewart, OFS

Based on the two directives from our Rule, articles 4 and 8, this session will be a visual and interactive experience using the Gospel as the foundation for contemplative prayer. This process can be life-changing!

N - Un viaje franciscano hasta ahora

Heriberto & Maria Elena Prudencio

Escuche las pruebas, tribulaciones y alegrías de una pareja de El Salvador que profundizó su fe, fortaleció su estilo de vida y continúa su viaje franciscano hoy.

Heriberto y María Elena nacieron en El Salvador y vivieron allí como devotos católicos. Cuando se mudaron a los Estados Unidos, fueron patrocinados por una comunidad luterana. Heriberto se convirtió y ordenó ministro luterano y sirvió a su comunidad hasta su retiro. Una vez jubilados, Heriberto y María regresaron a la Iglesia Católica. Actualmente viven en Phoenix, estudiando para ser franciscanos seculares. El nuevo grupo de habla hispana está patrocinado por la Fraternidad de San Francisco y cuando se establezca canónicamente será la primera fraternidad de habla hispana de la Región en mucho tiempo.

O - The Gubbio Process: A Franciscan Approach to Handling Conflict

Carolyn D. Townes, OFS (JPIC)

Conflict is inevitable. Violence is not. Let Saint Francis of Assisi show us how to handle daily conflicts in a way that is peaceful and Spirit-led without erupting into full blown fights and wars.

Carolyn currently serves as Animator of Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) for the US Secular Franciscan Order – for her local St. Clare of Assisi Fraternity in South Carolina, for the Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region in the Southeast, for the National Fraternity and has served on the International JPIC Commission. Carolyn is a writer, speaker and lover of all things peace and justice.

P - The Leper in Me Sees the Leper in You: Understanding Unconscious Bias

Carolyn D. Townes, OFS (JPIC)

If you are breathing and above ground, then you are living, moving and having your being with unconscious bias. Everyone has them and when you can understand the biases you knowing and unknowingly deal with every day, then you can begin to disrupt and overcome them.

Q - The Spirituality of Justice, Peace, and Care for Creation

Patricia Grace, OFS (JPIC)

The Franciscan work that we do for peace and justice is grounded in Christ, Our Savior, rooted in scripture, articulated through Catholic wisdom teachings, and reflected in our Rule of life. Let us explore together how our efforts to create a world that safeguards the dignity of every person, the safety of all that lives, and the thriving of our planet is, in fact, our spiritual practice.

Patricia is the minister of her fraternity and the JPIC animator for St. Francis Region in southern California. She is a Master's level social worker and a lawyer who has a long personal and professional history of advocacy for the poor and marginalized. However, she holds that her credentials for presenting this workshop are the callouses on her knees. All of our work for Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation begins at the feet of Our Lord Jesus.

R - 세인트 프랜시스의 추종자 (Follower of St. Francis)

Sr. Woohee Sofia Lee

성 프란치스코는 기도하는 사람 이었습니다. 하지만 그의 전기 작가에 따르면 "그는 기도 그 자체라고 합니다. 그는 많은 놀라운 방법으로 또 한 분의 그리스도였음을 보여 줍니다. 그리고 그는 자유인이 되었습니다.

St. Francis was a man of prayer, but his biographer wrote, "He became prayer." He was another Christ, in so many wonder-filled ways. And he became a free man.

Sister Sofia Lee, entered the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of Assisi (FMSA) in 1987, taking her first vow in 1997. She earned her Master of Arts (MA) degree in clinical psychology from Sogang University Korea and another MA in family psychology therapy at Springfield college. She has worked with the Brooklyn Diocese ministry of the Poor and was the director of the Trinity Center. Sr. Sofia has had experience working with Native Americans on the Indian reservation area ministry. She currently serves as the director of the retreat center in New Mexico.

S - God's Gift of Difference

Susan Tabor, OFS, Consuelo "Connie" Wild, OFS, Mike Freeman and Father Michael Depcik, O.S.F.S. (Janice Benton, OFS will facilitate the panel)

Panel discussion presented by the newly-formed OFS-USA Accessibility Committee.

Discuss why accessibility needs to be a social justice concern for fraternities at all levels, local, regional, national and international: Theology & Catholic social teaching. Living day to day and how we do it. What shapes attitudes about disability and deafness. Connections with St. Francis – as many of his teachings and actions embodied "Gospel to life, and life to the Gospel". Resources and how-tos.

Susan is a social worker by training and is a trained spiritual director. She lives with blindness due to a congenital condition; retinopathy on prematurity, namely. She is also a member of the JPIC National Commission and serves as JPIC animator for the Juan De Padilla region.

Connie serves as minister of her fraternity, St. Francis of Assisi Deaf Fraternity in the St. Margaret of Cortona region. It is the only known all-deaf OFS fraternity in the world. Connie is also a former director of the National Catholic Office for the Deaf. She lives with profound deafness.

T - Oracion - Lugar De Encuentro, Basado En La Catequesis De La Sra. Margarita Kelly De Ortiz Tirado (new)

Luis Galvan, OFS

En esta presentación Luis Galvan hablara sobre la oración y los diferentes métodos que existen y como debemos encontrar el más apropiado para nosotros. Invocar al el Espíritu Santo que nos ayude y nos permite desarrollar nuestro propio método o forma.

In this presentation Luis Galvan will talk about prayer and the different methods that exist and how we can find the most appropriate for us. Invoking the Holy Spirit to help us and allow us to develop our own method or form.

U - Franciscan Justice Circles (new)

Michele Dunne OFS Toby Harkelroad OFS

A Franciscan Justice Circle is a local affinity group in which people who are inspired by the Franciscan charism come together to share their spirituality and advocate for justice, peace, integrity of creation, and human dignity. Groups are independent, volunteer-led, and ongoing, with formation materials and advocacy support provided by the Franciscan Action Network. There are currently 17 Circles across the U.S. with more being formed, including on college and high school campuses. Come and see!

Michele Dunne OFS is the Executive Director of the Franciscan Action Network (FAN). Toby Harkelroad is FAN's Director of Campaigns.

V - Q/A session

Fr. David Couturier, OFM Cap.

W - National Formation Commission Panel

Diane Menditto, OFS, Anne Mulqueen, OFS, Layna Maher, OFS, Francine Gikow, OFS, Mary Stronach, OFS and Justin Carisio, OFS

Members of the National Formation Commission will be available to offer ideas for local and regional formation programs. This will also be an opportunity for any Secular Franciscan to ask questions about various aspects of initial and ongoing formation.

Diane is currently the Chairperson of the USA National Formation Commission. She has served as Minister of Our Lady of the Angels Regional Fraternity since 2014. Diane has also been the Local Formation Director at St. Francis Fraternity, Hackensack, NJ. Previously, Diane was a high school Spanish teacher for 35 years and served in various offices on the Provincial, regional, and local levels.

Anne's bio: I currently serve as the Spiritual Assistant to the National Formation Commission and as Regional Spiritual Assistant for St. Margaret of Cortona Region. I made my profession and commitment to live the Gospel life 36 years ago. My passion is formation and from my first position—local formation director—to the present time, every office I have held has been influenced and supported by my formation foundation. I have held positions at all levels of fraternity primarily because my husband Bill believed in me and encouraged me every step of the way. Our two daughters, Peg and Nan, grew up as little Franciscans and that influence is still visible in their lives. My Franciscan vocation has been an adventure and a joy and for that, I will always be grateful to God.

Francine: I have been a professed Secular Franciscan since 1984 and I love the life! My brothers and sisters in fraternity have been such a blessing for me. God is sooo good! I am also a certified Spiritual Director from Cardinal Stritch University and have been active in initial and ongoing formation in the Order for almost my whole Secular Franciscan life and am now serving on the National Formation Commission. You might have seen my name in the TAU-USA since I write the "Franciscan Living" page. I have been blessed to be married for 45 years to a wonderful man with 2 grown children and have 2 Grandchildren who are the love of my life.

Layna currently serves on the National Formation Commission. She is also the Formation Director for her local fraternity in Fonda, NY. She is a trainer for the New York State Justice Center in Delmar. Layna serves on the Kateri Tekakwitha National Shrine council and leads youth retreat programs there. She also has served as a minister, vice minister at the local level.

Mary has served the Secular Franciscan Order in a variety of capacities. She is the former International Councilor-at-Large at the national level and currently serves on the National Formation Commission. Her past functions also include serving on the region and local levels in different servant leadership positions. She is fluent in Spanish and English.

X - Q/A session

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.

Y - Q/A session

Marion & Doug Clorey, OFS/Kathy & Tim Taormina, OFS/Lori Hinker, OFS

Z - The Loom of God

Thomas McNamara, OFS

To experience the history of the Secular Franciscans is to discover that we are not separate or isolated from our ever-changing world. Come share stories about what it means to be Franciscans and members of a global Church in the Third Millennium.

I was born in Chicago and raised in Phoenix, Arizona, I studied in Catholic schools and attended Seminary in the Diocese of Tucson. After high-school I studied fine art and psychology, with a master's degree in environmental therapy where I explored and wrote about the inseparable connection between human and planetary health.

I have worked in the Valley of the Sun all my life, living with my wife JoAnne of 42 years. We professed together in 2012. I recently retired to take up freelance writing and gardening. I currently serve as Archivist to St. Thomas More Region and am finishing my internship as a Spiritual Assistant. I also serve as national Historian for our Order and hope to complete a new volume of our history in time for Quinquennial 2021.