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* 100TH Anniversary Issue *

While working on the last issue of the *TAU-USA*, we realized that this will be an anniversary issue — #100. Through the years, teams of Franciscan brothers and sisters have worked together making each issue a vital communication link to all members of the Secular Franciscan Order, USA.

The *TAU-USA* is a quarterly publication of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order of the United States. It serves as a vital communication link between the National Fraternity Leadership and all professed and aspiring Secular Franciscans throughout the United States. Each article in the publication, while sharing the Secular Franciscan charism and vision, is intended to inform, inspire, and challenge. Many of the articles of the *TAU-USA* are excellent resources for ongoing formation.

Each issue is the result the teamwork of Secular Franciscans from around the country. Many of the articles are written by members of the National Executive Council and the various committees and commissions. Articles are regularly submitted by the Conference of National Spiritual Assistants (CNSA), the four spiritual assistants, one from

each friar obedience (Order of Friars Minor, OFM Capuchin, OFM Conventual, and Third Order Regular), who provide assistance to the National Fraternity. For many years, Fr. Lester Bach was a regular contributor. Occasionally, articles are also submitted by Secular Franciscans from the various fraternities around the country. The production staff includes copy editing, layout, proofing, translation and layout in Spanish and Korean, and the posting of an electronic version on the national website. The management of the National Database is also part of the production process; it is the source of the accurate and updated mailing list for more than 13,400 names. All work is done by volunteers from the Secular Franciscans family. The printing and mailing of the English and Spanish issues are handled by Valley Offset Printing and Smoky Valley Printing in Kansas.

History of the National Newsletter

by Bill Wicks, OFS

Look in Volume III, pages 148-156. It has the history of the TAU-USA and lists the editors up to 2007. The first national newsletter was published by Fr. Max Poppy, OFM, in 1936. Refer to pages 237-238 of Volume I of our history.

The publication of the national newsletter was resumed in 1991, after a hiatus of 20 years. It was and is published quarterly. Elizabeth Ryder, SFO, was the editor, and James David Lynch, SFO, was the National Minister at that time. It should be noted that during the above-mentioned hiatus, much of the news of the Order was published in the *Franciscan Herald and Forum*; the *Herald* ceased publishing in 1987.

With each editor, the newsletter showed improvement, some of which had to do with the improvements in word processing software, some with the change of the size and quality of printed

paper and the number of pages. Each editor gifted us with her/his unique creativity.

The Naming of the National Newsletter

In the summer of 1995, a survey was taken of the subscribers to select a name for the national newsletter. There were more 100 entries. The name selected by the Executive Council, *TAU-USA*, was submitted by Ralph Schlueter, SFO, former newsletter editor for St. John the Baptist Province and Holy Trinity Region. As a prize, Ralph was awarded a copy of the Liturgy of the Hours. The newsletter name was first used in the Winter 1996 edition.

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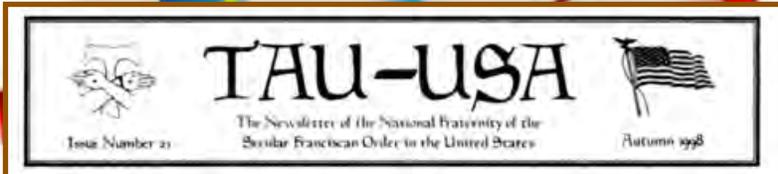
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Jim & Cindy Wesley



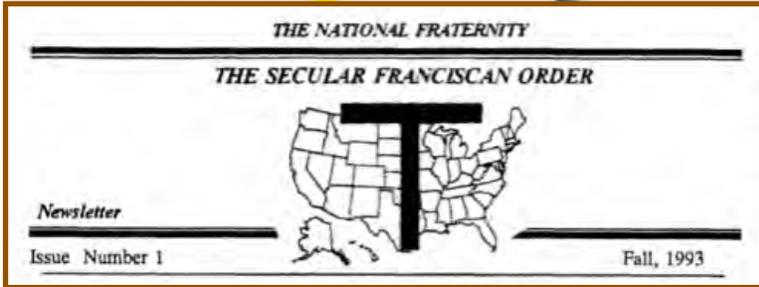
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Anna Geraci



2003
Frances Wicks



1998
Tony & Daria
Outhwaite



1993
Patti Normile

1991
Elizabeth Ryder



1989
Gloria Shriver

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