

# **Building Family – Building Fraternity**

## **Belonging to the Secular Franciscan Family**

**Our Lady of the Angels  
2019 Regional Elective Chapter**


# Objective

Reflect on the diversity of the worldwide Secular Franciscan family to which we belong

- ▶ International Fraternity
  - ▶ National Fraternity
  - ▶ Regional Fraternity
  - ▶ Local Fraternity
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# The Secular Franciscan Order

## SOME REMINDERS ...

- ▶ As members of OFS local fraternities, we join together with other local fraternities to form regional fraternities, national fraternities and the International OFS Fraternity
  - ▶ Secular Franciscans belong to all four fraternities – our “family”
  - ▶ The International Fraternity is the union of all local fraternities in the world (corresponds to the Secular Franciscan Order in its entirety)
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# What does our family look like?

Present on every continent except the Antarctic

Present in 118 nations

- 69 constituted national fraternities

- 20 emerging national fraternities

- 23 nations in which there is a presence of Secular Franciscans

- 6 special cases

Approximately 300,000 Secular Franciscans world-wide



# International Fraternity



Constituted National Fraternities



Emerging National Fraternities

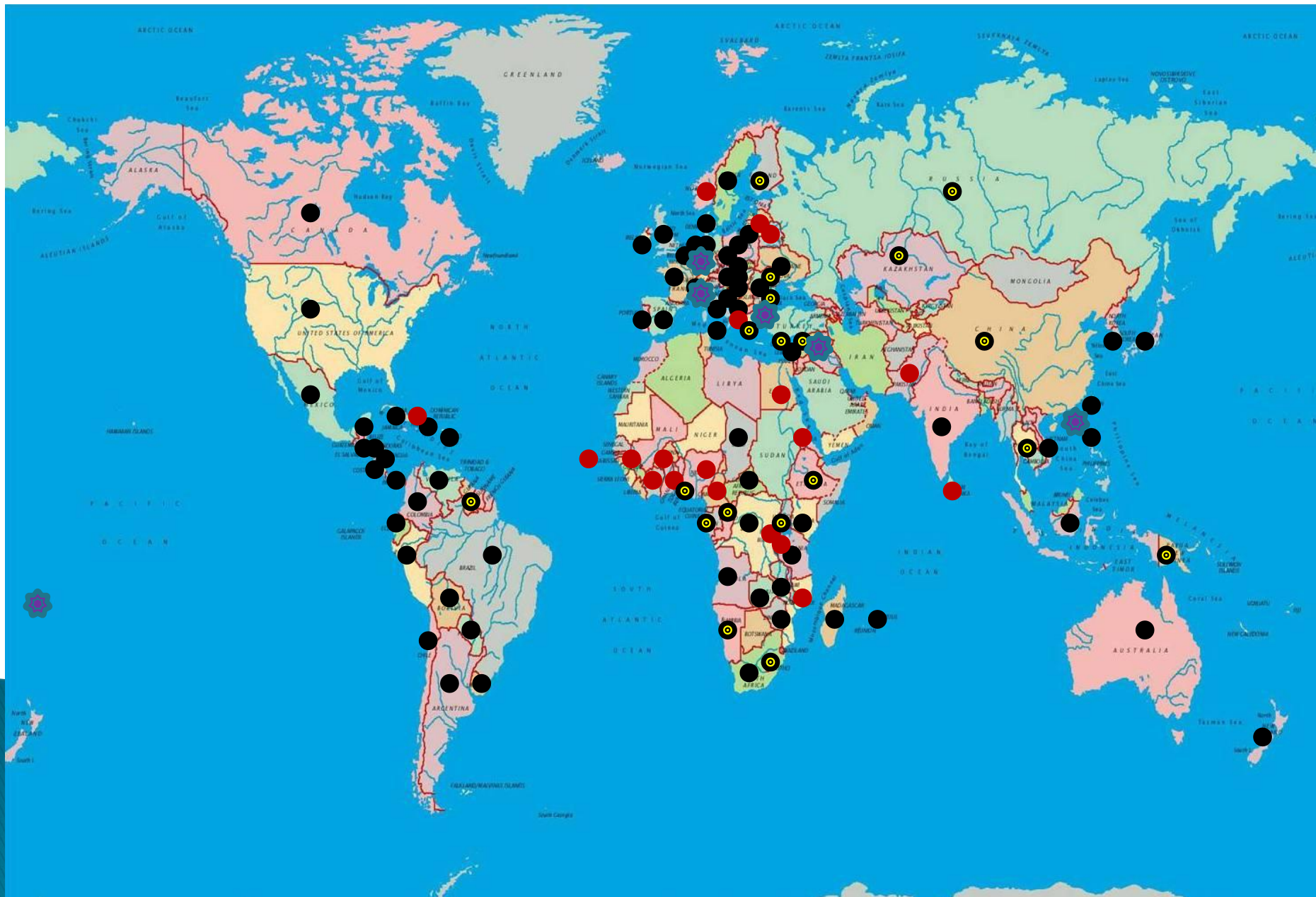


Presence of Secular Franciscan



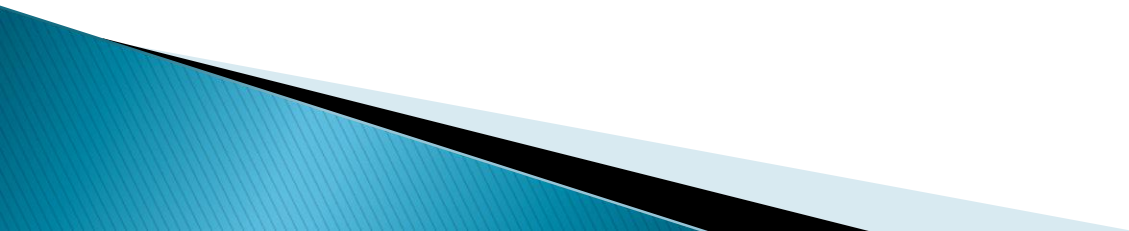
Special Cases





# International Fraternity

Guided by an International Council and  
Presidency





# International Presidency 2014-2020

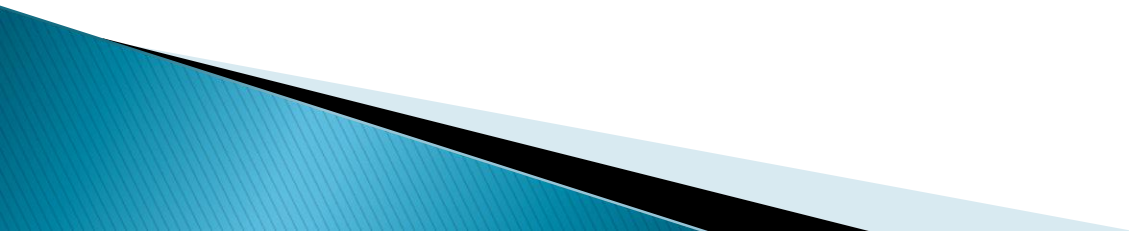
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# Some of Examples of the International Fraternity's Diversity



**Asia – Korea, India, Sri Lanka,  
Philippines**



























# Carribean – Haiti















# South America – Brazil





# OFS–YouFra European Congress 2012





# Africa – Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia



















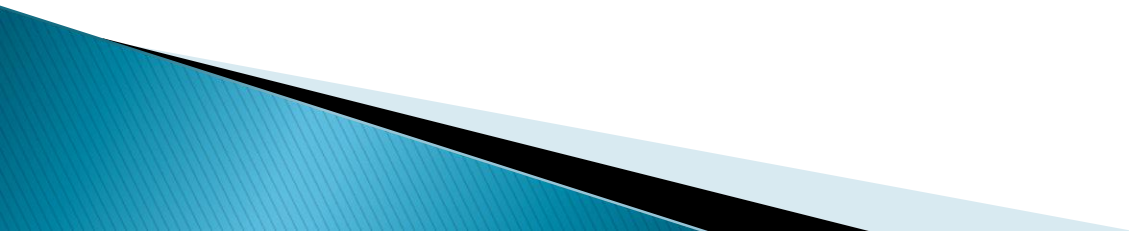




From our world-wide family to our own  
National Fraternity ...



# National Fraternity of Canada





# National Fraternity Demographics

Present in every Province in Canada

Present in 12 regional fraternities

3 regions in the anglophone sector

9 regions in the francophone sector

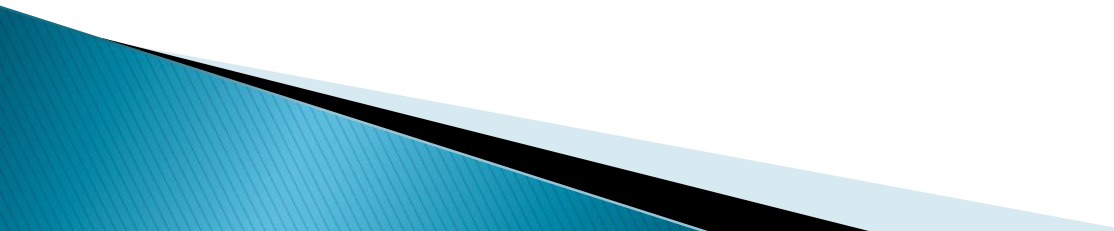
Professed Secular Franciscans – 1 723

Candidates in formation – 118

TOTAL 1 841

\* Statistics as of March 2019

Anglophone Sector	Professed	Formation	Total
Our Lady of the Angels	457	28	485
Eastern Canada	217	26	243
Trillium	465	36	501
TOTAL	1139	90	1229





Francophone Sector	Professed	Formation	Total
De la Trinité	47	13	60
St-François-de-Laval	78	0	78
Montréal	120	4	124
Nicolet *	20	0	20
Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean *	27	0	27
Sherbrooke	40	4	44
St-Hyacinthe	50	3	53
St-Jean-Longueuil-Valley	48	0	48
Trois-Rivières	154	4	158
TOTAL	584	28	612

# Fraternité 2019





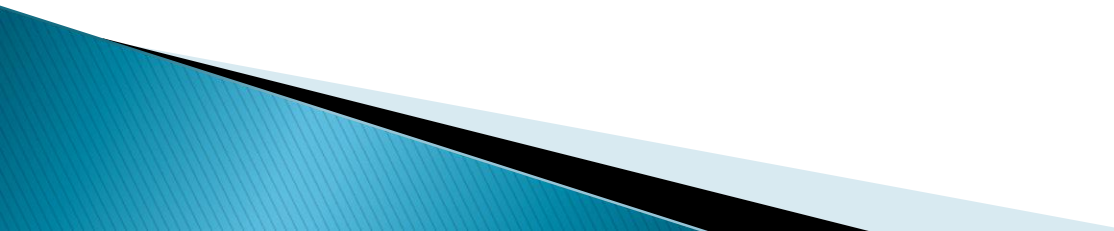
# National Fraternity

- ▶ Guided by a National Council



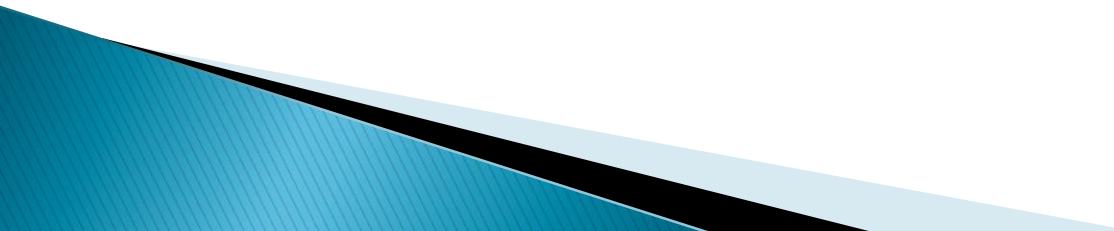
# National Fraternity

## 2018 Future Orientations

- ▶ Support to Life in the Local Fraternity
  - ▶ Life in the Regional Fraternity
  - ▶ Formation (team)
  - ▶ Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation (team)
  - ▶ Youth (team)
  - ▶ Communications (team)
  - ▶ Outreach
  - ▶ Leadership
  - ▶ Archives
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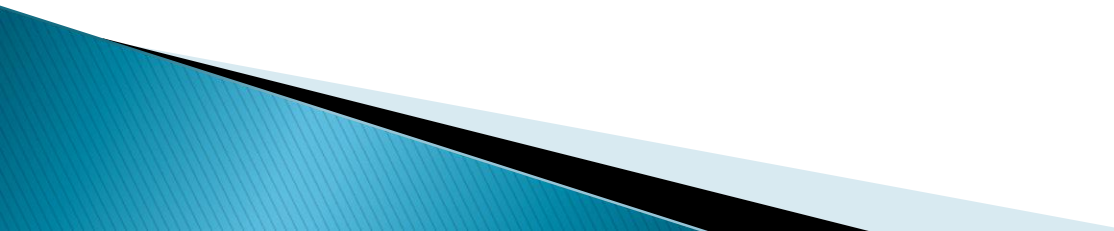
# Local Fraternities

- ▶ Most basic unit of the Order
  - ▶ All other levels (regional, national and international) are meant to animate and guide the local level
  - ▶ Focus must always be on animating and guiding the local fraternities – being responsive to their needs
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Anglophone Sector	Local Fraternities	Emerging Fraternities	Total
Our Lady of the Angels	24	1	25
Eastern Canada	15	0	15
Trillium	25	0	25
TOTAL	64	1	65



Anglophone Sector	Local Fraternities	Emerging Fraternities	Total
De la Trinité	5	0	5
St-François-de-Laval	6	0	6
Montréal	8	0	8
Nicolet *	3	0	3
Saguenay-Lac-St-Jean *	6	0	6
Sherbrooke	4	0	4
St-Hyacinthe	7	0	7
St-Jean-Longueuil-Valley	4	0	4
Trois-Rivières	8	0	8
TOTAL	51	0	51

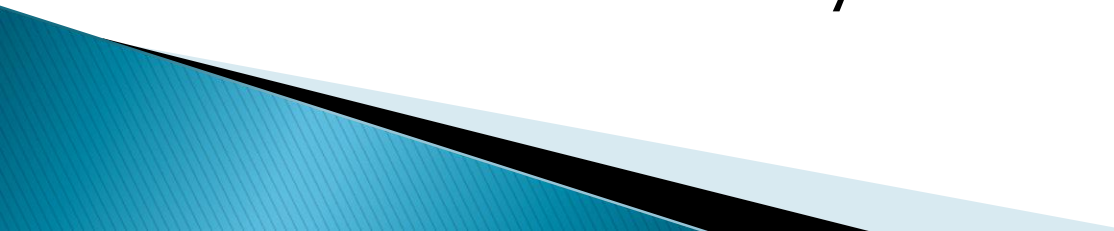


## Fraternities      Members

Anglophone Sector (3 reg)	65	1229
Francophone Sector (9 reg)	51	612
TOTAL	116	1841



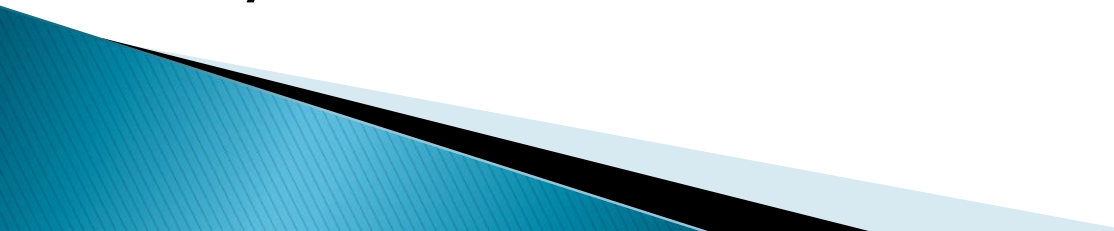
# What can we learn from the diversity of the Secular Franciscan Family?

- ▶ The family of God/Francis is very diverse, living very different realities
  - ▶ All are searching for the same things – meaning in life, meaning of God in their lives, importance of family, caring and supporting each other through joys and sorrows
  - ▶ Faith in a God who loves each of us is what keeps us together – source of our richness
  - ▶ We are all poor ... and we are all rich ... sharing of resources is key
  - ▶ Reminded of Ghandi's saying: "Everyone should have what they need and no one should have more than what they need"
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# SFO Rule, 13

“As the Father sees in every person the features of his Son, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ.

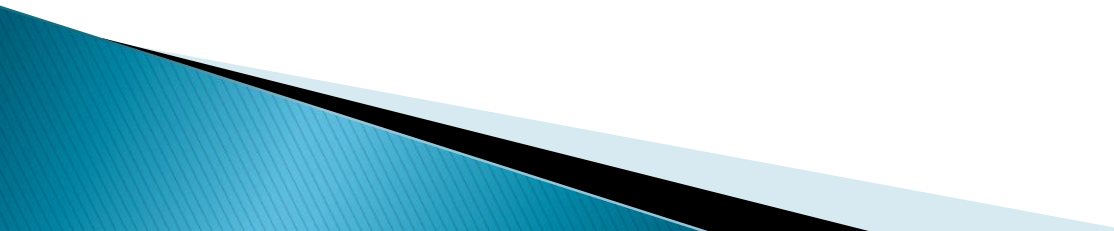
A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ.”





# SFO Rule, 13

Called to ...

- Be gentle and courteous, to be joyful
  - Accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ
  - Place ourselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly
  - Share a sense of community, knowing that “wherever the Spirit leads us, together we go”
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# Wherever The Spirit Leads Us

Wherever the Spirit leads us,  
Wherever we go,  
Wherever the journey takes us,  
Together, we'll go!



1. Our God is a God of love  
Who cares for our every need.  
He calls us to trust in him,  
To follow his lead.

2. Our God is a God of hope  
Who never forgets his own.  
He calls us to go beyond,  
To places unknown.

3. Our God is a God of joy  
Who wants us to all belong.  
He gives us fraternity,  
To help us along.





May the Lord  
give you peace!

THANK YOU.