



Hearts and Hands Across the Region

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Extra, Extra, Extra! Read all about it!

And the “it” is the World Meeting of Families taking place in Philadelphia from Tuesday, September 22, 2015 and closing with the Mass on the Parkway – being celebrated by His Holiness, Pope Francis, himself on Sunday, September 27, 2015.

An estimated 12,000 people will pass through the Marketplace (Philadelphia Convention Center) What an opportunity!!!!

And its occurring right in our backyard! God is handing us a chance to tell 12,000 people who we are, what we do and how to find out more.

We’ve never prepared for an event of this size and probably will never do it again. We are all treading on uncharted soil here. What do we do? What information should we have available? What kind of give-aways should we get? And how

many? These are tough questions and there is no place to go for the right answer. We need to figure it out and make all the necessary preparations, and have all our ducks in a row well before September 22.

It won’t “take a village” to make this happen, but it will take a Region!



**WORLD
MEETING OF
FAMILIES**

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We have reserved a booth in the Marketplace. From earlier messages, you know the cost of the booth is \$1500 – and that is the price for the non-profit groups!

Fundraising efforts began at the Annual Meeting with the sale of the Saint Francis Garden Flags. The flags are 'garden' size, which is 12" x 18". This effort has been quite successful. To date, 65 flags have been sold and there are still a number of flags available. If you would like to purchase one, please send a check or money order for \$15.00 made out to Kate Kleinert to 408 Custer Ave, Glenolden, PA 19036.



Many thanks to Manya Medrala, OFS, of Divine Mercy Fraternity who purchased 24 flags to sell through her business and to all our brothers and sisters who have made a purchase.

It's not going to take a village to pull this off....it's going to take a Region! Every one of us can contribute in a variety of ways. First, and most importantly, prayers are needed that this effort will be fruitful and bring more vocations to fulfillment.

Each Fraternity can hold a fifty/fifty or perhaps a white elephant sale. A **BIG** shout-out to Living Word Fraternity for the \$500 donation they made!! We are most grateful! This brings us closer to our goal and has certainly allowed us to move forward with the plans to have the booth well stocked for the 12,000 visitors.

How can I help?

One of the “give-aways” that will be available at the booth is a copy of a story taken from *The Little Flowers of St. Francis*. The story tells how St. Francis carried wild flower seeds in the pockets of his habit. When he came upon a woman who was recently widowed and without means to provide any extras in her life, he quietly planted the wildflower seeds around the woman’s cottage. Long after St. Francis had moved on to another village, the wildflowers bloomed around the cottage bringing much joy to the widow.

Attached to the copy of the story will be a 3”x4” ziplock bag with wildflower seeds. On the bag will be a 2”x4” label stating: **Has St. Francis planted a seed in your heart to follow in his footsteps to Our Lord? If you would like more information visit: www.skdregion.org or e-mail skdregionOFS@yahoo.com**

We will need (**lots of**) help in assembling these packets. If each fraternity did some, the task would be finished in no time! The only thing it will cost the Fraternity is time. Copies of the story, ziplock bags, wildflower seeds and labels will be provided.

If you would like to participate in true Franciscan fashion, you might want to plant your own flowers this Spring and Summer in order to harvest the seeds. St. Francis would be proud!!

We will also be purchasing medals with the image of St. Francis on one side and the image of Pope Francis on the other. A suggestion has been made to attach a small bow to each. We certainly need help with that as well. Again, no cost to the Fraternity – medals and ribbon will be provided.

Side one:
Pope Francis



Side two:
Saint Francis

How can I help? continued

Coverage at the booth is also necessary. Set up of the booth must be done on Monday, September 21, 2015. The "Marketplace" (where the booths are located in the Philadelphia Convention Center) will be open as follows:

Exhibit Days/Hour

Tuesday, September 22, 2015 - 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Wednesday, September 23, 2015 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Thursday, September 24, 2015 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm

Friday, September 25, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Then the booth must be dismantled right after closing on Friday.

We need enough brothers and sisters to volunteer to cover 2 shifts a day.

Monday – help with set up

Tuesday – 1:00 p.m. – 4:00p.m. and 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Thursday – 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday – 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Then help with breaking down the booth.

I will be there the entire time. We will need two people on each shift. The booth is only 10 feet by 10 feet so we aren't able to get too many Franciscans in there! Having this coverage will allow one person to check out the rest of the vendors if you wish. There are 840 vendors signed up to exhibit – almost like a Religious Disney World!! **Please understand that the Pope will NOT be in Philadelphia until after the Marketplace closes on Friday. His Holiness arrives late on Friday and will take part in the Festival of Families on Saturday, September 25 and will say Mass on the Parkway on Sunday, September 26.**

If you and/or your fraternity are interested in helping, please let me know either by e-mail: kkleinert@msn.com or call me at 610-583-0155.

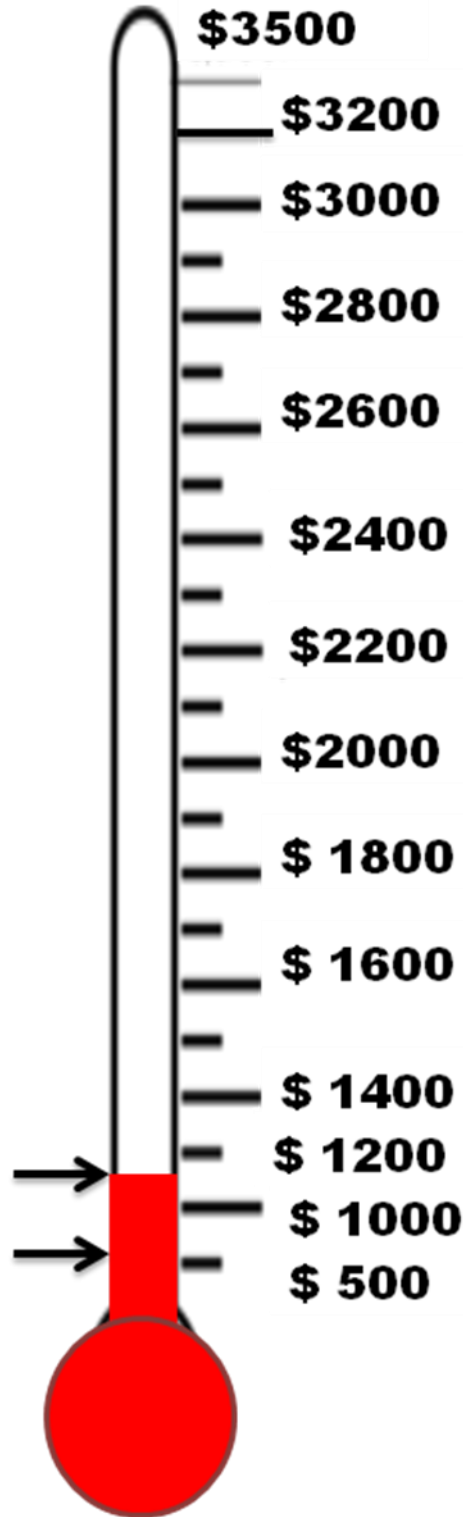
Where we stand financially

World Meeting of Families GOAL - \$3500

Booth - \$1500
Printed Material \$975 (est.)
Merchandise for sale and give-
aways \$975 (est.)
New vocations...PRICELESS!

Donation from
Living Word
Fraternity

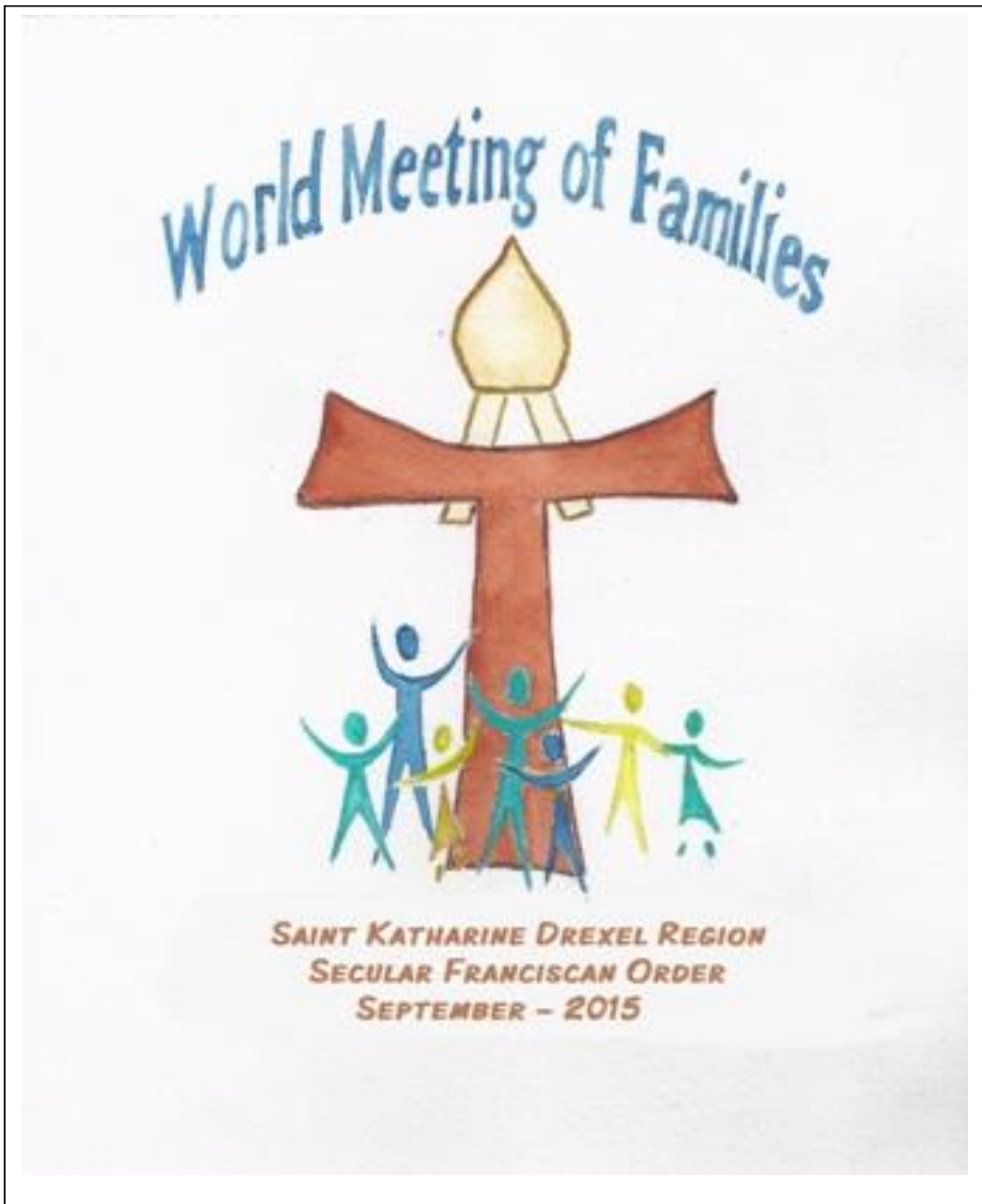
Profit from flag
sales



What's next

There was one entry to our logo contest and it is perfectly perfect! Many, many thanks to Marie Gilligan, OFS, for using her God-given talent to create our logo. It truly encompasses our participation in the World Meeting of Families as well as the visit of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

We will be using this logo on tee shirts and tote bags that will be for sale in the near future. Stay tuned!



A few odds and ends. . . .

I have exhausted every avenue for housing during the World Meeting of Families. Every Religious Order...and I mean **every** Order, booked their available space last summer. I have asked local pastors about space in their Rectories and checked out every local convent. There is literally no room in the Inn. So we are unable to accommodate any of our brothers and sisters from across the nation.

At our annual meeting in November, there was a great deal of enthusiasm for our presence at the WMOF. Remember, it doesn't take a village to pull this off; it takes a Region. Every idea and thought is welcome. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity...speak up!

If you have an idea for a fundraiser or some thought on what printed material we should have available, please, don't hesitate to say so.

An article about our involvement has been sent to Jim Wesley, OFS, the editor of The Tau. Hopefully, the article will appear in the February issue. If not, it will be in the following issue.

Letters have been written to His Holiness, Pope Francis, and Sean Patrick, Cardinal, O'Malley, T.O.R. (who will be the keynote speaker) asking each of them to mention the Secular orders. We all know what a well kept secret the Secular orders are! If one, or both of these Religious superstars would mention us, think where that would lead!

The Papal Nuncio did acknowledge the letter – no promises on a mention. But you don't know until you ask!

Stay tuned, jump in and surround this effort in prayer. Big things can happen from one small effort!