



COMMUNICATIONS MEMORANDUM

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TO: Diocesan Communications Offices

FROM: The Conventual Franciscan Friars

SUBJECT: Franciscan Shelter House documentary
released on www.franciscans.org

Louisville, Kentucky, March 1, 2006: The Conventual Franciscan Friars announced the release of a short documentary film from three-time Emmy Award winning filmmaker, Mary K. Fields Korfhage. The Franciscan Shelter House is an outreach program located in the Smoketown neighborhood of Louisville. It was founded in 1980 by Brother James Fields, OFM Conv.(1926 – 1998), Mary K. Fields Korfhage is Brother Jim’s niece. Originally opened in an abandoned bar and grill, a new facility was erected in 2001. The Franciscan Shelter House operates five days a week and serves an average 450 meals every day to men, women and children patrons. The current director is Brother Kerry Guillory, OFM, Conv. The film (<http://www.franciscans.org/fsh.cfm>) is being released in Flash format at www.franciscans.org, a key element of the Conventual Franciscan Friars new communications initiative, launched earlier this year.

“The Franciscan Shelter House exemplifies a distinctly Franciscan outreach with deep community roots and an unbelievable group of committed volunteers,” said Fr. Jim Kent OFM Conv. “The Friars are thankful for Mary K’s gifts in her telling the story of the Franciscan Shelter House and her uncle Brother Jim”

Mary K Fields Korfhage added, “Making this film was a deeply personal experience and reflects the inspiration that my uncle was and continues to be in my life. I hope that sharing this story will inspire others to offer their gifts and make a difference in their communities”

The Conventual Franciscan Friars (Order Friars Minor Conventual) is an international order of Catholic men, priest and brothers, living in community and serving the faithful and the poor according to the Rule of 1223 written by St Francis of Assisi.

If you would like to learn more about the Franciscan Shelter House or franciscans.org contact Fr. Jim Kent (frjimkent@franciscans.org /1 800 424-9955) or Michael Ryan, Communications Advisor. Alternatively, you can visit www.franciscans.org and the Information Center/Media Center section of the website.