



***“Francis the Troubadour: How Can I Keep From Singing?”***

***Presenters***



**Jerry and Cricket Aull, OFS:** Jerry and Cricket are in their 46<sup>th</sup> year of marriage with six children and eight grandchildren. Both have degrees in theology, including Jerry’s Doctorate in Ministry. They have been doing Catholic retreats, conferences and parish missions for over 20 years on customized themes across the US and Canada. Cricket is a professed Secular Franciscan since 2000; she is a published author of four books, has served as a retreat leader and conference speaker for Franciscans and parishes, and has been a Spiritual Director for many years, including Spiritual Direction for the Deacons in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Jerry is a liturgical musician and recording artist who has performed in concert for a number of notable occasions, such as in the Sanctuary of Martin Luther King’s church, for the President of the US, and with John Michael Talbot. A singer/songwriter with 10 CDs, which include the beautiful voices of the Aulls’ five daughters, Jerry is also a jazz and big band musician and singer in Atlanta. Additionally, Jerry has been a conference and workshop speaker for Stephen Covey for over 25 years, and also teaches Theology at The Marist School. Together, the Aulls promote the Catholic tradition through interactive teaching and music.

**Br. Bob Herrick, OFM Cap:** Br. Bob Herrick, OFM Cap. is a friar of St. Augustine Province, headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA. He presently resides at Capuchin College in Washington, DC and is a formator for young friars who are in studies at Catholic University. Originally from Imperial, PA, Br. Bob is one of six sons, and likes to say that he was born into ‘community life’ by living with five other brothers! He was taught by the Franciscan Sisters from Millvale, who were very instrumental in encouraging his Franciscan vocation. Br. Bob attended St. Fidelis High School and College in Herman, PA. In 1977, Br. Bob became a novice with the Capuchins and moved to Annapolis, MD for novitiate, where he professed simple vows on July 15, 1978. He professed final vows at St. Augustine Church on August 22, 1981. Br. Bob has served in many Capuchin parishes, including those in Cleveland and Dover, OH, at York, PA, and at the Hermitage in Herman, PA. Br. Bob served as guardian of the Hermitage in Wheeling, WV for twelve years, where he also served as spiritual assistant for St. Alphonsus Secular Franciscan Fraternity, as regional spiritual assistant for Lady Poverty Region, and as assistant director at the Paul VI Pastoral Center in Wheeling, WV. He later served on the interprovincial novitiate staff in Santa Ynez, CA for four years. He is now in his second stint as formator at Capuchin College. Wherever Br. Bob has served, music has been a large part of his ministry, whether as music director in parishes and retreat centers, or as part of his formation work with the young friars. This year, Br. Bob will celebrate forty years as a Capuchin friar.

