

Secular Franciscan Order – USA

National Fraternity Chapter

Oct. 11-16, 2022

Detroit, Michigan



REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INFORMATION PACKET

*Be strong, take courage,
all you who hope in the Lord.*

Psalm 31:25

National Secular Franciscan Fraternity Theme for 2021-2022

Hosted by the Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity

June 15, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

After two years of virtual chapters, it is exciting to come together to celebrate the 2022 National Fraternity Chapter of Elections! The Divine Mercy Region is honored and privileged to host and welcome you to Detroit. We hope to anticipate your needs and provide you with Franciscan hospitality and joy. Our region's volunteers, identifiable by sky-blue, will greet and serve you, so please ask if there's anything you need.

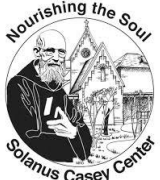


We thank the NEC for assisting us in meeting our responsibilities as hosts. We appreciate their thoughtful, thorough, and organized ways that simplify host duties. The NEC truly exemplifies the 2021-22 National Fraternity theme: *Be strong, take courage, all you who hope in the Lord!*

It is the Lord who truly gives us strength, courage, and hope, and at this important moment in the life of the National Fraternity, we will elect our next NEC, prayerfully with the help of the Holy Spirit. This is another milestone in the order. We *thank God ahead of time* for the commitment of so many that contributed to the success of this chapter especially the NEC, and for the gift of the Holy Spirit leading all to answer the call to serve, in particular those elected to the next NEC.

To thank God ahead of time is a famous quote of Blessed Solanus Casey, a Capuchin Friar who served the poor in Detroit for 20 years as a porter of *St. Bonaventure Monastery's* door until his death in 1957. Nicknamed "*The Doorkeeper*", there he touched lives, fed the poor, cared for the sick, healed many and prayed for the wayward to reform and provided good advice. An estimated 60,000 attended his 2017 Beautification Mass at *Ford Field*, Detroit; many OFS were present. This was a momentous occasion in the Church and in the Franciscan Order. Upon canonization, Bl. Solanus will be the first American male saint.

The Day Away. On Friday, Oct. 14th, after lunch, you are encouraged to take a Charter Bus Pilgrimage to the *Solanus Casey Center*, in Detroit, where Bl. Solanus' incorrupt remains lie next to the *St. Bonaventure Monastery Chapel*, and where reports of his intercession continue. While there immerse yourself in the Center's art, museum, spirituality, pray for his intercession, and participate in the sacraments of Reconciliation and *above all the Eucharist*. *OFS Rule Art. 8.* Come refresh your soul, to be timely renewed for Saturday's elections!



Within this *Registration and General Information Packet*, besides the link to register for the Chapter, there is a link to register for the *Day Away Pilgrimage*. After the pilgrimage, we will view from the bus on Belle Isle, the skylines of Detroit and Windsor, Canada and the *Sister Waters of the Detroit River* that run between this international border. Then we will learn about downtown Detroit as we view sights there, and end with a pit stop for dinner at *Ford's Garage* (named after Michigander automobile pioneer Henry Ford), before arriving back at the hotel. There's a flyer below to help describe *the Day Away*.

We look forward to this special time with all of you and *thank God ahead of time* for your safe travel! Stay strong, courageous, and hopeful. God bless and see you in October!

James Graczyk OFS
Divine Mercy Regional Minister

Barb Scott OFS and Theresa Brown OFS
Co-Host Committee Chairs

2022 National Fraternity Chapter OFS-USA

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location:

Sheraton Detroit Airport Hotel

8000 Merriman Road

Romulus, MI, 48174

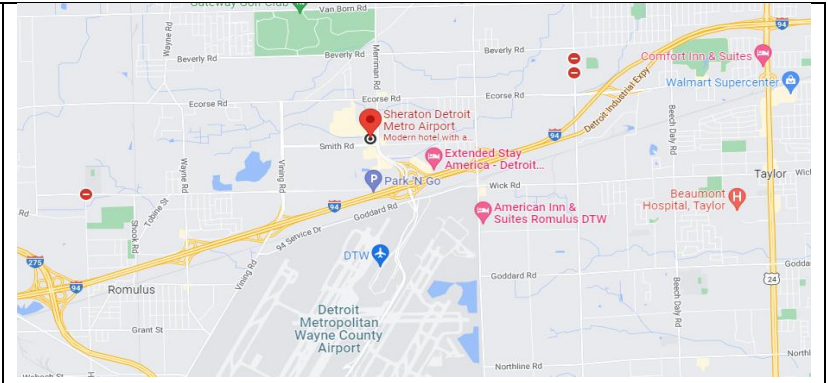
(734) 729-2600

Website: [Sheraton Detroit Airport](https://www.sheraton.com/detroit-airport)

The Sheraton Hotel is located just

North of I 94 adjacent to Detroit

Metropolitan Airport (DTW).



Ground Transportation from Airport



The *Sheraton Detroit Airport Hotel Shuttle* will transport you to the Hotel. (6-minute drive) It is a free 24hr. Shuttle Service to and from DTW Airport, max. 10 people, 2 dark gray shuttles run every 20 to 30 minutes, labeled *Sheraton Detroit Airport Hotel Shuttle* with their "S" logo. Please go to Ground Transportation Center (GTC) to board. [DTW Airport Maps](#) will help you navigate your way to GTC.

Chapter Schedule

Chapter begins on Tuesday, October 11 / Dinner 5:00 pm / Mass at 7:00 pm

Chapter concludes* Saturday night, October 15.

Departures on Sunday, October 16.

***Except for Newly Elected NEC see paragraph below.**

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE - Deadline for Registration is August 29th

Here is the link: <https://OFS-USA.regfox.com/chapter>

Note: You will be asked for travel information when you register. See page 4 for a breakdown of costs for Observers including nominees for National Executive Council.

Pre and Post Chapter Events

Monday Arrivals

If any National Fraternity member needs to arrive on Monday because of flight availability, please notify Jane DeRose-Bamman at ofsusasecretary@gmail.com as soon as possible. Lodging and meals will need to be arranged.

New Regional Minister Orientation: Tuesday Oct. 11 at 2:45 pm

If you are a New Regional Minister (RM) (elected after October 2021), or a Mentor for a new RM, please plan to arrive in time for the New Minister Orientation Meeting at 2:45 pm on Tuesday, October 11. If you need to arrive a day early to make this meeting, please email Jane DeRose-Bamman at ofsusasecretary@gmail.com

Meeting for Newly Elected NEC: Sunday Oct. 16 at 9:30 am

If you are elected to serve on the new NEC please plan to stay for a meeting on Sunday, October 16.

Those attending this meeting who are traveling by air should plan to depart no earlier than 1:00 pm.

Arrival Information

When you arrive, please register for the Chapter and check into your hotel room. The Chapter Registration table will be staffed from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11. Registration will be on the 3rd floor Lobby upon exiting the elevators, outside the Ballroom. Greeters identifiable by sky-blue, will be directing you when you arrive to register for the Chapter. A free tote bag will be provided at the Registration Table.

If you arrive after 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday evening, please come directly to the Dining Room. If you arrive after 7:00 p.m. please come to the Chapel for the celebration of the Eucharist. The Dining Room and the Chapel are on the 3rd Floor. Chapter Registration will resume after Mass at approximately 8:15 p.m.

What to bring

Prayer Books: Prayer will be led by our Geographic Groups who will provide handouts. You may wish to bring your Liturgy of the Hours as some prayer times are on your own.

Chapter Materials: Various reports and the draft budget will be sent by email prior to Chapter. You may wish to download these to your laptop computer or print some of these documents to bring with you. All these materials will also be available via the 2022 National Fraternity Chapter Google Drive.

Rite of Remembrance: Regional Ministers or their delegates are reminded to bring the names of OFS brother and sisters who have died in the past year.

TAU Trading Table: Feel free to bring gently used religious items for a “TAU Trading Table” that are available to all for free.

How to Dress: Michigan normally enjoys comfortable autumn temperatures, but weather can vary greatly (mid-50's to low 70's) Rain is always a possibility. Many people find the Hotel's air conditioning very COLD. *We suggest you bring a sweater or jacket.*

Miscellaneous

Internet Access: The Hotel offers wireless internet service throughout the building. Boarding passes can be printed at the Hotel computer stations or be printed by the Hotel.

Meals: We have preselected a menu. If you have special dietary needs, please note this on your registration form. *This should also include whether you observe meatless Fridays.*

Questions? For questions prior to the Chapter please contact Jane DeRose-Bamman by email at ofsusasecretary@gmail.com or text her at (505) 228-6851.

Members of Divine Mercy Region will be at the Hotel to serve you. Look for those identifiable by sky-blue. If you have any questions or encounter problems along the way, please contact either:

Barb Scott OFS 616-550-5916
Theresa Brown OFS 248-335-1703

INFORMATION ON COSTS FOR DELEGATES AND OBSERVERS

Chapter Attendees and Abbreviation Key

National Executive Council (NEC) and Regional Ministers (RM)

Conference of National Spiritual Assistants (CNSA)

National Commission Chairs (NCC1)

National Committee Chairs (NCC2)

Costs for NEC, CNSA, NCC1 and NCC2

Lodging, meals, and travel expenses (including ground transportation) are covered by National Fraternity for the NEC, CNSA, NCC1, NCC2 and other persons invited for a particular function. Commission and Committee *members* may attend *by the request* of their Commission or Committee Chair. If budgeted, the costs for members are covered by their Commission or Committee budget.

Costs for RM's

Lodging and meals are covered by National Fraternity for Regional Ministers, or their delegates. Their travel expenses, including any additional ground transportation besides to and from airport, are covered by their Regional Fraternity.

Information on Delegates (If the RM is not able to attend)

If the Regional Minister is unable to attend, the Regional Vice-Minister represents the Region at the National Fraternity Council gathering, with full voting rights. If neither the Minister nor the Vice-Minister is able to attend, an elected member of the Regional Council selected by that body (not by any one individual) attends as a delegate. (National Statutes Art. 8.3) Delegates for the Region, other than the elected Vice-Minister, must have a letter, signed by the Minister of the Region, stating that said person is the official delegate. This letter should be given to the National Secretary upon arrival at the gathering. Official delegates have full voting rights.

Cost of Lodging and Meals for Observers - includes Candidates for Elective Office

There is a limited number of rooms reserved for Observers at the Hotel. Please contact the National Secretary to confirm space prior to registering, ofsusasecretary@gmail.com or 505-228-6851. The cost for lodging and meals for the 2022 National Fraternity Chapter from dinner on Tuesday, October 11 through breakfast on Sunday morning, October 16 is: \$558 for a shared room, and \$913 for a private room. The cost for one day including breakfast, lunch and dinner is \$193 per day for a private room and \$122 per day/person for a shared room. Rates for Tuesday, October 11 and Friday, October 14 are lower. See online registration form for specific prices. Dinner on Friday evening is not included in the cost of registration. If you will not be attending the Day Away, the evening meal is on your own. (See Day Away Dinner Option Only below.)

Day Away

The "Day Away" on Friday, October 14, 2022 is optional, and is a personal cost for everyone of \$55 payable to "Divine Mercy Regional Fraternity." The dinner only option is \$30 and you must have your own transportation. Please register here at this link by August 29th <https://buytickets.at/divinemercyregion/701852>

Observers

Observers are most welcome but are responsible for their own expenses.

- Observers are welcome to stay at the Hotel if space allows. Please consult with the National Secretary to see if rooms are available, and to discuss other details, before making travel plans.
- Observers may attend one or more days as a commuter. The cost per day is \$52 which includes lunch and dinner. (Tuesday's cost is \$30 for dinner and Friday's cost is \$21 for lunch.)
- During the Chapter sessions, observers have no voice, unless recognized by the Chair, and no voting rights.
- Observers should be aware that they may not be admitted to some sessions.

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CONFIDENTIAL MEDICAL FORM

NOTE: Place this form inside an envelope and seal it. Put your name on the outside of the envelope and place in a conspicuous location in your room.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (Cell): _____

Emergency contact: _____ Relationship: _____

2nd Emergency contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (Cell): _____

Medication allergies: _____

Other allergies _____

DOB: _____ Weight: _____ Height: _____

Primary Care Physician Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Health problems/conditions: _____

Specialty/other physicians

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Phone: _____

Specialty: _____

Specialty: _____

Date of last tetanus shot _____

Current prescription medications:

Name of medicine	Dose	How Often	Reason

---- PLEASE BE SURE TO FILL OUT BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM ----

Over-the-counter medications

Name of medicine	Dose	How Often	Reason

Previous surgeries:

What	When

Do you have any of these conditions? Circle YES or NO

Difficulty with anesthesia?	YES	NO
Past blood transfusion?	YES	NO
Do you wear glasses or contact lenses?	YES	NO
Do you wear dentures or partial plate?	YES	NO
Do you have difficulty hearing?	YES	NO
Do you smoke? If so, how much?	YES	NO
Have you been out of the country in the past 6 months?	YES	NO
Do you have a living will/durable power of attorney for health care?	YES	NO

Is there any other information that you think an Emergency Room physician should know about you?

Insurance information:

Plan: _____

Group #: _____ Other #: _____

Phone: _____

I authorize release of this information in a medical emergency to an EMT and/or Emergency Room Physician.

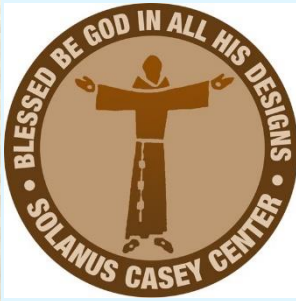
The above is accurate as of:

Signature

Date

"Day Away" Pilgrimage

Solanus Casey Center – Bus Tour - Ford's Garage



*Journey with us on this special Day Away
planned just for you!*

Come and See the center that was inspired by
the life and example of Blessed Solanus Casey.
Reconciliation will be offered, and we will also
join together in the celebration of the Eucharist.
This will be a joyful event filled with Franciscan
love and renewal.

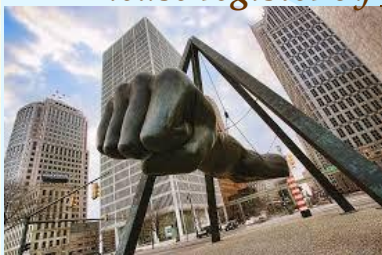
Following this will be a bus tour of some hot spots
in the Motor City along with some trivia ending
with a pit stop at the Ford's Garage in Dearborn.

Here are some of the sites you can
expect to see:

Uniroyal Tire
The Heidelberg Project
Spirit of Detroit
Joe Louis Fist
Belle Isle Park
Michigan Central

You will not want to miss out!

Please register by Aug. 29th at this link: <https://buytickets.at/divinemercuryregion/701852>



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Area Attractions

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- ◆ **Yankee Air Museum** (9.5 miles, 17 min)
 - 47884 D St., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 483-4030
- ◆ **Apple Charlie's Orchard** (11.3 miles, 16 min)
 - 38035 S. Huron Rd., New Boston, MI 48164 (734) 753-9380
- ◆ **The Henry Ford Museum & Greenfield Village** (9.4 miles, 18 min)
 - 20900 Oakwood Blvd. Dearborn, MI 48124 (313) 982-6001
- ◆ **Motown Museum** (18.5 miles, 20 min)
 - 2648 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48208 (313) 875-2264
- ◆ **The Ford House on Lakeshore** (32 miles, 35 min)
 - 1100 Lakeshore Rd, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236 (313) 884-4222
- ◆ **The Grosse Pointe War Memorial on Lakeshore** (31 miles, 34 min)
 - 32 Lake Shore Dr, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236 (313) 881-7511
- ◆ **Matthaei Botanical Gardens and Nichols Arboretum** (25 miles, 25 min)
 - 1800 N Dixboro Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105 (734) 647-7600
- ◆ **Detroit Institute of Arts** (19.0 miles, 21 min)
 - 5200 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48202 (313) 833-7900
- ◆ **Michigan Science Center** (19.2 miles, 21 min)
 - 5020 John R. St. Detroit, MI 48202 (313) 577-8400
- ◆ **Fox Theater** (19.2 miles, 24 min)
 - 2211 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 (313) 471-7000
- ◆ **Little Caesars Arena** (19.7 miles, 23 min)
 - 2645 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 (313) 471-7000
- ◆ **Detroit Eastern Market** (20.5 miles, 22 min)
 - 2934 Russell St., Detroit, MI 48207
- ◆ **Greektown** (20 miles, 23 min)
 - Monroe Street., Detroit, MI 48226
- ◆ **Ford Field** (21.2 miles, 23 min)
 - 2000 Brush St., Detroit, MI 48226 (313) 262-2000
- ◆ **Comerica Park** (21.4 miles, 23 min)
 - 2100 Woodward Ave., Detroit, MI 48201 (313) 962-4000
- ◆ **Pewabic Pottery** (24.3 miles, 31 min)
 - 10125 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48214 (313) 626-2000
- ◆ **Detroit Zoo** (27.1 miles, 30-38 min)
 - 8450 W. 10 Mile Rd., Royal Oak, MI 48067 (248) 541-5717