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**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
INDIANAPOLIS BRANCHES
RECORDS, 1975–2004**

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION: 1 manuscript box, 1 cold storage photo folder

COLLECTION DATES: 1975–2004

PROVENANCE: Mary D. Yore, Indianapolis, IN; September 2008

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ALTERNATE FORMATS:

RELATED HOLDINGS: "Mini History of People of Peace for Novices" pamphlet BX 3654 .M56

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NOTES:

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Secular Franciscan Order originated under the name Brothers and Sisters of Penance. The Brothers and Sisters of Penance were established in 1221, when the Rule of the Secular Franciscans was approved. This group included those who wanted to follow the way of life and teachings of Saint Francis of Assisi and were married or did not want to become religious. The group's name later changed to the Third Order of St. Francis.

In 1978, the name changed again to the Secular Franciscan Order. In 2011, the acronym changed from SFO to OFS, meaning Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis. Local communities of the order are called fraternities. Members of the community can be single, married, male, or female. The website of the U.S. Secular Franciscan Order states that Secular Franciscans "live the Gospel in a Franciscan manner according to their own Rule which they profess after a period of initial formation."

Holy Stigmata fraternity was an Indianapolis OFS community. The People of Peace fraternity is one of three Indianapolis OFS communities. People of Peace belongs to the Our Lady of Indiana Regional Fraternity.

Sources:

Collection materials.

The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order – USA. "Regional and Local Fraternities." Last updated July 7, 2018. <https://www.nafra-sfo.org/regions.html>

Secular Franciscan Order – USA. "Frequently Asked Questions." Accessed July 11, 2018. <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/frequently-asked-questions/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains materials related to two different Secular Franciscan Order fraternities of Indianapolis, the Holy Stigmata and the People of Peace fraternities. Materials from Holy Stigmata include meeting minutes, reports, attendance lists, and rosters from 1980 to 2000. Items from People of Peace include correspondence, program materials, meeting minutes, and reports. Also in the collection is a copy of "General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order" and an unidentified group photo from September 1975.

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