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A Letter from your Regional Minister....

Easter Blessings to all of you. We have many good things happening in our Region, and this year should be spiritually rewarding for our members.

As the Ministers have been requested to submit members' names for a revision of the TAU Newsletter list, we will update all information received. The spring issue of TAU-USA is now available on the web in full color. Please let your Candidates and Inquirers know it is available for downloading. Also tell your Formation teams that individual articles can be downloaded to print out for ongoing Formation material. [http://www.nafra-sgo.org/tau-usa/tau\\_articles.html](http://www.nafra-sgo.org/tau-usa/tau_articles.html)

**The date of the ANNUAL MEETING has been changed.** We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 31 at the Franciscan Motherhouse in Springfield. (The meeting will be held in the Ave Maria Room of the Administration Building). Every member of the Franciscans of the Prairie Region is invited to attend. New Regional Formation Books will be discussed in detail and given to the Ministers and Formation Directors.

Retreats have been scheduled for November 7, 8 & 9, 2008 with Fr Benet Fonck, O.F.M., and Fr Jeffrey Holtman, O.F.M. and October 9, 10 & 11, 2009 with Fr Bill Burton, O.F.M.

In November, the Regional Council voted to send \$2.00 per regional member, to the new Franciscan Action Network. A check for \$600.00 was mailed, and we recently received a thank-you from the group. Two pages are attached to this newsletter to acquaint you with the work we support.

As a special Easter mailing, we have added information that can be adapted and copied for use by your fraternities.

May God shower blessings on you and your families,

Sue Nelson, Regional Minister  
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