

6th Summer Seminar for the OFS

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Spiritual Assistance

with

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The 2014 Summer Seminar will focus on the subject of *Spiritual Assistance*. The general audience will learn what Spiritual Assistance is all about – who is responsible for it and the role of the Spiritual Assistant within each fraternity. For those involved in Spiritual Assistance training, key elements of a successful training program will be identified and discussed.

Since these are two distinct issues, each with different audiences, the seminar will present two separate “tracks,” as well as a joint session.

Track A is for anyone, including those currently enrolled in spiritual assistance training programs.

Track A will be led by **Fr. Kevin Queally, TOR**, President-in-Turn of the Conference of National Spiritual Assistants (CNSA) and Regional Spiritual Assistant, Five Franciscan Martyrs; **Anne Mulqueen, OFS**, Spiritual Assistant to the National Formation Commission; and **Cecilia Maljan-Herbelin, OFS**, CNSA Executive Secretary and Chair of the Spiritual Assistance Development Task Force (SADTF).

Track B is *restricted* only to those *directly* involved in the design, planning, and implementation of a regional training program for spiritual assistants. This track will identify the “best practices” of various styles of training programs across the country and develop some general guidelines, in accordance with the *Formation Program for Spiritual Assistants* by our International Conference of General Spiritual and Pastoral Assistants to the OFS. Track B will be led by **Sylvia Paoli, OFS**, Minister of St. Francis Region and one of the Facilitators for St. Francis Region’s Training Program for Spiritual Assistants and Formators; **Fr. Matthias Wesnofske, OFM Cap.**, member of the CNSA, Provincial Spiritual Assistant, Regional Spiritual Assistant for both Father Solanus Casey Region and Tau Cross Region and facilitator of their spiritual assistant training programs; and **Faye Martin, OFS**, facilitator for Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region’s Spiritual Assistant Training Program.

The seminar will begin with a general overview for everyone; both groups will join daily for review and discussion; and the seminar will close with a joint session.

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

<http://francis.edu/6th-summer-secular-franciscan-seminar/>