



# **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

## **JOY FOR THE JOURNEY**

**PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA**

**JANUARY, 2016**

### **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY GATHERINGS**

**January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**

**March TBA**

### **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY MEETING**

**January 24, 2016**

**St. James Church, Petaluma**

**Fraternity Mtg.: 1:30 – 3:30**

**Ongoing Formation: Laudato Si'**

**Chapter 5: Lines of Approach and Action**

**Candidate/Inquiry Formation: 3:30 – 4:30**

### **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

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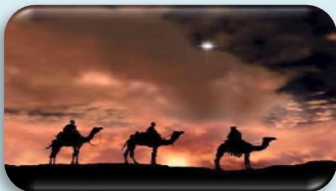
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#### **Ministers Letter**

**January 2016**

**Dear Franciscan Family and Friends,**

A joyous, blessed New Year to all. And may God show many opportunities for us to open and receive special, tender mercy during this Jubilee year.

This Christmas and New Years' time tends to be very busy for many. However, did anyone else find one of the Divine Office Morning Prayer intercessions from 12/31/15 jumping out at them?

*“Christ, consubstantial Son of the Father, begotten before the dawn of day, and born in Bethlehem in fulfillment of the scriptures,*

*-- we ask you to make your Church a notable example of poverty and simplicity.*

*Lord, have mercy.”*

Could a Franciscan have written that? It is a new year, and what better time to reflect on how we as Franciscans can answer that intercessory prayer. We, through our profession, and guided by the Holy Spirit, are equipped to help lead the way for our church.

Will we?

Our fraternity will continue our study of “Laudato Si” and our movement toward more sustainable living individually and as a fraternity. We are serious in our response to Pope Francis and his urgent plea to give better care to our common home and all creation. We are blessed, too, to be meeting at St. James parish, where several members of that parish are developing some basic steps of simple, sustainable living to share with church members.

What discoveries have you made as you encourage yourself to think more consciously?

The most recent treasure I have found is a bamboo toothbrush! Unlike its plastic counterparts, it is totally biodegradable and compostable. I recently read that plastic toothbrushes have been mistaken for food by numerous creatures.

What small steps have you made since our last meeting? We will try to share more ideas when we gather again at the end of January. Remember that each small step we make is a gift to other people, creatures and all life on Earth.

May the Light and Peace of Christ surround you,

**Kathleen Robbiano**  
**Minister, Il Poverello Fraternity**

## Scripture reading

### 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters:

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;

there are different forms of service but the same Lord;

there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.

To one is given through the Spirit the expression of wisdom;

to another, the expression of knowledge according to the same Spirit;

to another, faith by the same Spirit;

to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;

to another, mighty deeds;

to another, prophecy;

to another, discernment of spirits;

to another, varieties of tongues;

to another, interpretation of tongues.

But one and the same Spirit produces all of these, distributing them individually to each person as he wishes.

~NAB from usccb.org

## *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order*

*As Secular Franciscans we are constantly challenged  
to mindfully Follow the rule of St Francis:*

### *~ Rule 21 ~*

**O**n various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister (or president) who are elected by the professed according to the constitutions.

Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community.

Within themselves the fraternities are structured in different ways according to the norm of the constitutions, according to the various needs of their members and their regions, and under the guidance of their respective council.

## Our Prayer Intentions ...

### Let us pray

~ For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Tom Bello, John, Mary Anne and Alice, Evelyn, Fr. Barry Brunzman , Br. Mateo, for Elaine Stevick, and John Norris, as well as Anthony, Ken, Tim, John & Theresa's Emma and Mark;

~ For all penitential fraternities worldwide striving to live through the Rule of St. Francis and St. Clare;

~ For all religious to be guided through the Holy Spirit as the feet and hands as our Lord;

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

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

~ For all the servicemen and women who are daily sacrificing their lives for the benefit of our nation;

~ For the elimination of nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants worldwide;

~ For healing and restoration for those who are recovering from natural and man-made disasters, and for all fire fighters and rescuers who assist those who have been displaced;

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

~ For everyone to demonstrate Faithfulness and Gratitude;

~ For these and all our intentions,

**We pray to the Lord.**

## Prayer Intentions ...

### Of the Holy Father for January

#### Universal Intention - *Interreligious Dialogue*

That sincere dialogue among men and women of different faiths may produce the fruits of peace and justice.

#### Evangelization Intention - *Christian Unity*

That by means of dialogue and fraternal charity and with the grace of the Holy Spirit, Christians may overcome divisions.



## Prayer of the Month

Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes.

Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will.

*from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops*

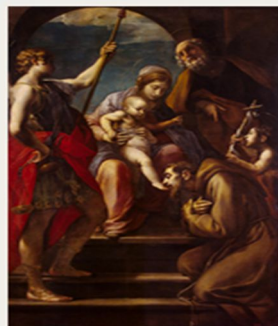


### January 3: Holy Name of Jesus

In the 15th century, the Franciscan, St. Bernardine of Siena, actively promoted the devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. At the end of his sermons he usually displayed the trigram IHS on a tablet in gold letters. Bernardine would then ask the audience to "adore the Redeemer of mankind". Given that this practice had an unorthodox air, he was brought before Pope Martin V, who instead of rebuking Bernardine, encouraged the practice and joined a procession for it in Rome. The tablet used by Bernardine is now venerated at the basilica of Santa Maria in Aracoeli in Rome.

### January 16: Sts. Bernard & Companions

Sts. Berard, Peter, Accursius, Adjutus and Otto, first martyrs (the Protomartyrs) of the Franciscan Order, were all natives of Umbria, Italy. Sent by St. Francis in 1219 to preach to the Moors, their first mission to the Moors in Seville was unsuccessful, and they crossed to Morocco where they preached in the presence of King Mirama-Molin. The king had them expelled but the friars evaded the guard at Ceuta and returned to their mission. Infuriated by their insistence, the king had them put to death by the sword on Jan. 16, 1220. Their remains were brought back to Europe and rested in the church of the Canons Regular of St. Augustine of the Holy Cross at Coimbra where St. Anthony of Padua – not yet a friar – was a member of the community. Bernard and his companions were canonized in 1481 by Pope Sixtus IV.



## January—Month of the Holy Name of Jesus and His Holy Childhood

1. Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord—Holy Day of Obligation;  
*Plenary Indulgence possible (Chant in public Veni Creator)*
2. Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus
3. Bl. Chriatiane Menaburi, Virgin,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1310
4. Bl. Angele de Foligno, widow, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1310
5. Bl. Pierre Bonilli, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1935
6. Feast of the Epiphany—Holy Day of Obligation
7. St. Charles de Sezza, lay brother,  
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1670
8. Bl. Roger de Toddi, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1237
9. Bl. Gilles de Lorenzana, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1518
10. Bl. Gregory X, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1276
11. St. Thomas de Cori, priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1729
12. St. Bernard of Corleone, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1667
13. Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ
14. Bl. Oderic de Pordenone, priest,  
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1331
15. Bl. Jacques del Piebe, priest,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, martyr d. 1304
16. Sts. Berard and Companions, Protomartyrs of the Order, d. 1220
17. Sl. Matthieu d'Argrigente, Bishop,  
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1451
18. Bl. Jeanne of Saint Mary, virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1360
19. Bl. Marcel Spinola y Maestre, Bishop,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1906
20. Bl. Jean-Baptiste Triquerie, priest, conventual religious, martyr d. 1794
21. Bl. Joseph Nascimbeni, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1922
22. St. Vincent Pallotti, priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1850
23. Feast of the Marriage of the Blessed Virgin Mary
24. Bl. Paule Gamgara Costa, widow,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1515
25. Bl. Emmanuel Dominguo y Sol, priest,  
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1909
26. Bl. Georges Matulwicz, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1927
27. St. Angela Merici, virgin, had been a tertiary  
before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1540
28. Bl. Bienvenu de Recanati, priest,  
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
29. St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Codbearer, d. 1622
30. St. Hyacintha of Mariscotti, virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular  
[living in community, under a Rule], d. 1640
31. St. John Bosco, priest, had been a tertiary  
before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1888

## January Anniversaries

Blaise Cirelli

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Margaret Enea-Patrizi, OFS

1-22

Noreen E. Ringlein, OFS

1-31

# Upcoming Events

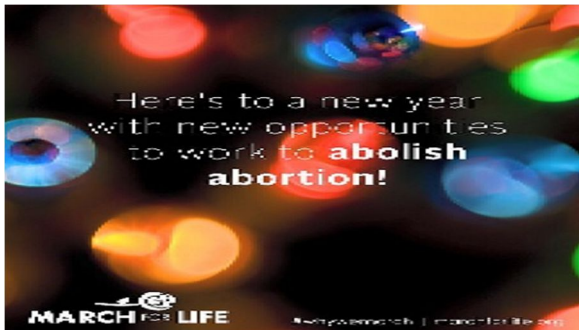
Anyone who wishes to attend the Regional Chapter meeting, the weekend of Feb 19-21, can contact Kathleen Molaro, OFS. She will go as Minister, but others who are professed may find it interesting - especially if you want to consider a leadership role in the future.

Kathleen has non-minister application forms that need to be sent in by Friday, 1/22. Call her if you want a copy of form. Cost \$200/more if private room is desired.

## March for Life

**Saturday January 23<sup>rd</sup> in San Francisco, CA**

*see your local listings for other locations.*



**Pope Francis declared a Year of Mercy for 2016.**

Four Churches on the California Mission Trail were named pilgrimage churches:

**San Carlos Borromeo Cathedral, Monterey, CA**

**San Gabriel Mission, San Gabriel, CA**

**Mission San Diego de Alcalá, San Diego, CA**

**Mission Basilica, San Juan Capistrano, CA**

You receive an indulgence if you visit the church with intention of being a pilgrim, attend mass, go to confession, and pray for the intentions of the Pope.



## Care for Creation

Respect for human life means respecting all of God's creation.

We must re-engage with our environment and take responsibility for it; live sustainably, live so that there are enough resources for everyone.

## Franciscan Links:

The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA:

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

Tau-USA- Newsletter:

[http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau\\_newarticles.html](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html)

Digital Franciscans:

<http://www.digitalfranciscans.com/>

Franciscan Action Network (FAN):

<http://franciscanaction.org/>

[www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org](http://www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org)

San Damiano retreats calendar:

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

Saint Junipero Serra Regional Newsletter:

[http://juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional\\_News/Entries/2014/10/MOJ\\_2014\\_Summer.pdf](http://juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional_News/Entries/2014/10/MOJ_2014_Summer.pdf)

