

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
St. Peter Fraternity Summer 2010



Lois Larch is a member of St. Mary's Church in Belleville. She first looked into the Secular Franciscans back in 2001 and has now returned to continue her formation. She has one daughter, Rebecca, age 16. She enjoys reading, puzzles and music. She appreciates Franciscan simplicity and sense of community.



Richard Vojas hails from Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Collinsville where he serves as a Eucharistic minister for the homebound. He is married and has three children. He works at the Hershey's candy plant and enjoys the outdoors, fishing, walking in the woods, and is an avid Lincoln buff. He found out about the SFO through a brochure at church and was immediately attracted to the spirit of living for others. Like Francis, I want to "go out there and change one person each day -- any little thing." It was a great fit.



The son of Polish & German immigrants, Ray Perjak, was born in St. Louis before moving to a farm here in Illinois as a teenager. Over the years, he's dabbled in several careers, from TV repairs to wiring aircraft. He retired from McDonnell-Douglas to care for his wife before her death. He has six wonderful children. Ray, too, loves simplicity and wants, "not just to read the Bible, but to live it" like Francis did.

Jeanne Ferreira was born in Trinidad and came to the United States just 17 years ago. She grew up in a very religious home and has a deep devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help. She has served as a home health aide, ministering to patients dying of cancer. She is married and has one daughter. She has long been fascinated with the Franciscans, especially because of their blend of contemplative prayer and action. "I've always felt welcomed and accepted here in this fraternity. It's like a family."



Carol Poreber lives at St. Clare Village and is a member of St. Teresa's Parish. After caring for her ailing husband and almost dying herself, she came to appreciate second chances. She's felt the this Franciscan calling is "what God has always wanted for me." Having gone through her own lonely times, she is dedicated to calling shut-ins and helping on the prayer chain. She has one older sister and enjoys wheelchair bowling, playing cards and socializing at the senior club.



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