



A SOCIETY CELEBRATING THE NATIVITY TRADITION FOR 10 YEARS (2000-2010)

Friends of the Creche (FOTC) was approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization on January 3, 2003 effective to the date of incorporation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 2, 2001. The purpose of this organization is to promote the tradition of the creche. The official registration and financial information of FOTC may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State. Pennsylvania residents may call toll free 800-432-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement. Information may also be obtained on the internet from GuideStar at www.guidestar.org. FOTC does not have a permanent office. Principal business address is: Friends of the Creche, c/o Rev. Charles Hull, Treasurer, 4365 Walters Hatchery Rd., Seven Valleys, PA 17360-8626. Inquiries may also be addressed to: Michael Whalen, President, 19640 Driftwood Dr., Clinton Twp, MI 48038

A small group of people met in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania in December of 1999 to explore the possibility of forming a society whose main purpose was to promote the creche tradition. In 2000, we formally organized and now have members in nearly every state and Canada. Our society is also a member of UN FOE PRAE, an international group of similar creche organizations.

We hold a conference in the odd numbered years and have met in Lancaster, PA, Cape Cod, MA, Santa Fe, NM, Dublin, OH and Salt Lake City, UT. In the even numbered years, we host a one-day meeting and have met in Frankenmuth, MI, Pomona, CA, Nashville, TN and Ann Arbor, MI.

If you collect, study, exhibit, create or simply treasure the whole Christmas nativity tradition, then we are the organization that would be proud to have you as a member.

MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:

- ★ Subscriptions to both the quarterly *Creche Herald* containing articles, photos & the FOTC newsletter and the online *Crib Sheet*
- ★ Opportunities to meet collectors and artists
- ★ Directory & updates of permanent and seasonal creche displays in the USA and around the world
- ★ Bibliographies on creche topics including childrens' books
- ★ Opportunities to attend our biennial national convention and other membership meetings
- ★ Participation in ongoing projects

Yes, please enroll me as a member of *Friends of the Creche*.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-Mail _____

Check box if you do not wish to be listed in our directory.

Membership year runs from January through December.

Membership dues are \$35.00 for addresses in the U.S.A.

Membership dues are \$40.00 for addresses outside the U.S.A.

