



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

OCTOBER, 2017

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Oct. 3rd & 4th

Celebration of Transitus & Feast Day

Oct. 22nd

Nov. 19th

Dec. 10th

Advent Day of Reflection

Jan. 28th

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY MEETING

Gathering at St. James Catholic Church - October 22nd, 2017

Council Meeting: 12:15 - 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

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Minister's Letter October 2017

Let your light shine brighter than flames

Sisters and Brothers

I write this as we drive back from Reno, where we spent a lovely weekend (4 days!) of fun, food, music and more ... and yet, the shadow of what is happening back home hangs heavily over me as does the smoke over many of you reading this. A friend and co-worker lost his house, and many others are temporarily displaced. Tragedies are a constant given, it seems, whether man-made or natural. In this case, it really doesn't matter - the tragedy is sitting in our laps like a big elephant. I saw a meme that showed God saying, "stop praying and unfold your hands - you have work to do!" I am sure some would read this as anti-prayer - I prefer to see it as a challenge to go from "gospel to life." Franciscans love this saying and rightly so. Yet, it is especially poignant at a time like this that the big elephant in our laps does require both our hands to keep it under control. Prayer has its place, don't question that. But in these coming days and weeks, our friends, our neighbors, our communities will need to see the "good news" in action.

Some of us have already responded, but we all are called - now and with great volume! - to do what we can. Shelter those who lost homes. Clothe those who fled at 2AM with only what they wore. Feed all who hunger ... and at all times embrace those living with fears and tears over lost lives, lost hope and an uncertain future. As we read in the Gospels, this is not a time to hide our talents and gifts under a bushel - this is a time to be a Franciscan light to our world in need. Blessings on all we have done, and will continue to do ...

Mark Kroncke, OFS

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;** and **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, d. 1936
14. **St. Jean de Dukla**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr, d. 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, d. 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, d. 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

Reflections on Pope Francis's Prayer Intentions for October

Workers and the Unemployed:

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Work brings a basic dignity to our human participation in God's creation. Although we can cooperate in God's work through our labor, and we can exercise creativity in the arts, speech, and thought, we cannot truly create out of nothing. Only God creates in this fashion, *ex nihilo*, and it was in this way that He created the world.

Pope Francis has since the beginning of his Pontificate put great emphasis on our Christian duty to respect workers and the kinds of work they do. In a 2013 audience from Labor Day, he exhorted the People of God, calling for an end to slave labor and human trafficking, encouraging us to look for creative ways to help our brothers and sisters find fulfilling work.

The Holy Father connected this to one of the pillars of Catholic social teaching, the intrinsic dignity of every human person: **"I wish to extend an invitation to everyone to greater solidarity and to encourage those in public office to spare no effort to give new impetus to employment. This means caring for the dignity of the person."** As we pray with the Holy Father for workers this month, it is good for us to consider how we are building up those for whom we work, those with whom we work, and those who work for us. We must be especially attentive to our shopping habits and the way in which we use the Internet. The products of sweatshops and human trafficking are widespread, and it takes careful diligence and a deep life of prayer to avoid the temptation to exploit workers directly or indirectly.

**Lord bless the work of our hands,
Lord bless the work of our hands.**

Reflection and Discussion

How can I assist in providing opportunities for fair work and fair wages in my family, social, and professional life? What are my obligations to the underemployed or unemployed? What am I doing to engage the issue of underemployment on a personal, local or regional level?

Scripture

Acts 20:35 "In every way I have shown you that by hard work of that sort we must help the weak, and keep in mind the words of the Lord Jesus who himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

- Rule 17 -

In their family they should cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity, and respect for life, striving to make of it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ. By living the grace of matrimony, husbands and wives in particular should bear witness in the world to the love of Christ for His Church. They should joyfully accompany their children on their human and spiritual journey by providing a simple and open Christian education and being attentive to the vocation of each child.

Article 24

1. **Rule 17** Secular Franciscans should consider their own family to be the first place in which to live their Christian commitment and Franciscan vocation. They should make space within it for prayer, for the Word of God, and for Christian catechesis. They should concern themselves with respect for all life in every situation from conception until death. Married couples find in the Rule of the SFO an effective aid in their own journey of Christian life, aware that, in the sacrament of matrimony, their love shares in the love that Christ has for his Church. The way spouses love each other and affirm the value of fidelity is a profound witness for their own family, the Church, and the world.

2. In the fraternity:

- the spirituality of the family and of marriage and the Christian attitude towards family problems should be a theme for dialogue and for the sharing of experiences;
- they should share the important moments of the family life of their Franciscan brothers and sisters and they should give fraternal attention to those – single, widows, single parents, separated, divorced – who are living difficult situations;
- **Rule 19** they should create conditions suitable for dialogue between generations;
- the formation of groups of married couples and of family groups should be fostered.

3. The brothers and sisters should collaborate with the efforts undertaken in the Church and in society to affirm both the value of fidelity and respect for life and to provide answers to the social problems of the family.

Scripture reading for Saturday 10/11 *Feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady*

LUKE 11:27-28

While Jesus was speaking, a woman from the crowd called out and said to him,

“Blessed is the womb that carried you
and the breasts at which you nursed.”

He replied,

“Rather, blessed are those
who hear the word of God and observe it.”

Let us pray to the Lord

For Pope Francis, and worldwide Bishops and Priests, spiritual guidance of 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 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 comforted;

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

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

For our Il Poverello Fraternity, and their families and friends, for Alberto Cortez, OFS to return to good health, for John Kennedy, OFS and his family, for Mary Anne and Alice, for Patch's quick recovery, for Frances Cookson, for Dianne Prior, OFS celebrating this month her birthday and profession day, for Mark Kroncke, OFS safe journey on his birthday getaway trip to Reno;

For all these and those we hold dear in our hearts,

Lord, hear our prayers



Birthday and Profession Anniversaries

Dianne Prior, OFS	10/9	10/1979
Alberto Cortez, OFS		10/1985
Mark Kroncke, OFS	10/10	
Robert Bayley, OFS		10/2006



Oct. 11 — Feast day of St. Pope John XXIII, OFS, one of the most beloved popes and also one of our newest saints. The Roman Catholic Church celebrates his feast day not on the date of his death (3 June), as is usual, nor his birth, or even on the day of his papal coronation (as is the case with several canonized popes, such as John Paul II) but on 11 October – the day of the first session of the Second Vatican Council. This is understandable, since the Council was his idea and it was he that had convened it.

(Note that he was also a Secular Franciscan)



THE CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES

By St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,
all praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.

To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.

No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through all you have made,
and first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and through whom you give us light. How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor; Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

All Praise be yours, my Lord,
through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens you have made them, bright, and precious, and fair.

All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Brothers wind and air, and fair and stormy, all the weather's moods, by which you cherish all that you have made.

All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Sister Water, so useful, humble, precious and pure.

All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten up the night. How beautiful is he, how cheerful! Full of power and strength.

All praise be yours, my Lord,
through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

All praise be yours, my Lord,
through those who grant pardon for love of you; through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy are those who endure in peace, By You, Most High, they will be crowned.

All praise be yours, my Lord,
through Sister Death, From whose embrace no mortal can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin! Happy those she finds doing your will! The second death can do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord,
And give him thanks, And serve him with great humility.

Prayer of Saint Birgitta of Sweden, a 3rd Order Franciscan

O Lord, make haste and illumine the night.

Say to my soul that nothing happens without Your permitting it, and that nothing of what You permit is without comfort.
O Jesus, Son of God, You who were silent in the presence of Your accusers, restrain my tongue until I find what I should say and how to say it.

Show me the way and make me ready to follow it.

It is dangerous to delay, yet perilous to go forward.

Answer my petition and show me the way.

I come to You as the wounded go to the doctor in search of aid.

Give peace, O Lord, to my heart.

Amen.



Thank You to all who assisted with our Bake Sale at St. James during our last gathering. Over \$200 was contributed to the sale and many stopped by to check out our books and pick up one of the new brochures.

We were introduced to two women, Susan Mortell, OFS, and Patricia Boston, OFS, who were professed in other fraternities and have recently moved into this area and would like to gather with us. They joined us for our formation viewing and discussion of St. Francis: the reformer that was presented in the multi-use room. Also, another person who was inquiring at the table after mass, Steve Woolmer, joined us for the presentation and the following discussion.

Upcoming Events



Il Poverello Fraternity presents

A Day of Reflection

The Franciscan Advent

Sunday December 10th in St. James Multi-Use Room

Time and presenter TBA

Franciscan Web Links:

Il Poverello Fraternity Facebook page:

Il Poverello Fraternity OFS - Petaluma, CA

Il Poverello Fraternity website:

[http:// www.ilpoverellofraternityofs.org](http://www.ilpoverellofraternityofs.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/>

