



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

OCTOBER, 2016

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Oct. 3rd & 4th

Celebration of Transitus & Feast Day

Oct. 23rd

Nov. 27th

Dec. 4th

Advent Day of Reflection

Jan. 26th

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY MEETING

Meeting St. James Catholic Church - October 23rd, 2016

New Council Meeting w/Dirk Wohlauf, OFS: 10:00 – 12:00

Council Meeting: 12:15 – 1:15

Fraternity Gathering: 1:30 – 3:30

Opening Prayer

Ongoing Formation: *Please see activity following on p. 4 to bring and share.*

Break: Snack and Fellowship

Business: Old and New

Closing Prayer

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Minister's Letter October 2016

It is 10PM Saturday night, and I sit in my room at San Damiano listening to the fountain's trickle, as I ponder on what has been a full weekend listening to stories of "Franciscans as Missionaries."

Most of us are familiar with the legacy of St. Junipero Serra and his fellow friars who founded the California mission chain, or St. Maximilian Kolbe, a missionary to Japan until fatefully called back to his native Poland in World War II. But what about St. Marie Amandina of Schakkebroek, a Belgian Franciscan missionary sister in China, martyred with others in the Boxer rebellion? Or St. Mary Hermina Grivot, a Franciscan Missionary of Mary, also martyred in that same rebellion? There are many Franciscan missionaries, not all of them martyred, but all of them have lived in service of the Gospel to the world.

Today I heard a story of a young girl, devastated at a family tragedy, who was inconsolable. People offered to pray with her, encouraged her to stay strong in faith, reminding her that God was with her in Spirit. Her response was succinct: "I want God in flesh." She needed the comforting of a human, still knowing that God was there – somewhere. A hug, a whisper, was all her young spirit needed, but there was no one there to respond.

As Franciscans, we are daily called to be there in response to others. Yes, the hungry need food; the imprisoned need to be remembered; and the naked need clothing. But, we cannot forget that in the midst of corporal works are the spiritual works of mercy, grace, and love. God *is* there. But God has no hands but ours. We have the call to comfort, feed, clothe and visit. Yet, Francis embraced the leper – he didn't toss him a coin and wish him "peace and all good." We are the "God in flesh" that can make a difference to someone. We can be the God of love – here, and now, and present in their life. We can be God incarnate to the world.

Mark Kroncke,

Minister Il Poverello Fraternity

OCTOBER - Month of the Holy Rosary and the Holy Angels

1. **Bl. Nicolas de Forca**, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1449
2. **Bl. Antoine Chevrier**, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1879
3. **St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Patron of France; St. Marie-Joseph Tossello**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1880
4. **Solemnity of our Seraphic Father St. Francis, d. 1226**, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers
5. **Commemoration of the establishment of the 3 Orders**
6. **St. Marie-Francoise des Cinq Plaies**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular
7. **Feast of the Holy Rosary**
8. **St. Brigitte de Suede**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1373
9. **Bl. Marie-Angele Truszkowska**, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1899
10. **St. Francois Borgia**, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1572; and **St. Daniel and Companions**, Religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyrs, d. 1227
11. **Feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady**
12. **St. Seraphine de Montegrano**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1604
13. **Bl. Pacifique de Valence**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
14. **St. Jean de Dukla**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1936
15. **Bl. Sebastien de Jesus**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. **Bl. Anicet de Dbrzno**, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1941
17. **Bl. Balthazar de Chiavari**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1490
18. **Bl. Jacques de Strepa**, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1409
19. **St. Pierre de Alcantara**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1512
20. **Bl. Contardo Ferrini**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1902
21. **Bl. Martyrs of Polonais**, d. 1941-42
22. **Bl. Jean-Baptiste Bullaker**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1642
23. **St. Anthony Mary Claret**, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1870
24. **Bl. Josephine Leroux**, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, martyr 1794
25. **Bl. Maria Veronica Masia Ferragut, Bl. Maria Felicidad Masia Ferragut, and Bl. Jesus Masia Ferragut**, Virgins, Capuchin religious, Martyrs 1936
26. **Bl. Martyrs of the War of Spain**, 1936-37
27. **Bl. Bonaventure de Potenza**, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1711
28. **Bl. Anne-Eugenie Picco**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1921
29. **Bl. Thomas de Florence**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1447
30. **Bl. Ange d'Acre**, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1739
31. **Bl. Christophe de Cahors**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1272



*Angel of God, my Guardian dear,
to whom His love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*

Praying the Seraphic Crown Rosary & Indulgences

METHOD OF SAYING THE FRAN- CISCAN CROWN

Begin at once with the first decade, saying one Our Father and ten Hail Marys. Then continue in the same manner with the remaining six decades, reciting each one in honor of the mystery commemorated; viz., 1. The Annunciation. 2. The Visitation. 3. The Birth of our Lord. 4. The Adoration of the Magi. 5. The Finding of Jesus in the Temple. 6. The Resurrection of our Lord. 7. The Assumption of the Bl. Virgin. On finishing the seventh decade, say two Hail Marys (on the two beads near the link), in honor of the seventy-two years Our Lady is supposed to have lived on earth. Finally, say one Our Father and one Hail Mary (on the two beads nearest the cross) for the intention of the Pope to gain the indulgences. There is no Creed nor any other prayer on the cross.

To gain the indulgences, it is not necessary to meditate on the various mysteries, but merely to recite the decades in honor of them. Moreover, the Crown may be interrupted at will, as long as the entire rosary of seven decades is recited on one and the same day (Pius X, July 22, 1908).

From the foregoing it is evident that the Franciscan Crown is the easiest rosary to say and at the same time the most richly indulgenced of all rosaries.

The story of the Rosary of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin dates back to the early 15th century. A pious young man named James had been accustomed to adorning a beautiful statue of Mary with a crown of flowers, which he had picked and woven himself. He later entered the Franciscan Order, but either because of a lack of time or permission, he was no longer able to continue this devotion. Distraught because of this, he decided to abandon the religious life and return to the world.

Our Lady then appeared to him and convinced him not to leave the order. She told him that he should not be downcast because he was no longer permitted to adorn her statue, for she would teach him a way to give her honor which was much more pleasing and meritorious. Instead of a crown of flowers, which quickly wither, he was to weave a crown of prayers, and these prayers could be offered at any moment. She then taught him the Rosary of the Seven Joys, adding that these prayers would not only form a more acceptable crown, but they would also yield innumerable graces for himself and others.

This simple but beautiful devotion of praying the Crown of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin soon spread over the entire Franciscan Order and was officially established in 1422.

Care for Creation

We find ourselves today in a perilous situation with regard to the environment. If the universe is likened to a hospital, planet Earth is in critical condition in the intensive care unit. The critical state of the environmental situation is so outside our daily experience of life, however, that it is as if we humans are lounging at the snack bar while Earth struggles to breathe. We could wait until disaster really strikes before we attend to Earth's dying needs. However, as Christians, waiting for disaster to strike the Earth that feeds us contradicts our hope for a new heaven and a new Earth. We are called to love God *in* creation, not apart from creation. Incarnation means that creation is the co-beloved of God, not a commodity for human consumption. God loves creation so much that God has entered into it in a personal way. To participate in the family of creation is the most fundamental Christian stance for those who claim to believe in the Body of Christ.

~ Chapter 11 *The Spirituality of Conversion* p. 169
Care for Creation (Franciscan spirituality of the earth)

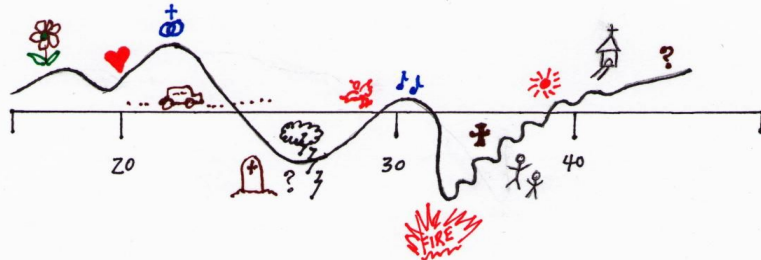


Oct. 11, Feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady

On this occasion the heavenly Lady was full of the Holy Ghost and moreover bore within Her, as His Mother, the Divine Word, who proceeds from the Father and the Holy Ghost.

Saint Joseph received special enlightenment and the plenitude of divine graces, and altogether renewed in fervor of spirit he said:

Ongoing Formation



The above illustration and following text is from the FUN Manual. Dianne Prior at our September meeting shared with us what St. Francis' "lifeline" may have looked like.

It is a process to assist in reflecting on our own life timeline. For our next meeting please make a "lifeline" of your own to share.

1. Draw a time-line representing your life, indicating different stages and time periods. You might use different colors that reflect how you felt at certain times.
2. Indicate your ups and downs and plateaus by the curves or angles of your line. Lines can also show times when you might have taken a "detour", etc.
3. Draw symbols, if applicable, at significant points along your line, i.e., a rain cloud at a sad time, a flower for growth, a tombstone for the loss of someone, a cross for an especially difficult time, etc.
4. Be as creative as you like, or as simple as you choose, but take time to ponder as you make this life review. Give thought to your life's journey thus far, and reflect on its meaning. Feel free to creatively express your thoughts and feelings as you create your lifeline. Use words, symbols and colors that have meaning to you.
5. Your lifeline is not meant to be a work of art – it is simply meant to be a visual tool to help you see God at work in your life.
6. After creating your lifeline, reflect on its meaning, using the questions that will be provided.

Purpose:

- * To facilitate an introspective look at one's own life.
- * To discover and share how God has acted in one's life, and how one responds to God's call.
- * To broaden one's knowledge of those who have influenced their journey and to understand the circumstances of life during their journey.
- * To view one's life in relation to the life of St. Francis as the touchstone of one's own call to the Secular Franciscan Order.
- * To facilitate bonding within the group.

"Blessed art Thou, Lady, among all women, fortunate and preferred before all nations and generations. May the Creator of heaven and earth be extolled with eternal praise, since from his exalted kingly throne He has looked upon Thee and chosen Thee for his dwelling place and in Thee alone has fulfilled the ancient promises made to the Patriarchs and Prophets. Let all generations bless Him: for in no one has He magnified his name as He has done in thy humility; and me, the most insignificant of the living, He has in his divine condescension selected for thy servant."

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.

St. Junipero Serra Regional Fraternity 2016 Formation Workshop

Note that there is one more workshop

October 22nd 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Nazareth House of Fresno, 2121 N. First St, Fresno, CA 93703

Personal Faith Development

As Applied to OFS Formation

Presented by the Regional Formation Director, John Zieminski, OFS

- Faith Development as a Tool for OFS Formation from Young Adults to Seniors
- Technology in OFS Formation: *Delivering the Information*

Participants discussed how Fraternities could be visible participants in their communities, reaching out to others, especially the youth.

Links for more information:

Vision for Franciscan Youth in the United States

Riobart (Rob) Breen, OFS Chair, Franciscan Youth and Young Adult (YouFra) Commission

https://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/articles/spring13/youth_spring13.pdf

<http://franciscansinternational.org/old/Youth.78.0.html>

<http://www.catholicregister.org/item/14776-new-wing-of-the-secular-franciscans-encourages-youth-to-rebuild-the-church>

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)

