



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

NOVEMBER, 2017

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Nov. 19th

Dec. 10th

Advent Day of Reflection

Jan. 28th

Feb. 18th

Feb. 22-25th

Region Chapter Gathering

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY MEETING

Gathering at St. James Catholic Church - November 19th, 2017

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

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

COUNCIL

Minister:

Mark Kroncke, OFS

Vice Minister:

Edd Ringlein, OFS

Secretary:

Noreen Ringlein, OFS

Treasurer:

Susan Forsyth, OFS

Formation Director:

TBA

Spiritual Assistant:

TBA

COUNCILORS

Dianne Prior, OFS

Cosmos Bacich, OFS

Margaret Enea-Patrizi, OFS

Special Ministries

Librarian:

TBA

Newsletter Editors:

Edd & Noreen Ringlein, OFS

J P I C:

Noreen & Edd Ringlein, OFS

Vice Minister's Letter November 2017

We know that "Be Prepared" is the scout motto; however there are times when we find ourselves unprepared.

This Sunday's Gospel is from the beginning of the 25th Chapter of Matthew the parable of the 10 virgins. Jesus makes another comparison of the kingdom of heaven explaining how important it is to be ever prepared for the arrival of the bridegroom. **"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."** The time and place of the wedding feast we all are invited to can take place at any time. We are encouraged to be like the 5 virgins who being prepared were welcomed into the banquet while the remaining who were not prepared were left out.

Following the firestorm that we've witnessed just one month ago; this parable should help us take this reading to heart. Just about everyone I've encountered since if they did not experience a personal loss knows of someone who has encountered a loss of one sense or another. Recovery will take time and the toll as a result of the losses may never find personal gratification. This is but one example of the recent worldwide events that have caught many unprepared.

As Secular Franciscans we are living a Gospel life through the charism of Franciscan spirituality of poverty, simplicity, humility, and a penitential lifestyle. We're encouraged to display some of the characteristics through voluntary material simplicity, to "do penance" in acts of self-denial and self-sacrifice for love of God and neighbor, and to seek justice and peace for all who are made to suffer because of their race, creed, gender, etc. By seeking to live out this lifestyle we can hopefully be better prepared to enter into our next life welcomed into the arms of our loving Father.

Peace, and all Good,

Edd Ringlein, OFS

Vice Minister Il Poverello Fraternity

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

- Rule 18 -

Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which "bear the imprint of the Most High," and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship.

Article 98

1. **Rule 1** Secular Franciscans should seek to live in life-giving reciprocal communion with all the members of the Franciscan family. They should be ready to promote common initiatives or participate in them with the religious of the First, Second and Third Orders, with Secular Institutes, and with other lay ecclesial groups that recognize Francis as a model and inspiration in order to work together to spread the Gospel, remove the causes of marginalization, and serve the cause of peace.

2. They must cultivate a special affection, which expresses itself in concrete initiatives of fraternal communion, towards the sisters of the contemplative life who, like Saint Clare of Assisi, bear witness in the Church and in the world and by whose mediation they expect the abundance of grace for the fraternity and for the works of the apostolate.

Care for Creation
Do not forget the Creator



**'The heavens declare the glory of God,
The vault of heaven proclaims his handiwork'**
Psalm 19.1

To you, humanity, who look with pleasure on the works of your hand, the fruit of your genius, Christ says to you: Do not forget the One who gave birth to us all! Do not forget the Creator!

Further, the more profoundly you know the laws of nature, the more you discover its wealth and potential, the more intensely you must remember him.

Do not forget the Creator – Christ tells us – and respect Creation! Do your work using the resources that God has given you as they should be used! Transform these riches with the help of science and technology, but do not abuse them; be neither a usurper nor an exploiter, without considering the goods that have been created! Do not destroy or contaminate! Remember your neighbour and the poor! Think of the future generations! ~ **Saint John Paul II**

livesimply Anthology, a CAFOD resource, edited by Annabel Shilson-Thomas.

Photo: Michelangelo's painting of God and Adam with God giving life to Adam, on the wall of the Sistine Chapel.

Scripture reading for Nov. 19th
Feast of St. Elizabeth of Hungry, Virgin
Patroness of Franciscan Third Order Secular

1st Letter to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Fraternity Prayer Intentions

Let us pray

For the souls of the faithful departed including those in fraternities their families and friends who have gone before us, remembering our fraternity members Evelyn Stateler, OFS and Leo Pimentel;

For members of our Regional Fraternities', their families and friends;

For our Il Poverello fraternity active and inactive members especially for Alberto Cortez, OFS to return to good health, for John Kennedy, OFS, for Mary Anne and Alice, for Frances Cookson and for their families and friends, for Br. Mateo, and for the Porter family;

For Pope Francis and the church leaders and all religious worldwide, guidance by the Holy Spirit in directing the faithful into the one true church;

For world leaders, may the national representatives govern wisely for the good of humanity, for the common-man;

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

For the homeless and the worldwide immigrant and refugee populations, especially for those fleeing natural and manmade disasters, especially the fire victims of northern California and those recovering from the recent earthquake plus all who are experiencing the worst weather related storm season ever, may they all be sheltered, healed, and comforted;

For these and all our individual intentions;

We Pray to the Lord

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.

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-Crucifixe, 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. Migagros 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



St. Elizabeth of Hungary

“That boundless sympathy for the Passion of a God made man which sent Saint Louis twice under the standard of the Cross to seek death and captivity in Africa; that longing for a better life which made him struggle against his friends and family to abdicate the crown and hide his royalty under the monastic habit; that respect for poverty which made him kiss the hand of everyone to whom he gave alms; his abundant tears, his sweet familiarity with Joinville, and even his conjugal tenderness – all that is found again in the life of Saint Elizabeth, who was no less his sister by feeling and by sympathy, than by their common engagement under the Rule of Saint Francis. So many charms, so much interest in the brief mortal existence of this young woman, are neither the creation of the poet’s fancy, nor the fruit of piety exaggerated by distance. The profound impression which the destiny and heroic virtues of Elizabeth made on her age, is manifested by the tender and scrupulous care wherewith men have gathered and transmitted from generation to generation the most trifling actions of her life, the least words that she uttered, with a thousand incidents, which throw light on the innermost recesses of that pure and artless soul.”– *Count de Montalembert.*

<https://catholicsaints.info/tertiary-saints-saint-elizabeth-of-hungary-patroness-of-the-third-order/>

THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

November 2017

For the Christians in Asia.

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Anniversaries Birthday and Profession

Br. Bob Brady, OFM	Margaret Enea-Patrizi, OFS
11/4	11/16/2002
Julie Schaefer, OFS	11/16/2002
J. Patch Guglielmino, OFS	11/15/2013

Upcoming Events

Formation topics for our gatherings and volunteer presenters:

October- Discernment and Conversion- Sue Forsyth, OFS

November- The History of the Rule- Mark Kroncke, OFS

December- Advent Day of Reflection- The Franciscan View of Creation (Presenter to be determined)

January- Encyclicals on Social Teaching of the Catholic Church- Edd Ringlein, OFS

February- The Life of Clare- Dianne Prior, OFS

March- Crucified Love-Bonaventure- Mark Kroncke, OFS, and Sue Forsyth, OFS



Advent Day of Reflection

A Discussion on
The Franciscan view of Creation

Date: Sunday, December 10th

Time: 9AM - 3PM

Location: St. James Multi-use room

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

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

Franciscan Web Links:

Il Poverello Fraternity Facebook page:

[Il Poverello Fraternity OFS - Petaluma, CA](#)

Il Poverello Fraternity website:

<http://ofsilpov.org>

The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA:

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

Franciscan Action Network (FAN):

<http://franciscanaction.org/>

www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org

Franciscans for Justice:

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

