



2023 FAA Reunion and Retreat

June 22-25, 2023

St. Francis Retreat House, 3918 Chipman Road, Easton, PA 18045

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“Let us begin again ...”

St. Francis of Assisi

Renew, Reflect, and Relax Together

Outline of the Weekend

▪ **Thursday Afternoon and Evening, June 22**

4-6 pm: Arrival at SFRH, Registration, Settling In

6 pm: Supper together

7:15 pm: **Our Franciscan Mosaic**: sharing stories of how we have been living the Franciscan charism in our lives since our formation years

8:30 pm: Recreation with snacks and drinks

“Sing-a-Long Song” Group for those interested in playing music or singing

10 pm: Quiet and rest

▪ **Friday, June 23**

8 am: Morning Prayer for those who wish or public Mass in Main Chapel

8:30 am Breakfast together

9:15 am: **Our Futures Joined Together**: Do you prefer to stay an alumni association for SJB and OLG Provinces as we have in the past?

Do you have any dreams for a more engaged Franciscan fellowship in the future?

Do you desire more fraternal connection with other Franciscan alums, more than once a year at a reunion?

What would it look like if we built on the union of the six USA provinces to form a six province Franciscan alumni fellowship? Would you like to be a part of the “impetus” for a nation-wide Franciscan alumni association to come into being? (small interactive groups)

Family members are free to take part in these discussions or to have some fun with other alum-family members by going sight-seeing or relaxing together.

10:15 am: Break

10:30–11:30 am: **Our Futures Joined Together II:** We will continue this discussion all together in the large group.

Free afternoon: Time to explore the towns Easton, Bethlehem, Jim Thorpe or explore nature trails nearby. Please see **“Nearby Attractions”** page. ***Please sign out at breakfast if you are not staying for lunch here at SFRH. Thank you.***

Noon: Lunch together for those staying on campus for lunch.

Free afternoon: See **“Nearby Attractions”** page for activities around us.

6 pm: Supper together

7:15 pm: **Movie Night:** Possibly “Soul Searching: The Journey of Thomas Merton,” “A Celtic Pilgrimage” with John O’ Donohue, “Of Gods and Men,” “Two Popes” or another movie with a spiritually reflective meaning for us.

9 pm: Recreation together with snacks and drinks

10:30 pm: Quiet and rest

▪ **Saturday, June 24**

8 am: Morning Prayer for those who wish

8:30 am: Breakfast together

9:15 am: **Beginning Again:** A little more time to share insights from our conversations about our future together. What new insights and guidance have we felt for our personal lives and for our FAA fellowship to grow in the Franciscan charism that we all share? What new thoughts do we have about “widening our tents” to join with alums and their families from the other USA provinces? (small groups)

10:15 am: Break

10:30-11:30 am: **Beginning Again II:** What guidance can we offer to the present FAA Board and to future FAA Board members about going into the future? What guidance or direction has stirred these days that we would offer FAA Board members about engaging with alums and their families from other USA provinces? (large group sharing)

11:30 am: **Free Afternoon until 4:30 pm** to explore Easton, Bethlehem, Jim Thorpe, PA, or nature trails, etc. See **“Nearby Attractions”** page. ***Please sign out at breakfast if you will not be here for lunch at SFRH. Thank you.***

Noon: Lunch together for those staying on campus for lunch.

Free Afternoon until 4:30 pm (see “**Nearby Attractions**” page) or **Two Options at SFRH**

1:15 pm: “A Journey into our Past” with Bro. Loren Connell

2:45 pm: “Creation Meditation Walk” with Frank Lopez at a nearby county park

4:30 pm: FAA Business Meeting, FAA Awards, and Brief Introduction to Secular Franciscans

[For those leaving early on Sunday, there is a 5 pm Weekend Mass at St. Jane de Chantal Parish nearby ... five minutes from SFRH.]

6 pm: Supper together

8 pm: FAA Memorial Service in Main Chapel

9 pm: Recreation with snacks and drinks

10:30 pm: Quiet and rest

- Sunday, June 25

8 am: Morning Prayer for those who wish

8:30 am: Light Breakfast together

10 am: Sunday Eucharist with SFRH Sunday Community in Main Chapel

11:30 am: Larger brunch together

12:30 pm: Departures



Go in the peace of Jesus Christ!