



COME HOME TO THE Q AND BE WITH FAMILY

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God Himself must love the family structure since He spent so much time creating it. It flavors our prayers... Our Father... through the Son... we are adopted sons and daughters. It flows through our Franciscan lives because we are brothers and sisters in the truest sense of the words. And like most families, we mean to get together more often; but, somehow it never happens. We wait for a better time: after the holidays, when money isn't quite so tight, when my schedule isn't so busy....

Life does have a way of getting away from us. When was the last time you fed your vocation? Truly fed it? Or fed the vocation of one of our Brothers or Sisters? Every relationship needs some attention in order to be renewed and revived. The Q is the perfect opportunity to spend time with your own vocation and your Franciscan family.

“Little Fraternities” – little families - are formed so you will have a small group to meet with, talk about what you heard, discuss what you can take back and what you can learn from each other. If you have been to a Quinquennial in the past, you know what it is like to attend Mass with 600 people who share your beliefs and wear the same Tau. If this is your first time attending, I wish I had the talent to write what it is like. The last Q held in Chicago ended with the closing Mass. The Recessional hymn was *Go Make a Difference*. The faith and joy and fire of our Franciscanism nearly blew the roof off the Holiday Inn! All those voices raised as one, praising God and encouraging each other to **go make a difference**, I still feel it now. And I hold it out to you. This opportunity comes along every five years. There isn't a better time than now. Life is short, but it begins and ends with family. Please... meet me in St. Louis!

Don't forget to meet me in St. Louis.

June 30 – July 4, 2016

XIX QUINQUENNIAL

“Reviving Our Spirit”

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St. Louis, Missouri

Registration information and registration is available on the NAFRA website;

<http://www.nafra-sfo.org/>

Q Tip: Register Early to Win Q Quilt



“The first 300 folks to register for the 2016 Q will be entered in the drawing to win the Quinquennial Quilt that is being stitched by our sister, Cindy Wesley, OFS,” reports Q Committee member Kate Kleinert, OFS. “Chances will also be sold at the Q, but for your free entry to the drawing, get those registrations in!”