



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

JUNE, 2017

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

June 25th

July 15th

Handicapables*

July 23rd

August 27th

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Meeting: June 25th, 2017 - St. James Catholic Church

Fraternity Council meeting: 12:00 – 1:15

Fraternity Meeting: 1:30 – 3:30

Signup volunteers for July 15th Gathering*

*see Upcoming Events for information

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

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Minister's Letter - June 2017

Is Franciscan Life Lit for You?

I recently saw a Catholic meme on Facebook which depicts the event of Pentecost in the words of youth today: "**Party was lit!**" Aside from the double meaning (should you not be savvy to the young people's vernacular, LIT means that Pentecost was "happening," the place to be, fun and social, most "excellent"!), one can only imagine the event at Pentecost, when all those gathered realized what was happening . . . the Spirit lit up the room, literally, and the people found the experience lit. It was a party as only God could throw! If only someone had Facebook live back then . . . but I digress. So, the question I have today for us is quite simple, and comes from that meme I saw: What does it take for us to get lit as Franciscans? What experiences are fun and happening for us? What part of Franciscan life is most excellent? What would others think about us, watching us at a Franciscan activity? How do we party in the Franciscan spirit? The Pentecost event is considered the beginning of the Christian church – how do we further this event today – 2000 years later – in the spirit of Francis? For Francis, many things were lit for him – Christ Himself; the world and all creation; his fellow humanity; himself! All reflected for Francis the grand party of God, and in this spirit Francis attracted others to his event. The Spirit is still active in the church, and in the Franciscan family. Do we dare to join that party or rather choose to be the wallflower on the side, just watching the action and dreaming, "if only . . ." Well, I got news for you – the Spirit is there, inviting you to the dance! The music is pounding, echoing from the fields and meadows to the faintest star! The crowd is bouncing in tune with the rhythm of God in life, and your own experience awaits you!

Do you dare to join?

Peace and Joy !

Mark Kroncke, OFS

Minister, Il Poverello Fraternity

Scripture reading for Friday June 23rd

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus exclaimed:

"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father,

and no one knows the Father except the Son

and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

A Father's Day Prayer

Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.



Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful

And kindle in them the fire of Your love

V: Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created

R: And You shall renew the face of the earth

Let us Pray:

O God, Who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation.

Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

The Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles, builds on the Old Law but brings new meaning to it. In this Pentecost, the Holy Spirit is trumpeted and the New Law is Great News; Christ has been crowned in Heaven and he desires for us to join Him. He gives us the birth of the Church and shows us how to be united in faith.

Modeling Jesus Christ and aligning with God's Spirit produces in us rich fruits including;

"charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity."

In these twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit, we are shown how to live in union with God and with our brothers and sisters.

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

– Rule 12 –

Witnessing to the good yet to come and obliged to acquire purity of heart because of the vocation they have embraced, they should set themselves free to love God and their brothers and sisters.

Pope's Prayer Intention for June 2017

Urgent Universal Prayer Intention for National Leaders

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

In his Farewell Address, President Eisenhower, said "we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence by the military-industrial complex."

Military arms, while part of legitimate defense, are also big business. "We annually spend on military security alone more than the net income of all United States corporations." This reality has an "economic, political, even spiritual" influence on everyone.

Selling arms or giving them as aid has grown since 1961. The world's arms trade went from \$35 to \$70 billion in 2011. It's now approaching 100 billion and of this, the U.S. has 33% of the share while Russian has 25%. The U.S. provides arms to 96 countries. There also exists a huge black market that fuels terrorism, wars, and other violence.

Addressing the U.S. Congress, Pope Francis said we need "to end the many armed conflicts throughout our world. Here we have to ask ourselves: Why are deadly weapons being sold to those who plan to inflict untold suffering on individuals and society? Sadly, the answer, as we all know, is simply for money: money that is drenched in blood, often innocent blood. In the face of this shameful and culpable silence, it is our duty to confront the problem and to stop the arms trade."

He asked Italian children "why is it that so many powerful people don't want peace? Because they live on war! The powerful, some of the powerful, profit from the production of arms and they sell arms to this country which is against that one, and then they sell them to the one that goes against this one. It is the industry of death! And they profit."

Greed fuels the arms trade: "You know, greed does us so much harm. When we see that the economic system revolves around money and not around the person, but around money — so much is sacrificed and war is made to protect the money. And because of this, many people don't want peace. There is more profit with war! Money is earned, but lives are lost, culture is lost, education is lost, so many things are lost."

Scripture: Isaiah 2: 2-5 When God's instruction is followed and His will is done, then weapons of destruction will be turned into farming implements. The inconceivable sums of money that are spent on weapons will be used to provide for the poor of the world.

June – Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. **Bl. Felix de Nicosie**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, *d. 1787*
2. **Bl. Jean Pelingotto**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1304*
3. **Bl. Andre de Spello**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1254*
4. **St. Francois caracciolo**, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, *d. 1608*
5. **Bl Pacifique de Cerano**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1482*
6. **Bl. Laurent de Villamagna**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1535*
7. **Bl. Himiliane Cerchi**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1246*
8. **Bl. Nicolas de Gesturi**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, *d. 1958*
9. **Bl. Innocent Guz**, Priest, Conventual religious, *martyr d. 1940*
10. **Bl. Edouard Poppe**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1924*
11. **Bl. Yolanda of Hungary**, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, *d. 1298*
12. **Bl. Floride Cevoli**, Virgin, Capuchin religious, *d. 1767*
13. **St. Anthony of Padua**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1231 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers*
14. **Bl. Zephirin Jimenez**, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1936*
15. **St. Vincente Gerosa**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, *d. 1847*
16. **Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, *d. 1888*
17. **Bl. Pierre Gambacorta**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1435*
18. **Bl. Guy de Cortone**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1250*
19. **Bl. Achille Puchata**, Priest, Conventual religious, *Martyr d. 1943*
20. **Bl. Micheline de Pesaro**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1356*
21. **Bl. Herman Stapien**, Priest, Conventual religious, *Martyr d. 1943*
22. **St. Thomas More**, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1943*
23. **St. Joseph Cafasso**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1860*
24. **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**
25. **Bl. Bienvenu de Gubbio**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1232*
26. **Bl. Frederic Janssone**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1916*
27. **Bl. Marguerite Baeyts**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1879*
28. **St. Barthelemie Capitanio**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, *d. 1833*
29. **Sts. Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation, Plenary Indulgence**
30. **Bl. Raymond Lulle**, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1315*



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 the brother of Dirk Wohlau, OFS, St. Junipero Serra Regional Formation Director;

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

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

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

Upcoming Events

Lunch with the Handicapables

Saturday July 15, 2017

Church of the Roses

2500 Patio Ct, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Gather at 9:30 - setup

Greet arrivals 10:00 – 11:00

Mass at 11:00

Lunch at 12:00 – provided by volunteers

Cleanup

Pope Benedict's Reflections on the Our Father

Our Father who art in heaven:

When we call God our Father we recognise that he is our Creator, but also in the person of Jesus our Redeemer too. This is because Jesus is the image of God, of one substance with the Father, the "new Adam".

Hallowed be thy Name:

The first of the petitions of the Our Father asks that the name of our God be hallowed, revered, held in awe by all who see him as our Creator and loving Father.

Thy Kingdom come:

To pray for the coming of the kingdom means that we pray that his will is accepted as the criterion for all our actions. God's will establishes justice, and part of justice is that we give God his due homage and reverence . . . the Kingdom is Jesus Christ in person. The Kingdom is present wherever He is present, and the request for a listening heart becomes a request for communion with Jesus. What is requested in this petition is the true following of Christ which is communion with him and makes us one body with him.

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven:

In spite of all the obstacles (*we experience daily in our lives*) the will of God is written in our hearts, and needs to be clarified for us through our reading of the Scriptures and reflecting on them.

When we pray this petition of the Our Father we pray that we may come closer and closer to Jesus, so that God's will can conquer the downward pull of our selfishness and make us capable of the lofty height to which we are called.

Give us this day our daily bread:

Bread is the fruit of the earth and the work of human hands, but the earth bears no fruit unless it receives sunlight and rain from above. This recognition of God's goodness is the perfect foil to the pride which allows us to think that we achieve great things through our own efforts. It is only when we acknowledge that we rely on the goodness of God for everything that we can become great and free and truly ourselves.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us:

. . . trespass whether in relation to God or in relation to other people, involves some kind of injury to truth and to love and is thus opposed to God who is love and truth. Trespass leads to guilt and guilt calls forth retaliation. The result is a chain of trespass in which the evil of guilt grows ceaselessly and becomes more and more inescapable.

The petition for forgiveness is more than a moral exhortation. It is a reminder to us of the God who allowed forgiveness to cost him descent into human hardship and death on a Cross. It calls us to thankfulness for that intervention, and then, with him to work through and suffer through evil by means of love. No matter how much we forgive, we can never match the generosity and love of God in loving us. Only through the example of the God of suffering on the Cross can we truly find grace to forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation:

St Paul has assured us: "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the means of escape, that you may be able to endure it"

Father, 'deliver us Lord from every evil.....':

. . . we ask the Lord to free from evil not only ourselves, but the many individuals and peoples that suffer from the tribulations that make life almost unbearable. We may also see this extension of the final petition as an examination of conscience for ourselves, as an appeal to collaborate in breaking the predominance of "evils" The central point is that "we be freed from sins", that we recognise evil as the quintessence of "evils" and that our gaze may never be diverted from the living God.

Msr. Sean Heaney, P.P. A treatise from Pope Benedict's book "Jesus of Nazareth" - <http://www.tullamoreparish.ie/pictures-and-articles-mainmenu-191/2007-mainmenu-199/1215-pope-benedicts-reflections-on-the-our-father>

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

Franciscan Action Network (FAN):

<http://franciscanaction.org/>

www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional news:

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

