



provincial conference
bradley university
peoria, illinois
august 7-10, 1980

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7

PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE

3:00 PM to 10:00 PM REGISTRATION / Williams Hall

7:00 PM EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY
Student Center Walking With the Church
Celebrant and Homilist, Edward W. O'Rourke, Bishop of Peoria

8:15 PM Franciscan Family Welcome

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8

7:30 AM Morning Prayer
Williams Hall

8:00 AM Breakfast in Cafeteria

8:30 AM Registration

9:00 AM WELCOME AND ORIENTATION
Student Center Bill Hocker, President of the Province
Mr. Kuntz, Bradley University
Fr. Marie Breckensiek, Regional Assistant
Elmer Gury, Regional President
Irene Meisterheim, National Vice-President
Fr. Jovian Weigel, OFM, Provincial Assistant

9:45 AM KEYNOTE: "Spirit and Life"
Fr. Benet A. Fonck, OFM, General OFM Assistant

Orientation in Small Groups
Cathy Miltz

12:00 Lunch in Cafeteria

2:00 PM CALL TO THE WAY
(Module Number One)
Presented by Frank Petri, Royal Oak, Michigan Provincial Council

Sharing our Way in Small Groups

4:15 PM EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY:
Student Center Franciscan Family.
Prepared by Youth Fraternities
Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Norman Perry, OFM, Vicar Provincial

5:30 PM Dinner in Cafeteria

7:30 PM ENTERING THE WAY
(Module Number Two)
Presented by Emeline Kollman, Paxton, Illinois

Sharing our Way in Small Groups

9:00 PM Refreshment on the Way

Leaders' Meeting, Room 106 - Student Center

ERENCE PROGRAM

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9

- 7:30 AM Morning Prayer
Williams Hall
- 8:00 AM Breakfast in Cafeteria
- 9:00 AM **LEARNING THE WAY**
(Module Number Three)
Presented by St. Michael Fraternity
Fr. Greg Friedman, OFM
Sharing our Way in Small Groups
- 11:00 AM **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY:**
Our Province Family
Celebrant and Homilist: Fr. Marne
Breckensiek, OFM Regional Assistant
- 12:00 Lunch in Cafeteria
- 2:00 PM Tour of Peoria, Shopping, Relaxation
- SPECIAL PROGRAM for Young Franciscans.**
Speaker: Fr. Tom Speier, OFM
- SPECIAL PROGRAM for Spiritual Assistants**
Speaker: Fr. Benet Fonck, OFM
- 5:30 PM Dinner in Cafeteria

7:30 PM
Student Center

LIVING THE WAY
(Module Number Four)
Presented by Violet Tipotsch,
Roswell, New Mexico, Vice President, Provincial Council

Sharing our Way in Small Groups

9:00 PM Franciscan Family Night
Refreshments

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10

- 7:30 AM Morning Prayer
Williams Hall
- 8:00 AM Breakfast in Cafeteria
- 9:00 AM **WALKING THE WAY TOGETHER**
Presentation by Bill Hocker, President
of the Provincial Council
- 10:30 AM **EUCCHARISTIC LITURGY:**
Sent Forth on the Way
Anointing with Oil/Renewal of Profession
Celebrant and Homilist:
Fr. Andrew Fox, OFM, Provincial,
St. John Baptist Province
- 12:00 Lunch in Cafeteria
- Departure

During the Conference, a Special Room for the Blessed Sacrament is being set aside for prayer and intercession. This will be in the STUDENT CENTER.

You are invited to spend some time in the presence of Jesus to praise Him and thank Him for all that He has done in our Province and Fraternities over many years. JESUS IS OUR WAY. He is Lord of our lives. Pray for all your Franciscan sisters and brothers all over the Province—all over the world.

OUR GOSPEL WAY

Jesus sent forth his disciples to announce "The reign of God is at hand" (Mt. 10:7). So they went forth and then returned to gain strength and support in Jesus' words and their brethren's company.

In like manner Francis was called to "Go and rebuild my Church." (2 Cel. 10). He and his brethren went forth to proclaim by their lives Jesus made flesh in their world. They then came together to gain strength and support in prayer, fraternity and instruction.

As the Holy Spirit called Francis to respond to the Father's will and follow Christ, so the primary thrust of the lay Franciscans' vocation is to show Christ to the world by being his living image and to gain strength for this mission in community.

Thus we are sent forth on our way to be a sign of peace, gentleness and simplicity in the world, and, above all, to be witness to the love of Christ for his brethren.

CHRIST IS THE WAY

The new Rule is our way of living the Gospel (No. 4) "The rule and life of the Secular Franciscans is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people.

"Christ, the gift of the Father's love, IS THE WAY TO HIM, the truth into which the Holy Spirit leads us, and the life which he has come to give abundantly."

May each of us and all of us together respond to the Lord working in our midst. May his promises be fulfilled in us. May we walk in the "New Way" together with Jesus, His brother. May the Lord give us strength and wisdom and love to always "Be the Good News."

THANK YOU!

Conferences don't just happen! They are prepared far in advance. Many people from many parts of the province have made contributions small and large. That is as it should be. We won't list them, because the glory belongs to the Lord.