



# **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

## **SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

# **JOY FOR THE JOURNEY**

**MAY, 2017**

### **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY GATHERINGS**

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**  
*Day of Reflection*

**June 25<sup>th</sup>**

**July 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Handicapables Luncheon Ministry*

**July 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

**Day of Reflection on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

**St. James Catholic Church Gathering Rm. 8:30 - 3:30**

*(See attached flier for more information and to share)*

### **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

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### **Minister's Letter - May 2017**

#### **A Franciscan Mother's Day . . .**

May presents us with a couple of chances to celebrate the meaning and reality of the role of mothers in all our lives. First, of course, is the national celebration of mothers in Mothers' Day – although we are not alone, as over 40 countries worldwide currently honor mothers in some similar way! In this day, we celebrate that person in our life who has guided us and loves us, and will all too willingly remind us how much else she has done for us through the years. While the role of motherhood is changing in ways, and some children know not much of such a person in their lives, those of us blessed to have had a maternal person in our formative years and into adulthood are reminded annually of all we have received from our mother. In faith, Mary is honored not only in our own tradition of faith, but is also held in special attention in other faiths – in Islam, as an example, Mary holds an unusually exalted place as the only woman named in the [Qur'an](#), where she is referenced seventy times, and is declared the greatest of all women, with reference to the angelic salutation during the [annunciation](#), "O Mary, God has chosen you, and purified you; He has chosen you above all the women of creation." The nineteenth chapter of the scripture, the [Chapter of Mary \(Surat Maryam\)](#), is named after her, and she is mentioned in the Quran more times than the entire [New Testament](#)! So, while these tidbits provide food for thought, we know that in our religious tradition Francis held Mary in great esteem as well. And secondly, we also have the chance this month to gather in fraternity for a day and reflect on the role of Mary, the mom of Yeshua, as we engage with Sister Margie Will, OSF and explore what Mary holds for us Franciscans. He held Mary in love for the fact that she, as we noted, was the vessel by which God took on humanity. The incarnational birth was for Francis a great – if not greatest – gift of God to us, and this he reflected in his desire to bring the nativity scene to life one year. The openness and humbleness (humility) of Mary to say "yes," when she did have a choice in the matter, was for Francis a stance to embrace, one where we too can say "yes" to God being born in our own human stable of the heart. It is truly the heart of all mothers, in any country, faith or family, which brings us to life. Literally, and in our spiritual lives, may we grow to echo the original "yes" to the life our mothers offered to us so joyfully – for in them and through their love we know not only the love of our families, but the love of our brother Jesus and our "Father/Mother" Creator, God. May all mothers be blessed this month and always, in their ministry of life and love.

**Mark Kroncke, OFS**

**Minister for Il Poverello Fraternity**

## Scripture reading for May 13<sup>th</sup>

John 14:7-14

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to Jesus,

"Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us."

Jesus said to him,

"Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves.

Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."



## *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order*

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

### *- Rule 11 -*

Trusting the Father, Christ chose for himself and his mother a poor and humble life, even though he valued created things attentively and lovingly. Let the Secular Franciscans seek a proper spirit of detachment from temporal goods by simplifying their own material needs. Let them be mindful that according to the gospel they are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God's children.

Thus, in the spirit of the Beatitudes, and as pilgrims and strangers on their way to the home of the Father, they should strive to purify their hearts from every tendency and yearning for possession and power.

## **Pope Francis' prayer intentions for the month of May:**

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.

## **Pope Francis has remarked of the Christians in Africa:**

"We are well aware that the recent events and acts of violence which have shaken your country were not grounded in properly religious motives. Those who claim to believe in God must also be men and women of peace. Christians, Muslims and members of the traditional religions have lived together in peace for many years. They ought, therefore, to remain united in working for an end to every act which, from whatever side, disfigures the Face of God. Together, we must say no to hatred, no to revenge and no to violence, particularly that violence which is perpetrated in the name of a religion or of God himself."

"We must work and pray and do everything possible for peace. But without love, without friendship, without tolerance, without forgiveness, peace is not possible."

**Praying for African Christians, we commit ourselves to imitating the Merciful Jesus and giving prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace in our own lives.**

### **Scripture Reflections:**

**Luke 24: 33-38:** On the cross Jesus did not retaliate, asking the Father to take vengeance and to punish those who crucified him. He asks the Father to forgive them.

**2 Peter 2: 21-25:** Jesus, the only innocent and sinless one, suffered and died on the cross to take away the sins of the world and to bring healing.



## May – Month of the Holy Virgin Mary

### 1. Feast of Saint Joseph the Artisan

2. **St. Richard Pampuri, Confessor**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1930

3. **Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Bishop**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1903

4. **Bl. Ladislav de Gielnow, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1505

5. **Bl. Beinvenu Mareni, lay brother**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289

6. **Bl. Marie-Catherine Troijani, Virgin**, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1897

7. **Bl. Anne-Rose Gattorno, Virgin**, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1900

### 8. Feast of Mary Mediatrix of all Graces

9. **Bl. Antoine Bajewski, Priest**, Conventual religious, martyr 1941

10. **Bl. Marie-Bernard Butler, Virgin**, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1924

11. **St. Gemme de Sulmona, Virgin**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1439

12. **St. Ignatius of Laconi, lay brother**, Capuchin religious, d. 1781

13. **St. Michel Garicoitz, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1863

### Beginning of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions Mother's Day

14. **St. Marie-Dominique Mazzarello, Virgin**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1881

15. **St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1719

16. **St. Theophile de Corte, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1740

17. **St. Paschal of Baylon, lay brother**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1592

18. **St. Felix of Cantalice, lay brother**, Capuchin religious, d. 1587

19. **St. Yves, Priest**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1303

20. **St. Bernardin de Sienne, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1444

21. **St. Crispin de Viterbe, lay brother**, Capuchin religious, d. 1750

22. **St. Joaquina Vedruna, Virgin**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1854

23. **Bl. Gerard de Villamagna, Confessor**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1242

24. **Bl. Jean de Prado, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1631

### 25. Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi, 1253

#### The Ascension of our Lord

26. **St. Philippe Neri, Priest**, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1595;

memorial of **St. Marie-Anne Parades, Virgin**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1645

27. **Bl. Gerard de Lunel, Confessor**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1270

28. **St. Jean-Baptiste Rossi, Priest**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1764

29. **Bl. Etienne et Raymond, Priest**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1242

30. **St. Joan of Arc, Virgin**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1431,

**King Saint Fernando III, Confessor**, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252

31. **Feast of the Queenship of Mary, Public Consecration of the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena in preparation of the feast of Pentecost**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> Pentecost - Plenary Indulgence – Chant in public the Veni Creator Sacred Heart – Plenary Indulgence - Public recitation of the Act of Reparation**

## Our Prayer Intentions

### Lord hear our prayers

For Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Evelyn Stateler, OFS, 10/19/22 – 3/16/17, John Kennedy, OFS, Sue Forsyth, 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, offer prayers also for the brother of Dirk Wohlauf, OFS, St. Junipero Serra Regional Formation Director;

For the 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 these and all our individual intentions;

### We Pray to the Lord

On this Mother's Day, let us also remember Our Mother Mary and pray for all mothers struggling to raise their families.

## May Anniversaries

### Profession

**Eunice Edgington, OFS 5/05/57**

**John Kennedy, OFS 6/21(B) – 5/05(P)**

### Birthday

**Cosmos Bacich, OFS – 5/16**

**Edd Ringlein, OFS – 5/25**



"We received this world as an inheritance from past generations, but also as a loan from future generations, to whom we will have to return it!"

*Pope Francis in Ecuador ~ July 7, 2015*

## Upcoming Events

### Celebrating Fatima 100 Years later - May 13 to October 13, 1917



#### Links:

<https://www.ewtn.com/fatima>

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/our-lady-of-fatima/>

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/03/23/pope-francis-will-canonize-two-children-who-saw-our-lady-fatima>

<http://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/three-ways-to-obtain-an-indulgence-for-the-100-year-fatima-anniversary-78258/>

## Marian Day of Reflection

Given by Sr. Margie Will, O.S.F.

Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00 – 3:30

St. James Catholic Church

125 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy, Petaluma, CA 94954

#### RSVP:

Please contact us if you are planning to attend or if you are in need of assistance to attend.

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### Secular Franciscan Links:

**The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA:**

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

**Saint Junipero Serra Regional Fraternity:**

<http://www.juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Homepage.html>

**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>

**Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee's new web site:**

<https://www.ofsusaecumenicalinterfaith.org/>

**Franciscan Friars Province of Saint Barbara:**

<http://sbfranciscans.org>



And it came to pass, whilst He blessed them, He departed from them; and was carried up to heaven. Luke 24, 51.

D. WILKINS, 1850; Agost. V. Gambiari

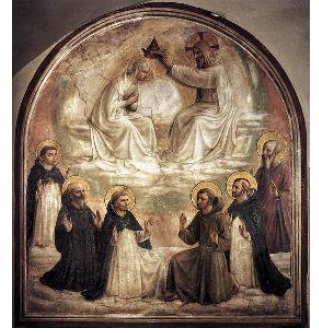


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Will present on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> a  
**Marian Day of Reflection**  
Given by Sr. Margie Will, O.S.F.



Sr. Margie Will, O.S.F. is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. Margie founded Franciscan Living in 2008, this is a nonprofit organization assisting to identify and create opportunities for people to embody the Franciscan Charism in their daily lives. The website can be found at:

<http://www.franciscanliving.org/About.htm>

She holds an M.T.S. in theology from the Franciscan School of Theology, formerly of Berkeley, as well as certificates in Spiritual Direction and Soul-Collage.

All are welcome to share this Day of Reflection with Bay Area Secular Franciscans. There will be no charge for this event; however a Free-Will offering to help cover costs will be graciously accepted. Doors will open at 8:00.

**9:00 – Introductions and Opening Prayer  
Session 1 - with Sr. Margie Will, OSF**

**11:00 – Mass in St. James Church**

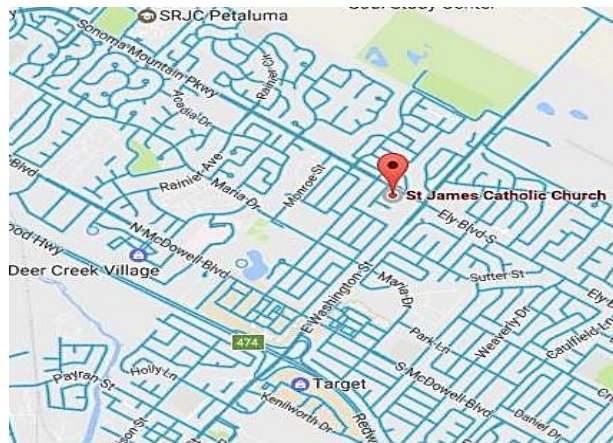
**12:00 – Lunch break – Pot luck sharing**

Coffee and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a simple un-reheated dish (crockpots are OK) to share with our gathering. We are ecologically conscious and bring our own cups plates and utensils to events. Extra cups, plates and utensils will be provided for those who have not brought their own. We do encourage attendees to bring along a carryall (basket or bag) to their own events in the future.

**1:00 – Session 2 - continued discussion and sharing with Sr. Margie Will, OSF**

**3:30 – Closing and Cleanup**



## St. James Catholic Church

125 Sonoma Mountain Pkwy, Petaluma, CA 94954



### Directions:

Exit US 101  
E. Washington St.  
North to Sonoma  
Mt. Pkwy, turn  
left, enters at  
either of the two  
entrances on the  
left parking in is  
in the rear;

Gathering will be  
in the Parish  
Center adjacent  
to the Church.

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