



# SHINE/YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS COMMISSION

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*“Promoting the vocation by means of appropriate and dynamic initiatives!”*

Franciscan Brothers and Sisters,

Let your spiritual light SHINE! We enter the new calendar year with a new name for our OFS Youth & Young Adults initiatives in the US: **SHINE**

## Focus of **SHINE**

To bring the next generation of Catholics closer to Christ through Franciscan spiritual experiences

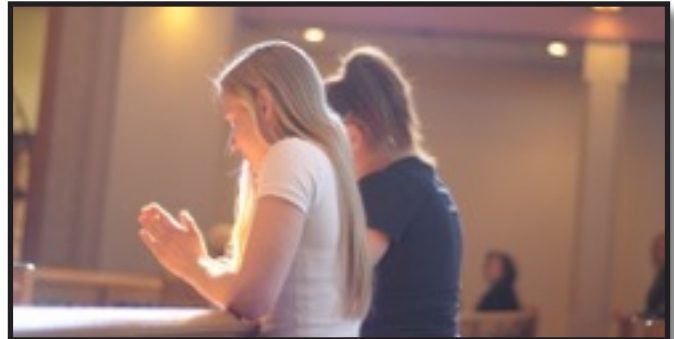
Shine will include youth under 18 and young adults 18-34.

The new term **SHINE** will encompass our three key focus areas for Young Catholics under 35:

1. Y.E.S. – Stand-alone events that may be held once or may be recurring. Y.E.S. is “Youth Exploring Spirituality”; activities are conducted at the local, regional or national level in the United States (see the most recent Tau for suggested Y.E.S. activities)
2. YouFra Groups – Emerging and existing groups that have been recognized by the United States SHINE/Youth & Young Adults commission and that hold regular gatherings under the CIOFS YouFra Guidelines
3. Young Franciscans – Those younger than 35 who have made the one-year Franciscan promise



**SHINE** is... Creating local, regional and national experiences for Catholics younger than 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 (always), and religious



formation (in person and online), young Catholics will observe Franciscans modeling our charism.

Utilizing our Rule, Ritual, US Constitutions, National Statutes, Formation materials, International guidelines (CIOFS) and information regarding St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare and Pope Francis, we will advocate a Gospel life.

**SHINE** will encompass both stand-alone “Come & See” activities through Y.E.S., Existing/Emerging YouFra Groups and Young Franciscans who have made the one-year Franciscan promise.

Our outreach to young Catholics will have a positive impact on our fraternities by stretching our Franciscan spirituality to partner with a generation that thinks and interacts differently from our current OFS population in the United States. Secular Franciscans who are called to servant leadership for young Catholics through our Order will receive encouragement, prayers, tools and start up financial support from our fraternities at every level. Adult Franciscans will care for Young Catholics by demonstrating respect and keeping them safe from any harm while in our presence.

Our outreach to young Catholics will result in rebuilding our Order in the United States through more early-lifetime professions. Our **SHINE** focus is simply: To bring the next generation of Catholics closer to Christ through Franciscan spiritual experiences.

## **SHINE** is...

Young Catholics  
Celebrating Christ  
In Their Lives

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*“Go, Rebuild My Church”*

## SHINE/OFS Youth & Young Adults

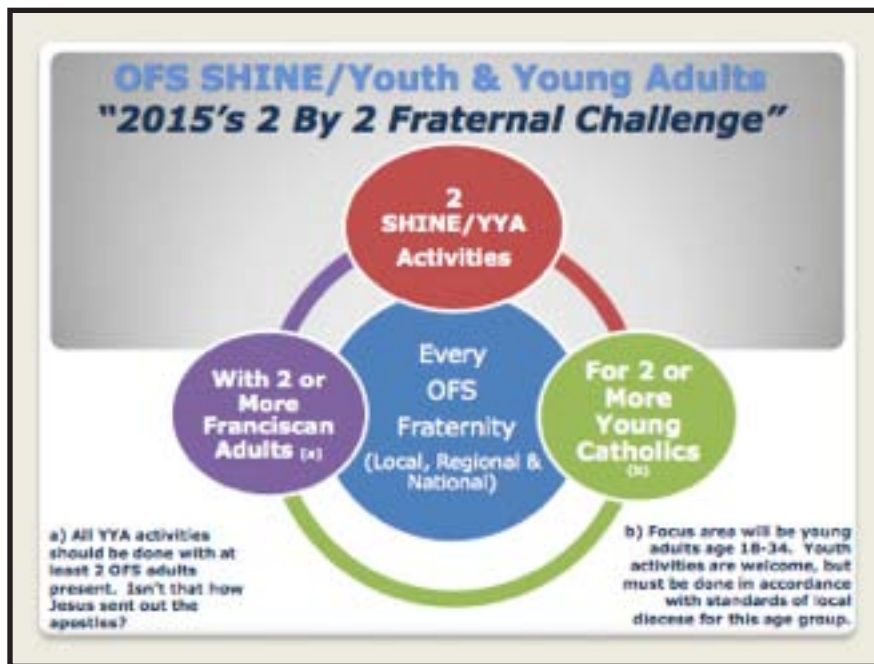
### Vision for Calendar 2015

Shared Goals for each Fraternity at the Local, Regional & 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

Shared Goals for **SHINE** resource development:

- ★ Implement **SHINE** Activity Trackers by March 1st
- ★ Write and distribute **SHINE** Fraternal Guide by May 1st
- ★ Conduct a gathering of Regional **SHINE**/Youth & Young Adults Leaders (formerly Regional YouFra Chairs) and **SHINE** Advocates (interested/supportive Secular Franciscans) at JPIC’s Peace Retreat in Belleville, IL in August
- ★ Provide booth for OFS/**SHINE** at the Eighth World Meeting of Families (WMOF) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in September
- ★ Build our national **SHINE** structure by identifying a **SHINE** Leader in every region by December 1st and by encouraging appointment of local **SHINE** Leaders



The World Meeting of Families (WMOF) is a triennial global event that seeks to strengthen the sacred bonds of family across the globe and highlight its intrinsic value to the good of society. This will be the first time the event is held in the United States. The theme will be “Love is our mission: the family fully alive.” The event website (<http://www.worldmeeting2015.org>) includes a Preparatory Catechesis for all ages including lesson plans for Grades PreK through High School, which could be used as part of a local **SHINE** activity.

This International Conference was founded by Saint Pope John Paul II. In November 2014, the Vatican confirmed that Pope Francis will be making his first visit to the United States to attend the conference. Additional information is available via

Facebook: World Meeting of Families 2015; and via Twitter: @WMF2015.

What a great opportunity for us to celebrate our Franciscan family! Registration for the event is open. Additional details regarding OFS/**SHINE** participation in the event will be in the next Tau. Highlights of the event include the Pope’s visit, an International YouFra gathering and Cardinal Sean Patrick O’Malley, O.F.M. Cap. as one of the keynote speakers

### \*\*\* NEW SHINE/YYA FRATERNAL ACTIVITY TRACKER \*\*\*

Please use the survey on the next page to share Youth & Young Adult activities during the last few years. Completed trackers may be included in the upcoming SHINE/YYA Fraternal Guide if received by March 30.

# OFS SHINE/Youth & Young Adults - FRATERNAL ACTIVITY TRACKER

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## A. ACTIVITY LEADERSHIP

<b>Name of Activity</b>			
<b>Form Prepared By</b>	Name		Email
	Phone		OFS Status (Professed, Candidate, Inquirer, Non-OFS)
	Date Form Completed		Local Fraternity Name
	Date of Activity		Regional Fraternity Name
<b>Brief Activity Description</b>			

## B. ACTIVITY SCOPE & DEMOGRAPHICS

<b>Responsibility for Activity</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Local__ <input type="checkbox"/> Regional__ <input type="checkbox"/> National__	
<b>Number of Attendees</b>	___ OFS Professed ___ OFS Candidates ___ Catholic Adults non OFS) ___ Priests ___ Nuns	___ Deacons ___ Catholics 18-35 years old ___ Non Catholics 18-35 years ___ Catholics under 18 ___ Non Catholics under 18
	TOTAL ATTENDEES _____	
<b>Location</b>	___ church ___ school ___ restaurant ___ park	___ home ___ theater ___ retreat center Other _____
<b>Event Cost/Surplus for Fraternity</b>	\$ _____	
<b>Event Cost for Attendees</b>	\$ _____	

## C. ACTIVITY PUBLICITY

<b>How was activity publicized? Indicate all that apply</b>	___ Local Fraternity Newsletter ___ Regional Fraternity Newsletter ___ Local Fraternity Announcements ___ Regional Fraternity Announcements ___ Local Fraternity Calendar ___ Regional Fraternity Calendar ___ Face to Face	___ Phone calls ___ Radio spots ___ Website: ___ Facebook ___ Twitter ___ Pinterest	___ Through church organizations ___ Catholic Schools ___ Church Bulletin/Insert ___ Church Announcements ___ Press Releases ___ Other:

## D. KEY ACTIVITY SHARING

<b>1. What went well with the activity was...</b>	
<b>2. In retrospect we wish we would have...</b>	
<b>3. Most memorable moments from the activity were...</b>	
<b>4. The benefit to our fraternity was...</b>	
<b>5. The event taught us...</b>	

## E. ATTACHMENTS

Please attach reference documents such as: Step by step guide for planning activity, timeline/agenda of activity, photos, publicity flyers/bulletin inserts/press releases, description of social media use, summary of event evaluations, etc.  
If multiple attachments are included, please list the names of all attachments on 1<sup>st</sup> page of attachments as a summary.