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Secular Servite News

Dear sisters and brothers of the Servite Secular Order,



A very Happy New Year to all of you!! I write with happiness and gratitude, as I look back to moments I've shared during 2010 with various communi-

ties within the Servite Family. At the Friars' Provincial Chapter, we celebrated Servite vocation, highlighted by the personal sharing of some Friars and some Secular Servites. The friars were not only appreciative, but also inspired and uplifted by the heartfelt (and sometimes humorous) articulations of what it truly means to be a Servite, to share in this wonderful charism, and to be able to spread our spirit to those whom we meet every day. I also made a short appearance at the Secular Order National Council meeting in Chicago a few months ago, at which I listened to discussion on your growth and moving forward, and also contributed a couple of ideas of my own! I gladly met some lay people who are interested in the OSM

Lay Diakonia, another expression of our vocation as Servants of Mary

for couples and families, two of whom offered Fr. Vidal and I the use of their beautiful house on a lake. And it was a privilege to participate in the UNIFAS International Gathering in Rio de Janeiro this past summer, with Fr. Vidal, Rose Roeder, Theresa Orozco, and lots of other members of the Servite Family from all corners of God's creation around our planet, which stands in need of our care and concern.

Well, that's last year, which we, like Mary, treasure in our hearts. But like the cycle of the seasons, both in nature and in the liturgical calendar, we have another chance to "begin again," to grow not only one more year in age, but also in grace and wisdom. I pray for the ongoing growth of the Secular Order, not only in terms of membership, but especially in terms of spiritual depth and maturation, religious and theological knowledge, and increasing collaboration in ministry with the friars. Do you remember when St. Paul tells the people that they can either continue to eat baby food or begin to "chew on" the more substantial food of maturing believers? I encourage you to come to the table which offers that kind of food – along with the Eucharist – workshops,

retreats, spiritual direction and reading, or even a class.

I envision an increasing collaboration between the Friars and the Secular Order, not as parents and children, but as sisters and brothers. Along with the Chapter presentations, there are also a few OSSMs on the friars' provincial committees. And I'd like to see more. I've encouraged the friars, during my annual visitation, to be more attentive

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from the National Assistant

Fr. Vidal Martinez, OSM



Greetings and best wishes to all members of the Servite Secular Order throughout the USA. We are renewing our commitment to publish this newsletter, *Secular Servite News*, three times a year, to keep all informed about the life and activities of Secular Servites. We invite each OSSM community to identify some members to perform this task in their local community. How are we to know and hear about the activities and celebrations of the different Secular Order

communities, unless an article is prepared and sent, together with pictures, to appear in print for all to read? **Our next edition of *Secular Servite News* is scheduled for publication on June 1, 2011. The deadline to submit articles and pictures is May 15, 2011. Please take note of these dates.**

In this issue of *Secular Servite News*, the members of the OSSM National Council have each contributed a brief autobiography, a description of their activities, and some pictures. At present, the OSSM National Council is composed of four Secular Servites: Deacon Jack Rhine, OSSM, Palm Bay, FL; Theresa Orozco, OSSM, St. Louis, MO; Valentín Rosario, OSSM, Hartford, CT; Barbara Forde, OSSM, Albuquerque, NM. The term of office of these four Secular Servites that form the Council will be concluding at the IV OSSM National Conference, October 28-30, 2011, Orlando, FL. Elections of their replacements will take place in October, 2011 at the IV OSSM National Conference. Each OSSM community is invited to send the name of one member as a candidate for the election.

The IV OSSM National Conference, October 28-30, 2011, San Pedro Retreat Center, Winter Park (Orlando), FL has as its theme: "SERVANTS OF MARY AND CARE OF CREATION". All Secular Servites are invited to attend. Brochures will be available at your community monthly meeting as of February 2011. Let us all pray for the success of this national gathering of Secular Servites.

We are happy to inform you that there are currently 28 OSSM communities in the USA that have been canonically approved by the Prior General. It is unfortunate that two communities were de-activated recently, due to lack of vocations (members) as well as due to lack of participation of the members: Immaculate Conception OSSM Community, Spring City, PA and Salve Regina OSSM Community, Kissimmee, FL. The latter was merged with Comunidad San Peregrino, Kissimmee, FL. At the same time, there are now four new communities that are in formation. Each of these communities is at different levels in their formation process: Holy Rosary Parish, Chicago, IL; St. Juliana Parish, Fullerton, CA; St. John Fisher Parish, West Palm Beach, CA; Incarnation Parish, Tampa, FL. Let us pray for our sisters and brothers as the first candidates prepare themselves to establish a presence of the Servite Order in their surroundings.

Finally, we are very grateful to the women and men who have recently concluded their service as Prior or Prioress in their community. May they be richly blessed for their time of self-less service in support of their local OSSM community. We pray as well for the women and men who have accepted the responsibility of serving and guiding their OSSM community as newly elected and installed Priors and Prioress. May God continually bless each of you.

Nos da mucho gusto poder enviarles un caluroso saludo a cada Seglar Siervo de María de los Estados Unidos de América. Queremos renovar el compromiso de publicar, por lo menos tres veces al año, este boletín informativo sobre la vida y las actividades de las comunidades de la Orden Seglar Servita. Invitamos a cada comunidad OSSM que identifique y nombre personas que sean responsable de escribir artículos breves sobre la vida y las actividades

de su comunidad local que, junto con algunas fotos, sean enviados para ser publicados en este boletín. ¡De qué otra forma vamos a enterarnos de las actividades de las varias comunidades OSSM! **La próxima edición de este boletín informativo se publicará el 1ro de junio de 2011. A más tardar, el 15 de mayo 2011 deben someter cualquier artículo y fotos para dar a conocer las actividades de su comunidad.**

En presente edición del boletín, se presentan los miembros del Consejo Nacional OSSM. Actualmente el Consejo Nacional se compone de los siguientes seglares: el Diácono Jack Rhine, OSSM, Palm Bay, FL; Theresa Orozco, OSSM, St. Louis, MO, Valentín Rosario, OSSM, Hartford, CT, y Barbara Forde, OSSM, Albuquerque, NM. Cada uno de ellos ha escrito una breve autobiografía, una explicación de algunas de sus actividades, y ha incluído alguna foto. Estos cuatro consejero concluyen su tiempo de servicio como miembro del Consejo Nacional durante la IV Conferencia Nacional OSSM, 28-30 de octubre de 2011, Orlando, FL. Cada comunidad OSSM será invitada a que nos envíen el nombre de un Seglar de su comunidad como candidato/a para las elecciones a llevarse a cabo durante la IV Conferencia Nacional OSSM.

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La IV Conferencia Nacional OSSM, 28-30 de octubre 2011, Centro San Pedro, Winter Park (Orlando) FL, que lleva como tema: “LOS SIERVOS DE MARIA Y EL CUIDO DE LA CREACION”. Están invitados todos los Seglares Siervos de María. A partir del mes de febrero, podrán procurar un folleto, en su comunidad, para inscribirse y participar en la IV Conferencia Nacional. Oremos todos por el éxito de este encuentro de los Seglares Siervos de María a nivel nacional.

Con mucho gusto le informamos que hay 28 comunidades OSSM en los Estados Unidos que han sido aprobadas canónicamente por el Prior General. Desafortunadamente, dos comunidades OSSM fueron de-activadas, por falta de miembros o por falta de participación de miembros activos. A la vez, hay cuatro nuevas comunidades OSSM in diferentes niveles de formación. Oremos por nuestros hermanas y hermanos, los candidatos, quienes se preparan para profesar la Promesa como Seglares Siervos de María.

Finalmente, queremos sinceramente agradecerle mucho a las mujeres y hombres que hace poco concluyeron su servicio a su comunidad como Prior o Priora. Y oremos por las personas que aceptan esta responsabilidad de servir y guiar a su comunidad OSSM como recién elegidos e instalados Prior o Priora. Que Dios continúe derramando sobre ellos su bendición.

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to the local Secular Servites, and to think of ways of their greater involvement. We have handed the administration of our high school to lay persons, and are in a process of doing something similar at the Grotto. Wouldn't it be wonderful if, in the future, some of those ministerial and administrative positions in the province would be held by Secular Servites? It's a dream, but that's what the beginnings of new years are for!! And, along with my best wishes, I promise you the prayer of all the friars for you and your loved ones...and I ask your prayers for us friars, as we enter into a significant process of planning for a future with diminished numbers, but perhaps new and creative possibilities.

In the spirit of Mary's Magnificat of courage and hope,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. John Fontana, OSM". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Fr. John Fontana, OSM
Prior Provincial

Barbara Forde, OSSM

Greetings from The Land of Enchantment! My name is Barbara Forde and I recently retired to the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico from Kissimmee, FL. I was born on the Caribbean island of Trinidad, and apart from spending a few years in Canada, have lived in the United States most of my adult life. I am widowed with one daughter Melanie who still resides in Florida. I hold a BA in Business Administration, have completed the three year Diocesan Ecclesial Lay Ministry program in the Diocese of Orlando and am a certified catechist.

I am a cradle Catholic. I have a strong Marian devotion which began as a child. Mass and The Rosary were the mainstays of the family as much as the processions on Marian feast days. The Sisters of Holy Faith who taught me through school were also a great influence. Together with my parents, they gave me the foundation which is so necessary to understanding and sustaining my Catholic faith. Church was a focal point of every community. It was family.

Seventeen years ago, we moved to Kissimmee, Florida. Shortly thereafter, I had my first Servite experience. In 1994 I met Fr. Vidal Martinez, O.S.M. He had come to Kissimmee to start St. Catherine of Siena mission as part of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church which was my parish at the time. After much soul searching and prayer, I started to attend St. Catherine of Siena which became a parish of the Diocese of Orlando in August of 2000.

I became a catechist and befriended another catechist, Bernadette Millien, a very special lady who teaches by example and lives the Marian charism. Bernadette invited me to my first Secular Servite meeting. I made my promise in 2002. The Servite family

has taught me a sense of community, a sense of family, a great love for The Sorrowful Mother and living Mary's fiat. I had the opportunity to serve as Secretary to UNIFAS, USA and now to serve on the National Council for the Southwest and Western Regions. My daughter Melanie is also a Secular Servite and was fortunate to attend World Youth Celebrations in Rome in 2000 as part of the Servite youth group.

I look forward to continuing my faith journey here in New Mexico. The settling process is ongoing and I have gradually started taking an active role in my parish. I look forward to meeting, getting to know, and working with the secular communities out here

in Colorado and California. My wish for all of our communities is twofold. First, let us all reach out to the youth and young adults in our parishes and encourage participation and formation. Let our communities be vibrant. And second, let us have more community outreach as Secular Servites and not necessarily as part of other ministries or groups.

As I continue to pray for all the communities, I ask that you also keep me in your prayers. I believe that with your prayers and the help of Mary and Jesus her Son I will be able to do my very best in fulfilling my duties and responsibilities as a Secular Servite and living my Catholic faith.



Servite Lay Diakonias/Diaconías de los Siervos

*Lay Diakonias in formation,
Spooner, WI*

The Servite Lay Diakonias movement began in Arezzo, Italy on September 8, 1982. It was launched by Fra Davide M. Montagna. During the following three years it evolved into a new form of evangelical life in the tradition of the Secular Order. On December 18, 1998, Fra Hubert M. Moons associated the Lay Diakonias Movement to the Servite Order and approved their Rule of Life.

Who are we?

The Servite Lay Diakonias is a movement made up of lay people who have taken on and share the spirituality of the Servants of Mary.

The Diakonia is a nuclear family that lives in its own house – a sort of little “house church.” To be a “house church” involves the practice of human and Christian values in one’s own home; living these values constantly and sharing them with anyone who enters or visits the house: Praise and Word, love and forgiveness, communion and sharing, hospitality and dialogue.

A Diakonia is an “open house,” open not just to friends and those who share our concerns but to the needs and demands with which life confronts us: caring for young people, helping the marginalized, solidarity with the missions and those suffering catastrophe, ecumenism and dialogue with other religions, promotion of “Justice and Peace.”

Through our domestic community we hope to be mediators between history and the Gospel, serving ceaselessly both mankind and life. Our school of life is weekly, community Lectio Divina.

Our Spirituality

Friendship, brotherhood, dialogue, working together and sharing our sufferings and hopes.

Our essential characteristic is to live a “human life” through a spirit of sharing and respect for the environment. Mary and Joseph in the house at Nazareth care for and watch Jesus



grow. He is the Word made flesh and they are our models. Their exemplary lives help us put the Gospel into practice. Each Diakonia is dedicated to Our Lady and bears a name that reflects some aspect of Our Lady and emphasizes our specific charism as a domestic community.

El Movimiento de las Diaconías laicas de los Siervos de santa María inició el 8 de septiembre de 1982 en Arezzo, Italia siguiendo la intuición de fray Davide M. Montagna, y se ha estructurado en el trienio siguiente como forma nueva de vida evangélica en la tradición de la Orden secular de los Siervos. El 18 de diciembre de 1998 fray Hubert M. Moons ha asociado el Movimiento de las Diaconías a la Orden de los Siervos de María y ha aprobado la Regla de Vida.

¿Quiénes somos?

Las Diaconías laicas de los Siervos de María son un movimiento formado por laicos que asumen y comparten la espiritualidad de los Siervos de María.

Diakonía es el núcleo familiar que vive en la propia casa, como una pequeña iglesia doméstica. El ser iglesia doméstica quiere decir tener en la casa los valores humanos y cristianos para vivirlos en forma continua y extenderlos a quien llegue o frecuente la casa: la Alabanza y la Palabra, el amor y el perdón, la comunión y el compartir, la acogida y el diálogo.

las necesidades y las urgencias que la vida nos pone delante: custodia de menores, atención a los marginados, solidaridad con los Misioneros y los pueblos en desgracia, y ecumenismo y diálogo con otras religiones, adhesión a los proyectos de “Justicia y Paz”.

A través de la comunidad doméstica tratamos de ser una “mediación” entre evangelio e historia, en un continuo servicio al hombre y a la vida. Nuestra escuela de vida es la lectio divina comunitaria semanal.

Nuestra espiritualidad

Amistad, fraternidad, diálogo, para trabajar juntos y compartir sufrimientos y esperanzas.

Pobreza, sobriedad, esencialidad, para vivir mejor “la medida del hombre”, en la belleza de lo “gratuito”, en el respeto de la Creación.

Inspiración Mariana, María y José que en la casa de Nazaret cuidaron y crecieron a Jesús, Palabra hecha carne, son nuestros modelos, que en su ejemplaridad de vida nos ayudan a poner en práctica el Evangelio. Todas las diaconías están dedicadas a Santa María y llevan un nombre que recuerda un aspecto mariano y subraya el específico carisma de la comunidad doméstica.

My Servite Journey

I migrated from Chicago to Saint Louis, MO in July 2010. My husband accepted a fabulous position with the Archdiocese of Saint Louis as the Director of Hispanic Ministry. I believe this ministry is an important component of Christian hospitality. As our nation and global community is able to instantaneously share news and we physically travel from the far corners of the world, hospitality is an opportunity of welcome and evangelization. (Genesis 18: 1-15)

When I arrived in Saint Louis, I was reminded that Saint Louis was a King and Saint. (Luke 4:18) I learned he was a fair, social justice minded king and was in fact a Franciscan tertiary. Another interesting fact about the city of Saint Louis is the use of provol cheese and it is preferred over mozzarella – not to mention the rivalry between the Cardinals and the Cubs.

Currently, I am finishing school, volunteering at the Archdiocese of Saint Louis in the Office Hispanic Ministry and remain involved in Servite committees. My social justice and communication interests have worked well for the committees I serve: Servite Coalition for Justice (SCJ), OSSM Midwest Regional Council, UNIFAS Executive Council. For me it has been a privilege to be with such an international and diverse Servite Community. I look forward to collaborating and learning from those that will be invited to serve in the future. (1 Peter 4-11)

As a committee person in the SCJ and UNIFAS, I find myself involved in communication and trends, and in collaboration to understand and develop a contemporary approach to our Catholic vocations and social justice work. Serving as the Midwest Regional Councilor for the Midwest Region I have witnessed the strengths and weaknesses of our way of life. While we have a strong spirituality and closeness to one another in our local communities, we still need to develop more appreciation in our other Servite sisters and brothers, both nationally and internationally, as well as, religious and secular. With this greater appreciation, we will gain a deeper understanding of our local evangelization, apostolate, and Christian mission. I believe we can demonstrate more our Servite Charism and invite others to our Servite Charism. (Luke 19: 1-10)

My hope for the OSSM is that we invite to and demonstrate more our Servite Charism. We continue our hospitality to one another and our neighbors. That we grow and integrate our Servite communications in a manner that is of “one heart and one mind” and we continue social justice work with contemporary eyes and hearts.



UNIFAS 2010, Rio de Janeiro



Brunch with Chicago Focolare



San Filippo Benizi Grotto, Monte Senario

Theresa Orozco, OSSM

A Great Holiday Gift

My trip to India can best be described as a journey of contrasts.

From Amhedabad to Bhayavadar, Mervadar, and Upleta. From Borsad to Chennai, Tiruchchirappalli, Trichy, Nigersoil, and lastly Hyderabad. From Hinduism to Christianity and Alleluia to Hare Krishna. Each day and with each new experience lived, I learned about my own contrasting feelings and emotions as well as those of others. The combination of the incredible, the seen, and the experienced made India the greatest holiday gift.

After my second week in India, I arrived in Chennai, and I was received by Fr. John Joseph, OSM. As he

picked me up from the airport, he immediately made me feel welcome and at home. On our way to Jyothi Matha Alayam, he informed me about how the friars and the community were to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Shortly after my arrival, I met with Fr. Savariappan, Servite provincial in India. He warmly welcomed me as well and introduced me to the rest of the friars in the community.

The next morning I got an early start and joined the friars for Mass and prayer. Afterwards, I was introduced to the Franciscan Hospi-

taller Sisters and visited their establishment. I had the opportunity to listen to Sister Elsie's stories about her experiences facing the disaster of the Tsunami in 2004 and its aftermath. The sisters are not only nurses who care for physical injuries, but they are also counselors who, with compassion, attend to the psychological needs of the people. As I listened to Sister Elsie's stories, I could sense her resilience in having dealt with disaster and loss. "It was something we were not prepared for," Sister said. "Nonetheless, I had notes and the syllabus of a seminar I once took on Disaster Management. Thank God for that!"

Christmas Eve was a different story. The Midnight Mass was glory at its best! The nativity display was redone a couple of times until it was perfect to receive its people and the new born Jesus. I wore my saree, thanks to my sister Servites who helped me dress for the occasion. What a gift, I thought to myself! I got to see the children wear their new Christmas outfits: the same children who earlier sang and danced for me and practiced their English with me. It was such a joy to watch the families gather together and sit on the floor to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Once more I listen to the choir and the beautiful Indian Christmas melodies. During the Mass, I was able to connect and place the melodies where they belong such as The Glory and Holy, Holy. At the end of the Mass, Santa came and brought Christmas cake for everyone. Christmas Day lunch with the friars was memorable and I felt right at home.

The following day I rode with the friars to Trichy. Trichy offered different experiences such as the Jegan Matha Matriculation School, the Servite Home for the Aged, the Servite Children Home, and the Holy Family Hansenorium. At the leprosarium we were greeted by Dr. Rita, a Sister of Our Lady of Sorrows and an icon of true compassion, genuineness, and unconditional love. She showed us the different buildings and their purpose. Sister Rita informed us that in leprosy the first parts to go are the limbs, and indeed as she took us around the



center we observed a number of individuals with missing limbs and some in their early signs of deterioration. In addition, she informed us that currently the Children Home houses 83 children who are HIV positive. One of the buildings also serves as a home for individuals with mental illness such as schizophrenia and dementia.

Lastly, we arrived in Nigersoil, a town in far southern India. After a long journey we made it just in time for the jubilee celebration of one of the friars. Admiration, respect, unity, and loyalty were flowing in the air. Hugs and gifts of appreciation were exchanged. Even I received a gift and my presence was acknowledged to the community. Food was served to all who attended this meaningful celebration. Once more, the children were attracted to my name and difference. As the children walked us to our car for departure, they practiced their English in the best way they could. Again, what a wonderful day I



thought to have shared such occasion in the heart of these people's lives and events!

To end my story, I will start with the beginning of my journey: an invitation to an Indian wedding in Borsad

in which I shared for one week the joy of the preparation and various celebrations, and tears of parents and family in letting their daughter go in order to grow. Christmas was a special memorable gift for me this year in that many feelings and emotions were uncovered and brought to the surface. The greatest gift was to discover that across the waters, people of color and those with a culture different from my own share more similarities than dissimilarities. During my visit, Father Savariappan, provincial and Sister Elsie took me to see the Cathedral in Chennai and the tomb of St. Thomas. This was another gift that helped me understand that the incredible is very credible, and that I too believed because I saw. I thank God for this opportunity to reflect and nurture my spirituality, and I thank my Servite brothers and Secular Servite sisters for being my teachers in this experience. My trip ended in Hyderabad, an urban city and where I spent New Year's Day in a Hindu temple and monastery. I would leave Hyderabad for another paper as it is a story that needs a chapter of its own.

- Carmen Arellano
OSSM Candidate in Formation



Welcome to Our Servite Family!

¡Bienvenidos a Nuestra Familia Servita!

January 25, 2010
St. Mary Source of Our Joy Community, Chicago IL

David Iaccino

February 14, 2010
Our Lady of Sorrows Community, Chicago IL

Arnieta Townsend

February 14, 2010
St. Peregrine Community, Rice Lake WI

Joanne Melcher
Carol Nickell
Dorothy Schwochert

Jacene Silvis
Shirley M. Streitz

February 16, 2010
Comunidad Ntra Sra De los Dolores, Fullerton CA

Genoveva Aguilar
María Estela Barrera Martínez
Olivia Lopez
Bernardina Martínez

Francisco Martínez
Celia Pita
Armando Raygoza

April 9, 2010
Our Lady of Sorrows Community, Lady Lake FL

Pat Reavey

May 8, 2010
Mary, Queen of the Servants Community, Palm Bay FL

Micheline Calixte
Donald Carothers



May 15, 2010
Mother of Sorrows Community, Union City CA

Libertad Abaya
Remedios Abaya
Muriel Amor
Mervic Cosme
Ramona Dizon
Martha Garcia
Lourdes Mejia

Mary Ha Tran Nguyen
Vincent Hung Phi Nguyen
Debbie Nunes
Socorro Paiso
Eugene de la Paz Ramirez
Thelma Regner
Jane Relopez



March 29, 2010
Our Lady of Sorrows Community, Peralta NM

Corine Finch
Aurora Herrera

Mathew Sena
Rose Zambrano





June 3, 2010
St. Juliana Community, Lakeview OR

Josie Rez

June 24, 2010
Mother of Sorrows Community, Union City CA

Crisanto Pagtakhan
Darlene Pagtakhan

Jacquelyn Petit

Sept. 4, 2010
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Denver CO

Arlene Sisneros



Sept. 19, 2010
St. Anthony Pucci Community, Marrero LA

Arnaldo "Nato" Enriguez
Lucy Galaviz
José Lopez

Aida Elizabeth Menjira
Manuel Vargas
Margarita Zavala



July 24, 2010
Comunidad San Peregrino, Kissimmee FL

Rosa Diaz
Cecilia Malotau

Monserate Rodriguez
Carmen Soler



Sept. 19, 2010
St. Peregrine Community, Rice Lake WI

Jan Masterjohn

Ruth Wesley

December 12, 2010
Comunidad Ntra Sra De La Providencia, Hartford CT

Griselle Hernández

Nohemy Tirado

Valentín Rosario, OSSM



I am Valentin Rosario, OSSM, 55, living in Hartford, Connecticut since 1981. I graduated from Springfield College, Massachusetts. I had been always very involved with human rights and social justice issues in my community struggles.

I am happily married to Teresa Rosario, OSSM. We have three daughters, Jessymar, Julianny and Valery. We also have 3 grandchildren and a fourth one on the way.

At my parish, Saint Augustine Church in Hartford, I am President of the Parish Council. I am very active in all parish ministries, but specifically as a Lector. I have been a Secular Servite since 2008 as a member of Our Lady of Divine Providence Community. As a member of the OSSM National Council, I am the Liaison Councilor for the Spanish-speaking OSSM Communities as well as the Northeast Regional Councilor. As Liaison for the Spanish-speaking communities, my role is the following:

To foment better communication.

To cultivate unity and fraternity between each other.

To make available all OSSM documents by translating into Spanish.

To foment integration with the English-speaking OSSM Communities.

Por este medio quiero enviar un mensaje a todos mis hermanos Servitas que hablan español. Un saludo fraternal y que la Santísima Virgen María nos proteja a todos. Parte de la responsabilidad en la cual me tengo que desenvolver como persona de enlace con todas las Comunidades que hablan español son:

1- Representar a cada Comunidad que hablan español ante el Consejo Nacional cada 3 meses.

2- Traducir documentos de ingles a español para así facilitar la comunicación y devoción en nuestras Comunidades Servitas.

3- Promover la unidad, fraternidad y asesorar a los Consejos de cada Comunidad que necesiten ayuda en algún asunto en particular.

Para que yo pueda tener éxito en mi función necesito la ayuda de cada uno de ustedes y en particular el Prior (a) comunicándose conmigo mas a menudo para así tener la información que tengo que llevar a al Consejo Nacional Servita. Espero poder comunicarme con cada Comunidad y mantenernos unidos siempre.





Jack Rhine, OSSM

Deacon Jack Rhine OSSM is a member of Mary, Queen of the Servants Community in Palm Bay, Florida since 2003 and is the Southeast Regional Councilor. He was first introduced to the Servite Order when he moved to Palm Bay in 1994 and Servite friars staffed Our Lady of Grace Parish. It was the pastor, the late Fr. Jim Dore, OSM that awakened Jack's interest in social justice and inspired Jack to ministry. Jack was ordained to the permanent diaconate in 2002 and has served the Catholic Community of Our Lady of Grace since then. Besides the liturgical duties of a deacon, Jack is a catechist in adult religious formation and sacramental preparation as well as chaplain for the local St. Vincent de Paul conference. He is a Port Chaplain and is a founding

member of the team that ministers at the Apostleship of the Sea Center at Port Canaveral. He is responsible for building and the computer network used by the seafarers to stay in touch with family and friends at home. Jack was born and raised in San Francisco, California and spent 16 years living in New Hampshire prior to moving to Palm Bay in 1994. He married his best friend Karen in 1971 and has one daughter and three grandchildren. Jack and Karen live with Ollie, a sweet natured and lovable yellow lab, greyhound and whatever mix. He served honorably in the US Navy during the Vietnam Era. He has a BA in History and a MA in Education from San Francisco State University and advanced work in Education at the University of California, Berkeley. He

spent his career teaching and working in the computer industry and is now retired. Jack has a passion for social justice and serving the People of God. He and Karen like to travel together and try to visit Servite communities wherever they go in order to spend time with members of our family. He also enjoys reading, photography, and stamp collecting and is interested in technology, movie palaces and theater pipe organs. He especially enjoys serving the Secular Order of the Servants of Mary and is also the secretary for UNIFAS USA.



SERVANTS OF MARY *and* Care of Creation

IV National Conference
Servite Secular Order: USA



Save the Date!

October 28-30, 2011
San Pedro Center
Winter Park (Orlando), FL



Keynote Speakers:
Dr. George Maul
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