

EXPLANATION OF ASSIGNMENT OF STATES TO THE OCD PROVINCES

Secular Order members are juridically connected to the Order through the friars. For this reason, the OCDS provinces in the United States are geographically identical to the OCD provinces. At this point in time, the Cracow, Warsaw, and Castille provinces do not have sufficient resources in the United States to serve Secular Order members within their territories. Consequently, the Oklahoma Province of St. Therese serves the OCDS members within Cracow's territory and the Washington Province of the Immaculate Heart of Mary serves the OCDS members within the Warsaw and Castille territories. The Korean province has established a house in Orange County, California, which serves their OCDS membership.

OCDS NATIONAL COUNCIL

- is known as the Inter-Provincial Council, as of June 2010, which consists of members from the 3 OCDS Provincial Councils in the United States.

~~The only "permanent" member of the National Council is the Executive Secretary/Treasurer. He or she is the one who communicates with the provinces to ascertain who will be attending, to arrange for the meeting place and times, to write the minutes, etc. One Provincial Delegate from each province attends. One member of each OCDS provincial council attends the annual meeting. Two additional members from each province also attend and are chosen by the respective OCDS provincial councils, with input from the general membership. In our province, the three OCDS delegates must be definitively professed. Only the nine OCDS delegates vote. One OCDS member from a particular province chairs the meeting, with this duty rotating each year. (OCDS Constitutions 60)~~