



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

JULY, 2017

Il Poverello Fraternity Gatherings

July 15th

Handicapables*

July 23rd

August 27th

Fraternity Picnic and Gathering**

September 24th

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

Gathering Sunday July 23rd, St. James Rm. 9

Fraternity Council meeting: 12:00 – 1:15

Fraternity Meeting: 1:30 – 3:30

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July Minister's Letter

Blessed are the quarterbacks?!

Friday it was announced that Derek Carr, football quarterback for the Raiders, signed a contract worth a collective \$125 MILLION over five years. That's \$25 million per year – to play football; or, as he states on his Twitter page, "What they call work, I call worship!"

I can't speak for the Almighty, but let me try . . . "Are you KIDDING me?!"

I know Carr is not alone in the sports fields (football, baseball, basketball and more) to take in sums of money most of us can only spend all day thinking of ways to spend (wisely, of course!), but to Tweet "Blessed!!!" in announcing this contract, even as a self-described "Follower of Jesus Christ" (again, Twitter) he must have a different view of what it means to "worship" God than do I. While I hope Carr indeed takes his Christian call to heart, and "sells all to follow Jesus" (okay, almost all!), it is hard for us to proclaim messages of justice, peace and hope in a world that openly acts like God himself wrote that check just for me!

Jesus reminds us that it is the least - period! – who are truly blessed, and for reasons that are against the message of our consumerist society. I confess that I enjoy professional sports as much as anyone, and have spent perhaps too much on a ticket or beverage. But I don't feel that this was my contribution to the "worship" happening on the field. Rather, I see windfalls like this – and we all experience gifts and surprises at times – as a chance to truly worship God, and give back generously from what we have reaped. To be a religious in a secular world means we need paychecks, for ourselves and our families. But when the amount is far beyond what anyone truly needs to be safe, sheltered and fed, then we need to do some serious soul-searching. Perhaps we won't do as Francis did, and strip naked and give back even our clothes, but I think that the spirit is calling the signs if we listen in the noise of the huddle– and with God as our quarterback, how can we lose?!

Mark Kroncke, OFS

Minister, Il Poverello Fraternity

Scripture reading for JULY 26TH, 2017
Memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

MATTHEW 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore.

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying:

"A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."



The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

- Rule 13 -

As the Father sees in every person the features of his Son, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ.

A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ.

**Papal prayer intentions
for the month of July**



Prayers for Lapsed Christians:

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.



"My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. Because He that is mighty, hath done great things to me, and holy is His name"

(Luk. 1:46)



The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast . . . was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/overviews/months/07_1.cfm

Lord hear our prayers . . .

For Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for John Kennedy, OFS, for the great grandson of Margaret Enea-Patrizi, OFS, for the son of Cosmos Bacich, OFS who is in the police academy in New York City, for Mary Anne and Alice, we offer prayers also for Rita Wyatt, Elizabeth Louderback, Darryl Fraser, Anthony Butera, Rosemary Clark, for Dianne's daughter, and the Porter family;

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

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

For the immigrant and refugee populations worldwide especially for those fleeing conflicts, may they be comforted;

For our nation, celebrating its independence, may our elected representatives govern wisely for the good of the common man;

For the United Nations General Assembly who have adopted with overwhelming support a landmark resolution to begin negotiations on a treaty prohibiting nuclear weapons. This historic decision heralds an end to two decades of paralysis in multilateral nuclear disarmament efforts;

For these and all our individual intentions,

We Pray to the Lord



St. Vincent de Paul pray for us

"Charity is certainly greater than any rule. Moreover, all rules must lead to charity."

"Extend your mercy to others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping."

"One must be firm and unchanging with regard to the end but gentle and humble as to the means."

-St. Vincent de Paul

Franciscan Saints in July

– Month of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

1. **Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
2. **Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady**
3. **Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta, Virgin**, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1886
4. **40 Martyrs of China**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1900
5. **Bl. Ignace Falzon, Confessor**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1865
6. **St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr**, Cordbearer, d. 1902
7. **Bl. Oddin Barotto, Priest**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1400
8. **St. Elisabeth of Portugal, Virgin**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1336
9. **St. Veronica Giuliani, Virgin**, Capuchin religious, d. 1727
10. **8 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Damas**, d. 1860
11. **11 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Holland**, d. 1572
12. **Sts. Geoffroy and Joachim, Priests**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyrs 1679
13. **St. Francis Solano, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1610
14. **St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1274
15. **Bl. Bernard de Bade, Confessor**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1458
16. **Our Lady of Mount Carmel;**
St. Marie-Madeleine Postel, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1846
17. **Bl. Pierre De Foligno, Confessor**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1614
18. **St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1614
19. **St. Vincent de Paul, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1660
20. **St. Jerome Emilien, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1537
21. **St. Laurent de Brindes, Priest**, Capuchin religious, Doctor of the Church, d. 1619
22. **Bl. Angeline of Marciano, Virgin**, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1435
23. **Bl. Louise de Savoie, Virgin**, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1503
24. **Bl. Modestin de Jesus-Marie, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1864
25. **Bl. Antoine Lucci, Bishop**, Conventual religious, d. 1752
26. **St. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
27. **Bl. Marie-Madeleine Martinengo, Virgin**, Capuchin, d. 1737
28. **Bl. Marie-Therese of the Infant Jesus, Virgin**, Capuchin, Martyr, d. 1941
29. **Bl. Alphonse de l'Immaculee, virgin**, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1946
30. **St. Leopold de Castelnovo, Priest**, Capuchin religious, d. 1942
31. **St. Ignace de Loyola, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1556

Anniversaries

Profession: Cosmos Bacich, OFS - 6/17/61

Birthdate: Francis Cookson - July 1932

May 21st Marian Day of Reflection



If you want, The Virgin will come walking down the road pregnant with the holy and say, "I need shelter for the night, please take me inside your heart, my time is so close."

Then under the roof of your soul, you will witness the sublime intimacy, the Christ, taking birth forever, as she grasps your hand for help. For each of us is as the midwife of God, each of us.

Yes, there under the dome of your being does Creation come into existence eternally, through your woman, dear pilgrim –as God grasps your arm for 'help' for each of us is God's beloved servant never far.

If you want the Virgin will come walking down the street pregnant With light and ... sing.

– *St John of the Cross*
from *Love Poems to God*

"[We are] mothers when we carry Him in our heart and body through love and a pure and sincere conscience; and give him birth through holy activity, which must shine before others by example."

- *St. Francis of Assisi, 13th Century, Letter to all the Faithful #5*

Sr. Margie Will, OSF, led *Il Poverello* fraternity members in a loving conversation about our Holy Mother Mary, **Theotokos: God Bearer**. We pondered the Virgin Mary as our model of fruitful and faithful love for the entire ecclesial community. We spent time on the qualities of Mary: **Humble Servant, Openness, Complete Self-Giving (she said YES, "Let it be done unto me"), Fruitful and Faithful love, Earnest and Confident Prayer, Welcoming the Spirit, Poverty and Simplicity, and Obedience**. It is an apostolic task of the Church to rightly look to the one who bore Christ, Christ who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin in order that He might also be born and grow in the hearts of the faithful. We ask, **"What do I need in order to give birth to Christ?"**

John 19: 26, 27 When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple there whom he loved, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold, your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Behold, your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his home.

We, as the disciples whom he loves, take into our home Mother Church having the same qualities that we find in Mary the mother of God. This is how we Franciscans can continue to rebuild His church today.

Upcoming Events

A Day with the Handicapables

Saturday July 15th, 2017

Church of the Roses

2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa, CA

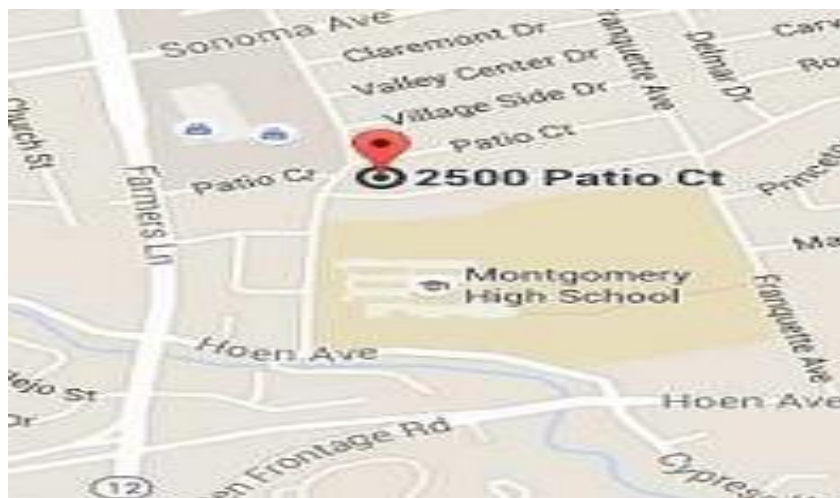
Gather at 9:30 - setup

Greet arrivals 10:00 – 11:00

Mass at 11:30

Lunch at 12:15 – provided by volunteers

Cleanup 1300



St. Vincent De Paul Church, 35 Liberty St, Petaluma

Presents a Summer Series: *Bishop Robert Barron's* **CATHOLICISM THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS**
in the Church Hall located on the corner of Western and Howard streets

from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM Tuesday nights July 11, 18, 25, August 1*, 8, 15

Come watch a video of the Pivotal Players of our faith; followed by small group discussion afterwards.

Bishop Robert Barron continues his journey around the world to explore a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars who not only shaped the life of the Church, but changed the course of western civilization.

July 11th - ST. FRANCIS of ASSISI: *The Reformer*
radically and literally lived as Jesus commanded to transform the Church.

July 18th - ST. THOMAS AQUINAS: *The Theologian*
demonstrated that faith and reason are not at odds, as they come from the same source.

July 25th - ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA: *The Mystic*
gave testimony to the reality of the spiritual dimension here and beyond.

*August 1st – POTLUCK: An opportunity to share favorite dishes and get to know your fellow parishioners

August 8th - BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN: *The Convert*
left a prestigious career to seek and preach the apostolic faith.

August 15th - MICHELANGELO: *The Artist*
dramatically demonstrated that beauty and creativity are a primary route of access to God.

Franciscan Links:

Facebook.com Page: [Il Poverello Fraternity OFS - Petaluma, CA](#)

The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA:

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

Franciscan Action Network (FAN):

<http://franciscanaction.org/>

www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org

San Damiano retreats calendar:

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



St Francis of Assisi likes this!