



# SHINE/Youth & Young Adults Commission

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**"Go, Rebuild My Church!"**

With great joy we are busy preparing the **SHINE** Fraternal Guide. Thank you to those across the country who are guiding our efforts and contributing to this toolkit to help our fraternities reach out to bring the next generation of Catholics closer to Christ! The guide has been expanded in several key areas in response to requests and contributions from our regional and local SHINE/Youth & Young Adult Directors. The guide will now include a SHINE/YYA Director's job description, additional formation materials, and an expanded prayer section.

We are grateful to those of you who have completed Franciscan SHINE/YYA Activity Trackers! This will become a great resource for us to connect across the United States to share success stories and support each other in our endeavors. The Activity Tracker is available on the NAFRA website, and we continue to welcome contributions.

We continue partnering with the Q Committee and the National Executive Council as we

develop programming for young adults on Saturday during the Q. More details will be forthcoming this fall.

**SHINE** is striving to create local, regional and national experiences for Catholics under 35 in the United States to explore their spirituality and to experience the Franciscan charism. Through interactions with OFS/Secular Franciscans while participating in fun and interactive community activities, dialogue, prayer and religious formation (in person and online), young Catholics will observe Franciscans modeling our charism.



## Shared Goals for Each Fraternity at the Local, Regional and National Level

- **Pray for our SHINE Leaders and Young Catholics across the country**
- **Conduct two SHINE activities**
- **Select two young adult SHINE Ambassadors to participate in at least two meetings per year to interact with and advise the fraternity council**
- **Help build our fraternal "Welcome Mat" by guiding our fraternities toward a spirit of acceptance and inclusion for our younger friends of St. Francis**

PLEASE HELP US...

# Fraternal Guide Contest!

Entries are due by September 15<sup>th</sup>

We are requesting prayers, songs, short stories, quotes or artwork to be included in the upcoming release of the SHINE/Youth & Young Adults Fraternal Guide.

Are you passionate about bringing the next generation of Catholics closer to Christ and inspired to share your talents?

**Entries should be submitted on 8½" x 11" portrait format. Please include the following information with the entry: your name, local fraternity name, address, phone and email. If entry is being submitted by someone under 35, please include age.**

If submission is being made by someone who is not a professed Secular Franciscan, please include the name of the Secular Franciscan who is sponsoring the entry (so that awards can be distributed). Winners will be announced at the October Chapter. All entries become the property of NAFRA.

*Entries should be sent via email to [ShineYourSpiritualLight@yahoo.com](mailto:ShineYourSpiritualLight@yahoo.com)*

*or*

*mailed to SHINE/YYA, 114 Barnett Drive, Edwardsville, IL 62025 by September 15<sup>th</sup>.*



## 8<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families

Plans are being finalized for our SHINE/YYA booth at the 8<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families (WMOF) in September in Philadelphia.

Please connect with us via email to [ShineYourSpiritualLight@yahoo.com](mailto:ShineYourSpiritualLight@yahoo.com) if you are planning to attend the event and would like to help out at our booth or would like details for the special gathering of Franciscans on Friday presented by the SHINE/YYA National Commission!

