



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA AUGUST 2016

Il Poverello Fraternity Gatherings

Aug. 20th

Day with the Handicapables

Aug. 28th

Fraternity elections

Sept. 25th

Oct. 23rd

Il Poverello Fraternity Service

A Day with the Handicapables - August 20, 2016

Church of the Roses

2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

+ 10:00 Gathering and Preparation

+ 11:00 Welcome guests

+ 11:30 Mass Service

+ 12:00 Serve Lunch ** (see following page for menu contributions)

+ 1:30 Closing

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

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Minister's Letter August 2016

Peace and joy in the Great Mystery of Christ!

In the quiet and noise of a children's camp in the awesome coastal redwoods, I have seen how simple life can be once again. As I taught in outdoor education once before, creatures need food, shelter, water and space. Not much more, really, except the presence of love. There is a fair amount of action as a camp nurse, but also time for contemplation- and I am still enjoying my early morning "coffee with God".

As we move forward to elections for our Il Poverello fraternity this month, let's reflect on how best to serve in our fraternity and in our world. Simply and with great love.

This morning I opened to a prayer from Thomas Merton for sharing - I am sure many have seen this before. Let it be seen with new eyes and new heart.

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

May we find the deep Quiet within each day to guide us.

In Christ's infinite Love,

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS
Minister, Il Poverello Fraternity

Birthday and Profession Anniversaries

Julie Schaefer - 8/24

Reading for August 11, 2016 - Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin

Gospel MT 18:21-19:1

Peter approached Jesus and asked him,
“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? As many as seven times?”

Jesus answered,

“I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.

That is why the Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who decided to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the accounting, a debtor was brought before him who owed him a huge amount. Since he had no way of paying it back, his master ordered him to be sold, along with his wife, his children, and all his property, in payment of the debt.

At that, the servant fell down, did him homage, and said, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back in full.’

Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan.

When that servant had left, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a much smaller amount. He seized him and started to choke him, demanding,

‘Pay back what you owe.’

Falling to his knees, his fellow servant begged him,

‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’

But he refused. Instead, he had the fellow servant put in prison until he paid back the debt.

Now when his fellow servants saw what had happened, they were deeply disturbed, and went to their master and reported the whole affair.

His master summoned him and said to him,

‘You wicked servant!

I forgave you your entire debt because you begged me to.

Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant, as I had pity on you?’

Then in anger his master handed him over to the torturers until he should pay back the whole debt.

So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.”

When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan.

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order
As Secular Franciscans we are constantly challenged
to mindfully follow the rule of St Francis

- Rule 2-

The Secular Franciscan Order holds a special place in this family circle. It is an organic union of all Catholic fraternities scattered throughout the world and open to every group of the faithful. In these fraternities the brothers and sisters, led by the Spirit, strive for perfect charity in their own secular state. By their profession they pledge themselves to live the gospel in the manner of Saint Francis by means of this rule approved by the Church.

Prayer Intentions ...

Let us pray

For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Mary Anne and Alice, Evelyn, John, Julie and their families, for Edd's quick recovery from surgery, as well as for Br. Mateo, Father Christopher, the Porter family, Anthony, Ken, and Ann Carranza;

For all of the penitential fraternities, including Santissima Trinidad Fraternity, and all their members striving to live through the Rule of St. Francis, for all who will soon be elected into an office within their order;

For Pope Francis and all the church leaders, guidance in directing the church worldwide;

For all religious to be guided through the Holy Spirit to be the Lord's evangelizers;

For our nation, as it prepares for another series of elections for representatives, that the electorate is guided to choose those who will seek the common good;

For healing and restoration for those who are recovering from natural and man-made disasters;

For comfort of the homeless especially for those fleeing conflicts at home and worldwide;

For these and all our individual intentions;

We pray to the Lord

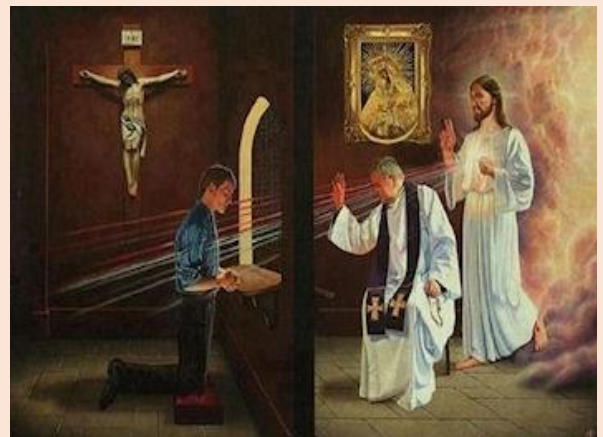
Pope Francis' prayer intentions for the month of August

Universal: Sports

That sport (events) may be an opportunity for friendly encounters between peoples and may contribute to peace in the world.

Evangelization: Living the Gospel

That Christians may live the Gospel, giving witness to faith, honesty, and love of neighbor.





August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

1. **St. Alphonse de Liguori**, Bishop, *had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute*, d. 1787
2. **Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula**,
Plenary Indulgence possible by visiting a church or chapel of the Franciscan 1st Order
3. **St. Pierre-Julien Eymard**, Priest, *had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute*, d. 1868
4. **St. Dominic**, Priest, *Cordbearer*, d. 1221
5. **B. Marie-Francoise de Jesus**, Virgin, *religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule]*, d. 1904
6. **Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
7. **Bl. Agathange et Cassien**, Priest, *Capuchin, martyr* 1638
8. **St. Jean-Marie Vianney**, Priest, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1859
9. **Bl. Marie-Marguerite of the Sacred Heart**, Virgin, *religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule]*, d. 1924
10. **St. Beatrice de Silva**, Virgin, *of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister*, d. 1924
11. **Bl. Innocent XI**, Pope, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1689
12. **St. Clare of Assisi**, Virgin, *Foundress of the Poor Clares, Plenary Indulgence for Tertiaries (Renewal of Engagements)*
13. **Bl. Novellon de Faenza**, Confessor, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1280
14. **St. Maximilien-Marie Kolbe**, Priest, *Conventual religious, martyr* 1941
15. **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**
16. **Bl. Francois de Pesaro**, Confessor, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1350
17. **St. Roch de Montpellier**, Confessor, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1327
18. **Blessed Martyrs of Pontons de Rochefort**, d. 1794
19. **St. Jean Eudes**, Priest, *had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute*, d. 1680
20. **St. Louis d' Anjou**, Bishop of Toulouse, *religious of the Franciscan 1st Order*, d. 1297
21. **St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal**, Virgin, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1610
22. **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**
23. **Bl. Bernard d'Offide**, lay brother, *Capuchin religious*, d. 1694
24. **St. Emilie de Vialar**, Virgin, *religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule]*, d. 1856
25. **St. Louis, Patron of Franciscan Third Order Seculars**,
Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers
26. **Bl. Pierre de Benisa**, Priest, *Capuchin religious, martyr* 1936
27. **St. Joseph Calasanz**, Priest, *Cordbearer*, d. 1648
28. **Bl. Junipero Serra**, Priest, *religious of the Franciscan 1st Order*, d. 1784
29. **Bl. Jean de Pouse**, Priest, *religious of the Franciscan 1st Order*, d. 1231
30. **Bl. Juvenal Ancina**, Bishop, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1604
31. **Bl. Aurele de Vinalesa**, Priest, *Capuchin religious, martyr* 1936



Today (Aug. 2nd) is the Feast of Our Lady of the Angels, both the patronal feast of the “City of Angels” (LA) and a very important celebration in the life of the Franciscan family. August 2 is also known as the Franciscan Feast of the Portiuncula, the “mother church” of the Franciscan Order. This little church in the valley outside the city of Assisi was one of the most important places for St. Francis during his own lifetime. In the early sources we read that this was the only place that the friars were permitted (if not commanded) to keep. It remains an important pilgrimage site in the Franciscan family. I have had the great fortune to visit the Portiuncula chapel twice (Portiuncula means “little portion”). While it was at one time a freed-standing church, today it stands within a large basilica that was built over the tiny little church.

On this day when we remember the place of this church, Our Lady of the Angels — it’s official name, I thought it would be nice to share what Thomas Merton, the 20th-Century Trappist Monk and Author, said about the Portiuncula and the feast itself in his journal. Especially as we anticipate the release of my next book, *The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton: A New Look at the Spiritual Inspiration of His Life, Thought, and Writing*, due out in September, which focuses on the intersection of the Franciscan tradition and Thomas Merton. - *Daniel P. Horan*

The Portiuncula always brings me great blessings – and that is the Franciscan side, which continues to grow also...The feast brings graces of contemplation and spiritual joy, because every church becomes that tiny little church that St. Francis loved above all others and everyone in the world can share the bliss of his sanctity. (August 2, 1948)



July Event:

Picnic meeting at the Petaluma Old Adobe



Preparing picnic event



Informal meeting before eating



Courtyard of Old Adobe, Petaluma

Events in August:

Remembering prayers for all who have died and the survivors, family and friends who remember the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on this anniversary August 6th and 9th.

Care for Creation

Prayers are needed for the world leaders to be encouraged to eliminate the world-wide storage, research and development, of nuclear weapons and the decommissioning of nuclear power plants. Both of these technologies are related in promoting the use of a science that is harmful to the world's environment and the sanctity of life.



"I am not a pure pacifist in theory, though today in practice I don't see how one can be anything else since limited wars (however "just") present an almost certain danger of nuclear war on an all-out scale. It is absolutely clear to me that we are faced with an obligation, both as human beings and as Christians, of striving in every way possible to abolish war. The magnitude of the task cannot be allowed to deter us. Even if it seems impossible, we must still attempt it. This demands of course a spirit of faith."

~ Thomas Merton

Congratulations to Friar David Beaumont, OFM Cap, the recipient of the 2016 Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Award.

Handicapables lunch Sat. Aug. 20th

A Day with the Handicapables August 20th, 2016



Church of the Roses
2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa, CA

Menu for approximately 35 to 40 guests:

Eunice - Rolls and Butter,
Susan - 2 crust less quiche,
Kathleen - 1 crust less quiche,
Noreen and Edd - 1 or 2 crust less quiche,
Diane - strawberries and center piece cloths;

We are still in need of the following:

Green Salad for 35, 1 gallon of milk, 1 gallon of lemonade,
Compostable plates, ice cream bowls, and coffee cups

If you can provide please call or email Noreen

Cindy, who is unable to attend, provided a monetary contribution that can be applied to help cover any of the missing items.

August 28th: Election and formal fraternity meeting at St James

August 28th is the meeting date for Il Poverello elections of new council members.

All professed members are urged to attend this important meeting. The meeting will take place in Rm. 9 of the St. James Hall from 1:30 to 3:30.

Note these Upcoming Formation Workshops

Mark your calendars for one of these Formation Workshops.

Remember, formation is the responsibility of the whole fraternity, so everyone is welcome to attend:

Sacramento, St. Francis of Assisi—September 17, 2016

Burlingame, Our Lady of the Angels—September 24, 2016

(will also include a special Spanish Formation Workshop with Cindy Wesley)

Fresno, Nazareth House—October 22, 2016



Consider making a pilgrimage to the Porziuncola Nuova and the Church of St. Francis, the National Shrine located at 624 Vallejo St., San Francisco. La Porziuncola Nuova is a scaled replica of the original restored by St. Francis as a chapel for his followers and St. Clare. It is now located in the Basilica of Mary of the Angels in Assisi.

An indulgence has been granted to St. Francis to all who visit the Porziuncola. For the National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi:

*on October 4th of each year, the Solemnity of St. Francis of Assisi, principal co-patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco

*and once a year, on a day chosen by the Christian faithful;

*and as often as they assist in a group pilgrimage visiting the National Shrine of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The request of St. Francis: "Holy Father," replied Francis, "the Lord has commanded me to ask you that all those who after confession shall visit the Portiuncula with contrite hearts may obtain full remission of the punishment due to the sins of their whole lives from the day of Baptism to the day they enter this church."



Franciscan Links:

The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA:

<http://www.nfra-sfo.org/>

Tau-USA- Newsletter:

http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html

Messengers of Joy, Regional Summer Newsletter:

<https://www.luminpdf.com/viewer/yHcyZZeNuiwi2YK6R>

Franciscan Action Network (FAN):

<http://franciscanaction.org/>

www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org

San Damiano retreats calendar:

<http://sandamiano.org/retreats-programs/retreats-calendar>

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional news:

<http://www.juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Homepage.html>

Il Poverello website (under construction):

<http://ofsilpov.org>

