



**The Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission  
and The Franciscan Youth & Young Adult Commission**

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## **The 2013 Franciscan Summer Confab\***

Join us for a joint gathering of the National Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) Commission and the National Franciscan Youth & Young Adult Commission this summer! In order to spark some creativity and synergy, we are hosting a joint Franciscan Summer Confab of hearts, minds, bodies and souls to shape the vision and direction for the next phase of our Secular Franciscan journey. We will come together to share our past experiences, our wisdom, our dreams and vision for ushering forth the Gospel and Franciscan charism into the world. These two national commissions will meet jointly to integrate how we address justice, peace and care for creation with the mobilization and engagement of the next generation.

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**When is it?** The Franciscan Summer Confab is being held on July 25-28, 2013 (Thursday, 5:00 pm through Sunday 11:00 am).

**Where is it?** We are gathering at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Conference Center in Belleville, Illinois. The nearest major airport is Lambert-St. Louis International in St. Louis, Missouri. (Airport code: STL)

**How much will it cost?** This event, which includes food and overnight accommodations at the Shrine, will be \$275 for a double room, \$375 for a private room, *for those registering by May 1, 2013*, plus your transportation costs. Financial assistance may be available. Costs will increase by \$40 after the "May Day" deadline. A \$100 deposit is due at the time of registration.

**How do I sign up?** A complete registration and information packet can be found on the NAFRA website at [http://www.nafra-sfo.org/meetings\\_and\\_resources.html](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/meetings_and_resources.html). To access the packet, look for "Resources" and click on the top line. A copy may also be obtained from your Regional Minister. The deadline for early registration is May 1, 2013.

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### **Franciscan Summer Confab's Franciscan Youth & Young Adult Track**

**What is it?** This is a gathering of a small group of passionate Secular Franciscans and Franciscan-hearted young adults who will come together to help give vision to rebuild the new Franciscan Youth (YouFra) Movement in the United States. This is a time to discuss the needs and challenges of Franciscan young adult ministry today, brainstorm strategies, and set goals for turning ideas into action.



**Who should attend?** I am a new member of the national Franciscan Youth & Young Adult Commission OR I am a young adult (18 - 28-ish) with leadership skills who is already active in a YouFra Fraternity or am chomping at the bit to get one started OR I am a Secular Franciscan with experience in leading youth and young adult ministry and I want to help get a new YouFra fraternity started in my area.

**Why should I go?** I have been concerned about the needs of young adults and our Franciscan obligation to engage the next generation of Franciscans in the Gospel life. I feel God has been nudging me to take on leadership, and I have some background in working with youth and young adults. I want to be part of history in helping rebuild a new YouFra Movement. I am good at big picture thinking, dreaming, and turning ideas into action.

**Where can I get more information?** I should contact Ríobart (Rob) Breen, OFS, Chair of the National Franciscan Youth & Young Adult Commission at ([Riobart.Breen@anamduan.org](mailto:Riobart.Breen@anamduan.org))

## Franciscan Summer Confab's JPIC Track



**What is it?** This is a gathering of a small group of Secular Franciscans who have interest in and are committed to justice, peace and the integrity of Creation locally or regionally, and are willing to contribute to our national effort.

**Who should attend?** I am a member of the national JPIC Commission OR I am involved in local or regional JPIC efforts OR I would like to get a new JPIC initiative started in my fraternity.

**Why should I go?** I have been concerned about the needs of peace, justice and integrity of Creation and our Franciscan obligations to be engaged. I also appreciate that there is great potential for our Order in connecting with youth and young adults by way of JPIC.

**Where can I get more information?** I should contact Kent Ferris, OFS, Chair of the National JPIC Commission at ([ferris@davenportdiocese.com](mailto:ferris@davenportdiocese.com))

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## JOIN YOUFRA FOR OUR ANNUAL H2O PROJECT

*"I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink" ... (Matt.25:35)*

**What is the H2O Project?** This is an international project to promote Christian solidarity, advocacy and financial support for poor communities in developing nations who have no access to the Earth's clean drinking water. During one or two weeks in Lent, we abstain from drinking any beverage except tap water, and we set aside any change we would normally spend on other beverages. In solidarity with our brothers and sisters who do not have even clean water to drink, we increase our connections and responsibility to poor families and communities and God's Creation. Money raised is pooled together nationally and donated to drill fresh, clean water wells in poor communities in Central & South America, Asia, and Africa.



**Who should participate?** Franciscan Youth (YouFra) groups, Secular Franciscan fraternities, and other family and friends who want to help.

**Why should we participate?** Our poor brothers and sisters need us. This can also be our Lenten experience of daily and ongoing Franciscan transformation and conversion into the Gospel Life. Journeying through Lent with a broader, tangible impact gives meaning to our lives by helping those whom Christ called us to serve.



**How do we participate?** **1.** Make a commitment as a YouFra Group or Secular Franciscan fraternity to do the H2O Project for a particular week in Lent (March 13 – 29), and designate one or more organizers. **2.** Email Franciscan Youth and Young Adult Commission Chair, Riobart (Rob) Breen, OFS at [RBreenOFS@anamduan.org](mailto:RBreenOFS@anamduan.org) to register your fraternity as part of our national YouFra/Secular Franciscan effort. **3.** Visit the H2O Project website at <http://www.theh2oproject.org> and use any of the free resources and promotional materials to plan your local project. **4.** Get as many people involved as possible, and carry out your project. **5.** At the end of the experience, collect any funds and send a check to the National

Treasurer, Cecilia Maljan-Herbelin, OFS, 1933 Tudor Drive, San Jacinto, CA 92583-6035.

**How do we get more information?** Visit the H2O Project website at <http://www.theh2oproject.org> or email Franciscan Youth and Young Adult Commission Chair, Rob Breen, OFS at [RBreenOFS@anamduan.org](mailto:RBreenOFS@anamduan.org)

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