



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Joy for the Journey

NOVEMBER, 2016

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Nov. 20th

Dec. 4th

Advent Day of Reflection

Newman Center Penngrove, CA

Jan. 22th

Feb. 26th

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY MEETING

Meeting St. James Catholic Church - November 20th, 2016

Council Meeting: 12:00 - 1:15

Fraternity Gathering: 1:30 – 3:30

Opening Prayer

Ongoing Formation

Break: Snack and Fellowship

Business: Old and New

Closing Prayer

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Minister's Letter November 2016

Bearers of Peace . . .

As I write these words, the heaviness of the presidential election weighs on myself and many around me. Like many others, I am saddened by the reality under which we now live for four years. I am also saddened for our sisters and brothers who now face new challenges under a rhetoric which is completely against any Gospel I have read . . . I fear for those who may find their health care suddenly taken from them; for those who face a loss of job for their sexual orientation alone; for those who face scrutiny and possible deportation because of their ancestry; for those who are hated for their religion; and for those who still find skin color a reason to be considered "different." For these and others, I have great concerns. Yet, I try to understand what brought us to this point - the lack of communication among us a united nation; the fears which were played upon and not addressed honestly and openly previously; the judging and partisan views which built our own fences long before any candidate called for such fences to be built. In a sense, the results are the product of us all, in some way or another. Nothing can happen in a vacuum. So where do we go from here? The Gospels are clear on this – we move forward! We continue to bring a sense of wholeness, and holiness, to a broken world. The Good News of the Gospel is more desperately needed now, than ever. As Franciscans, we are particularly called to be the bridge that transforms the world – connecting isolated shores and people in one great People of God. We bind the open wounds and journey with the other – the immigrant, the LGBT, the non-Christians, women and people of all colors and any others who are the modern day leper to many in our nation. And we dialogue with those whose hurts and fears have brought us here – for to "love our enemy" is a command we now have all too great a reason to heed – and we move forward in love as "bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly" (*Rule, Art. 19*).

Peace, and all Good .

Mark Kroncke,

Minister Il Poverello Fraternitv

Scripture reading for Thursday, November 24th
LUKE 21:20-28

Jesus said to his disciples:

“When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, know that its desolation is at hand. Then those in Judea must flee to the mountains. Let those within the city escape from it, and let those in the countryside not enter the city, for these days are the time of punishment when all the Scriptures are fulfilled.

Woe to pregnant women and nursing mothers in those days, for a terrible calamity will come upon the earth and a wrathful judgment upon this people. They will fall by the edge of the sword and be taken as captives to all the Gentiles and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.”

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS November 2016

Universal Intention

Countries Receiving Refugees:

That the countries which take in a great number of displaced persons and refugees may find support for their efforts which show solidarity.

Reflect: What does it mean for me to be in solidarity with refugees in other parts of the world?

Scripture: *Leviticus 19: 33-34* Have the same love for the alien as you have for yourself.

Evangelization Intention

Collaboration of Priests and Laity:

That within parishes, priests and lay people may collaborate in service to the community without giving in to the temptation of discouragement.

Reflect: In my own parish or community, what are some of the things that lead to division and discouragement?

Scripture: *Romans 16: 17-20* Be wise as to what is good and simple as to what is evil.

THE RULE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

As Secular Franciscans we are constantly challenged to mindfully follow the rule of St. Francis

– Rule 5 –

Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity. The faith of Saint Francis, who often said, “I see nothing bodily of the Most High Son of God in this world except his most holy body and blood,” should be the inspiration and pattern of their Eucharistic life.

Fraternity Prayer Intentions ...

Let us pray

For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for the healing of Patch and for Catherine Galiata, for Cindy's niece, for Andrea and JJ Taylor, Mary Anne and Alice, Evelyn, John, Julie and their families, as well as Gemma Marie and baby Willow who died in utero and for the Porter family, as well as the Brawdy family, for Br. Mateo, Father Christopher, Anthony, Ken, and Ann Carranza;

For all the penitential fraternities striving to live the Rule of St. Francis;

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

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

For our nation, as it elects their representatives, that those elected are guided to seek the common good;

For those who are dealing with health problems, especially heart issues and cancer, and for those recovering from natural and man-made disasters;

For all refugees of worldwide conflicts that they may be sheltered, healed, and comforted;

For the activists and environmentalists participating in the protest of the Dakota Access Pipeline that is being built right alongside North Dakota Native American reservations and sacred tribal lands, it represents a profound threat to the wellbeing of the indigenous peoples, all farmlands, and other communities down river;

For these and all our individual intentions;

We Pray to the Lord

Anniversaries

Birthday and Profession

Br. Bob Brady, OFM - 11/4	Margaret Enea-Patrizi, OFS 11/16/2002
Eunice Edgington, OFS - 12/12	Julie A. Schaefer, OFS 11/16/2002
Kathleen Robbiano, OFS - 12/12	J. Patch Guglielmino, OFS 11/15/2013

November – Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

1. Feast of All Saints – Holy day of Obligation
2. Commemoration of all of the Faithfully Departed –
Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites a Pater and a Credo
3. Bl. Helene Enselmini, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1231
4. St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1584
5. Feast of the Saints Relics
6. Bl. Marguerite de Lorraine, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1521
7. Bl. Raynier d'Arezzo, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order,
d. 1304
8. Bl. Jean Duns Scot, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1308
9. Bl. Gabriel Ferritti, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456
10. Bl. Louis Guanella, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1915
11. Bl. Marie-Cruciffee, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1745
12. Bl. Jean de la Paix, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order Regular
[living in community, under a Rule], d. 1340
13. St. Didace d'Alcala, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order,
d. 1463
14. St. Nicolas Tavelic and Companions, Martyrs,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1391
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order,
d. 1734
16. St. Agnes of Assisi, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1253
17. Bl. Jeanne de Signa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1307
18. Bl. Salomee de Cracovie, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1268
19. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Virgin
Patroness of Franciscan Third Order Secular,
Plenary Indulgence (renewal of Tertiary engagement), d. 1231
20. Bl. Migagos Ortells, Virgin, Capuchin religious, Martyr 1936
21. Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary
22. Bl. Salvator Lilli, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order,
Martyr, d. 1895
23. Bl. Marie de Jesus Bon Pasteur, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order
Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1902
24. Bl. Timothy Trajonowski, lay brother, Conventual religious,
Martyr, d. 1942
25. Bl. Gumble de Bisignano, lay brother,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1637
26. St. Leonard de Port-Maurice, Priest, religious of the Franciscan
1st Order, d. 1751
27. St. Francois-Antoine Fasani, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1742
28. St. Jacques de la Marche, Priest, religious of the Franciscan
1st Order, d. 1476
29. Saints of the Seraphic Order
30. Bl. Antoine Bonfandini, Priest, religious of the Franciscan
1st Order, d. 1482

Prayer for Holy Souls in Purgatory



Our Lord promised
Saint Gertrude
that 1000 souls would be
released from purgatory
each time this prayer is said
devoutly.

*Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood
of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the masses
said throughout the world today, for all the holy
souls in purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for
sinners in the universal church, those in my own
home and within my family. Amen.*



YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8TH, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20TH, 2016

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Shine us your face and we will be saved.*



**We must
empty
Purgatory
with our
prayers.**

-St. Padre Pio



Care for Creation

From a statement on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website:

Why Does The Church Care About Global Climate Change

Catholic social teaching, which is rooted in Scripture and the tradition of the Church, is an instrument of evangelization and expresses the social doctrine of the Church outlining ethical principles to guide the development of a morally just society. These principles are particularly applicable to the many challenging social, political, economic and ecological questions of our times.

There are three themes from Catholic Social Teaching that apply in a particular way to the Church's concern for the environment:

- Stewardship and the Common Good
- Special Concern for the Poor
- Poverty and Authentic Human Development

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/environment/why-does-the-church-care-about-global-climate-change.cfm>



As we approach another celebration of Thanksgiving, let's recall a General Audience message on the relationship between faith, forgiveness and gratitude given by Pope Francis in April. This is a reminder of our need for continued reconciliation.

Vatican City, 20 April 2016 – The sincerity of our repentance inspires unconditional forgiveness from God. The Pope dedicated the catechesis of today's Wednesday general audience in St. Peter's Square, attended by tens of thousands of people, to this fundamental aspect of mercy.

Before the catechesis a passage was read from the Gospel of Luke, narrating the episode of the Pharisee Simon's invitation to Jesus to dine with him in his home. While they are seated, a woman enters, known throughout the city as a sinner. Without saying a word she falls to Jesus' feet and begins to weep; she washes his feet with her tears and dries them with her hair, after which she kisses them and anoints them with a perfumed oil she brought with her. The woman's attitude contrasts with that of Simon, who zealously observes the law and judges on the basis of appearances, and who does not understand why Jesus, the prophet, allows Himself to be "contaminated" by sinners as if they were lepers. The woman, on the other hand, expresses her repentance with sincere gestures and abandons herself trustfully to Jesus.

Simon's attitude, explained the Pope, "is typical of a certain way of understanding religion, and it is motivated by the fact that God and sin are radically opposed. But the Word of God teaches us to distinguish between the sinner and the sin: with sin we must not bow down to compromise, whereas sinners – that is, all of us! - are like the sick, who need to be cured, and to heal them the doctor must be close to them, examine them, and touch them. And naturally the sick, to be healed, must acknowledge that they are in need of a doctor".

Between the Pharisee and the sinful woman, Jesus sides with the latter. "Free of prejudices that prevent mercy from being expressed, the Master allows ... Himself to be touched by her without fear of being contaminated. Indeed, entering into a relationship with the sinner, Jesus puts an end to the condition of isolation to which she had been condemned by the pitiless judgement of the Pharisee and his fellow citizens, who exploited her", Francis continued. "The woman can now, therefore, go 'in peace'. The Lord has seen the sincerity of her faith and her conversion, and therefore proclaims to her before everyone, 'Your faith has saved you'".

The story of the sinful woman teaches us the relationship between faith, love and gratitude. Her many sins were pardoned and for this reason she loves greatly; 'but he who is forgiven little, loves little', as even Simon himself admits. "God has enclosed all this in the same mystery of mercy; and from this love, which always precedes us, we all learn to love. ... Let us be grateful for the gift of faith, let us thank the Lord for His love, so great and undeserved! Let us allow Christ's love be poured into us ... and in this way, may the grateful love that we in turn bestow upon our brothers, in our homes, in the family, and in society, communicate the Lord's mercy to all".

~ press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2016/04/20/160420a.html



Upcoming Events

Message from Christine Morrison, OFS
Minister St. Francis Fraternity

On Saturday November 19th we are having a day of recollection with Brother Bob Valentine. The topic of the day of recollection is Advent. Br. Bob is a physician's assistant whose whole clinical practice has been working in the ER. He has been a friar for many years and lives at the St. Elizabeth friary.

All are invited to share this day which begins at 9:30 and concludes at 4:30 following Sunday mass at 3:30 in St. Boniface Church. Fr Franklin Fong, the pastor at St. Boniface, will say the Christ the King Sunday mass.

There will be a potluck lunch break. We are providing a veggie tray, fruit salad coffee and tea, and breakfast pastries. Please bring whatever you would like to contribute. We have lots of room in the Church and in the parish hall for lunch. Please let us know who are planning to come.

Thank you very much.

Advent Day of Reflection

A Discussion on The Franciscan heart of Christmas

Date: Sunday, December 4th

Time: 9AM - 3PM

Location: SSU Newman Center

1798 E. Cotati Ave.,

Across the street from SSU, one block east of main entrance watch for banner "Newman Center" out front. Parking lot is in rear off Sturtevant Dr.

This Day of Reflection is open to anyone interested in exploring Franciscan spirituality

- Donations gladly accepted to support the Newman Center
- Bring healthy food and drinks to share for lunch break
- For more information please call Mark: 415-2507362

Franciscan Web 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

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional Newsletter:

<http://juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com>

Franciscan Action Network (FAN):

<http://franciscanaction.org/>
www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org

Messengers of Joy, Regional Newsletter:

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

Franciscans for Justice:

<http://www.franciscansforjustice.org/>

Il Poverello website (*under construction* *):

<http://ofsilpov.org>

(*seeking those interested in development and presentation)

