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Franciscans To Host Study Day Commemorating 800th Anniversary

NEW YORK — April 3, 2009 — Friars and sisters as well as secular members of the Franciscan family are gathering April 25 at Holy Name Province’s Midtown location for a study day to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the Franciscan order.

The event, planned for San Damiano Hall, adjacent to St. Francis of Assisi Church on West 31st Street, will include a keynote speaker, Father Michael Blastic, OFM, associate professor at the Franciscan Institute in Western New York, as well as four workshops. Father Blastic will speak on “Our Franciscan Evangelical Way of Life and Ministry in the 21st Century.”

The topics and presenters for the four workshops are:

- “The Early Franciscan Movement, A New Way of Being Church — Father Dominic Monti, OFM, provincial vicar of Holy Name Province
- “One Thing Only: Franciscan Evangelical Life — What next?”— Sr. Kathleen Moffatt, OSF
- “On Being Brother/Sister: the Heart of the Charism” — Brother F. Edward Coughlin, OFM, of St. Bonaventure University in Allegany, N.Y., and Sr. Mary Petrosky, FMM
- “Basic Texts of a Franciscan Approach to Evangelization”— Father Anthony Carrozzo, OFM

Franciscan men and women are invited to renew their profession at a 5:15 p.m. Eucharist celebration, which will conclude the Franciscan Family Study Day.

The event commemorates the 800th anniversary of the approval by Pope Innocent III of St. Francis’ 1209 proposal to live a Gospel way of life.

Interested participants are invited to register by contacting Sharon Berrios at Holy Name Province’s provincial office at 646-473-0265 or by emailing Studyday@hnp.org. The cost of the event is \$20 and includes lunch.

Holy Name Province is one of seven provinces in the United States that belongs to the Order of Friars Minor. It is the largest community of Franciscan friars in the United States, with priests and brothers serving in colleges, parishes, urban ministry centers, and a wide variety of social ministries along the East Coast as well as in overseas missions. Information about the province can be found in a video on Holy Name’s Web site, www.hnp.org.

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