

# 5<sup>th</sup> Summer Seminar for the OFS

*Endorsed by the National Executive Council of the Secular Franciscan Order – USA*

**July 5, 2013 – July 7, 2013**

## **Finding Our History:**

*An Interactive Theater Presentation of the History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States 1917-2007*

with

**William Wicks, OFS** – *Historian of our Order and Former National Minister*

**Jim Wesley, OFS** – *Editor, TAU-USA*

**Cindy Wesley, OFS** – *Minister, Bl. Junipero Serra Region (Northern CA and Nevada)*  
and *The Audience*

**Saint Francis University  
Loretto, PA**



A Theatrical, Multi-media Presentation

## **Highlights of the History of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States**

Written and Produced by Bill Wicks

The 2013 Summer Seminar will feature a theatrical, multi-media presentation of the highlights of the history of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States. The cast will include several Secular Franciscan “actors” and the audience participation in the historical reenactments.

Segments of our history that will be presented are:

- **The forming of our national organization:** At the 1921 Congress in Chicago, delegates decided to form a national organization. Dialogue recorded at the 1921 Congress resulted in the formation of a national organization. Attendees at the seminar will represent those delegates and read a script taken from the records.
- Third Order Promotion: **Did you ever hear of the Third Order?** — 1916, 1945 and 2012 dialogue.
- **The Hour of St. Francis**, the most popular religious radio show of the 50s and 60s. Movie actors volunteered their talents. A recorded episode taken from those shows will entertain you along with an updated version.
- **The Peace Award Presentations** — highlighting the award given to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Again members of the audience will represent those who received the award and provide a one or two sentence description of the awardees achievements!
- **The Modesty Campaign** (Ladies in the audience will be asked to take the Modesty Pledge that the High School students took in the 50s).
- **The formulation of the Rule of 1978** (taken from Fr. Bob Stewart OFM Cap.’s dissertation) — emphasizing the Assisi Congress where Third Order members were finally invited. Seventeen essential elements were the keystone of our new Rule. Members of the Audience will be asked to read each of the elements.
- You will sing along with Jim and Cindy Wesley, OFS, the official song of the Third Order of St. Francis, **Hail St. Francis**, which was sung in the past at regular meetings and other significant events!

A complete copy of the program brochure and registration form is available at:

<http://francis.edu/5th-summer-secular-franciscan-seminar/>

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