

Franciscans international cordially invites you to Sunday Vigil Liturgy (at 5.30 pm)

And Reception (after 6:30 pm) on Saturday November 19th

At Holy Name Parish on West 96th Street (NYC)

Dear Sisters and Brothers of the Franciscan Family of the Tri-State Area,

Greetings and all the best to you! My name is Fr. Joe Rozansky OFM, and I was elected president of the International Board of Directors of Franciscans International (FI) at the April 2016 Board meeting. If you are not aware of it, FI is our Franciscan NGO at the United Nations. It is my pleasure to send you a "Save the Date" message for November of this year.

The Board will be in New York for one of its two annual meetings from November 17th to the 20th. On Saturday November 19th we have arranged a celebration at Holy Name Parish on West 96th Street. We would like the Franciscan Family of NY-NJ-Conn area to come to the parish for its Sunday vigil liturgy at 5:30 PM; it will include some reflection on the work of FI at the United Nations. After the Mass we invite you to a simple reception where you can hear more about Franciscans International, meet the Executive Director of the organization, the Board (who come from the US, Italy, Germany, Malaysia and Kenya), and Sr. Odile Coirier FMM, the FI representative in NY. You will also be able to spend some time with your Franciscan sisters and brothers of the region.

We will send more information as the date approaches. For now I hope that you will put this date in your calendar. I would like to assure you that you can get to the church relatively easy by subway or by car. One friar who lives in NJ was concerned about the availability of parking in the area (he had heard that there were next to no parking garages in the area). However, I called the parish and they sent me a list of four parking garages in the immediate vicinity:

Parking Garages near Holy Name Parish:

Quik Park	250 West 97th Street, New York, NY 10025	212-222-3289
Icon Parking System	167 West 95th Street, New York, NY 10025	212-749-6218
Manhattan Parking Group	120 West 97th Street, New York, NY 10025	212-666-3878
Discover 97 Parking	110 West 97th Street, New York, NY 10025	212-678-5456

Your participation is important to us, and we hope that you will be with us for this event. Talk it up in your convents, fraternities and friaries! We ask that you contact Sr. Odile Coirier FMM, who works in the NY Office of FI, to let her know if you will be present. Her e-mail address is o.coirier@fiop.org, and her phone contact is 917-270-8922.

God bless you! Please pray for the work of Franciscans International (you can find more information about FI on the internet), and we hope to see you in November.

Fr. Joe Rozansky OFM, President of the International Board of Directors
Fr. Markus Heinze OFM, Executive Director of Franciscans International