



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

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IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY
GATHERINGS

April 26th

May 24th

June 28th

July 26th

IL POVERELLO
FRATERNITY

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Minister's Letter

April 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy Holy Week! May we find more expansion in our hearts and spirits during this sacred time of year.

I think of the crosses many of us have been experiencing in our lives recently. Trying to link our suffering with that of Christ can sometimes seem impossible as we struggle with challenges. It is the saintly ideal, and it is possible, yet such hard, hard work. Let us continue to love and encourage each other, and look for the light of Resurrection.

Jesus is the Way. He constantly turned to God for assistance and spent hours in prayer to maintain his work in the world. That is our example, our guidance and our hope.

I am praying so much for those who are dying because of their Christian faith in our world right now. Their call to such pain and misery is one we may never know, and certainly they are tested to the extreme in their call to discipleship. I treasure the access to Sacraments and Mass which we have in our community. What a privilege, and we are even blessed to be able to gather in our Franciscan community without disruption of our meeting.

In gratitude, I thank God for all of us and our journey. I thank Jesus for the way of peace and healing He shows us.

I wish us the new life which Easter brings.

Peace and all good,

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS

Il Poverello Fraternity

Gathering and Visitation - April 26, 2015

St. James Catholic Church 12:30 - 4:30

Council Meeting 12:30 - 1:30

Fraternity Meeting 1:30 - 3:30

Ongoing Formation: discussion on Vocation, Charism, and Mission

Inquiry Formation: 3:30 - 4:30

Franciscan Journey: Chapter Eighteen
Being Faithful

April Visitation

What this means to our fraternity -

From our General Constitutions:

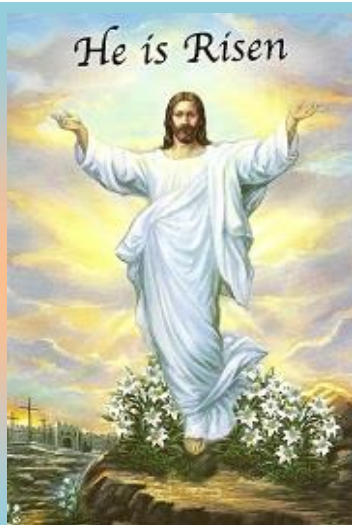
Article 26: The purpose of both the pastoral and fraternal visits is to revive the evangelical Franciscan spirit, to assure fidelity to the charism and to the Rule, to offer help to fraternity life, to reinforce the bond of the unity of the Order, and to promote its most effective insertion into the Franciscan family and the Church.

Every three years each level of fraternity from the local up to the international will have a visitation from members of the level above. At our February meeting it was announced that Kathleen Molaro, OFS and Mary Carson, OFS will be visiting Il Poverello fraternity in April.

Visitations are times of self-reflection for fraternities. How are we doing? What is going well? What needs improvement? What could be changes that we may want to implement? And how we could get the support and help needed to make any changes desired?

Individual evaluation forms were handed out at the last meeting. Let Kathleen know if you did not receive a copy or need the address to mail completed forms. Please take the time to thoughtfully answer all the questions. The information shared will be important to our visitors. Make sure they are returned at least two weeks prior to the April meeting.

Our Regional visitors will be here to listen and encourage, support and animate our fraternity life. We all are interested in making our fraternity the best it can be and should make every effort to attend this meeting.



The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

~ Rule 24 ~

To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and zealous life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity. This communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them.



"I demand from you deeds of mercy which are to arise out of love for me. You are to show mercy to your neighbors always and everywhere" (from the Diary of St Faustina).

Divine Mercy Sunday is to be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy which begins on Good Friday. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is to be recited as well as the offering of novena intentions given to us by Jesus.

<http://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/backgr.htm>

Scripture reading for April 25th

Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist - MK 16:15-20

Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them:

"Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned.

These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.



April Prayer Intentions of Pope Francis

Universal:

CREATION

That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.

Evangelization:

PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church.

Our Prayer Intentions:

For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Eunice, for Lou Guglielmino who left this life 3/1, for Elaine Stevick, Anthony, Ken, Evelyn, Mary Anne and Alice, John, Tim, Frate Fabrizio, Br. Mateo, and Mark, prayers also for Ida Lombardi, Fr. Gary's mother;

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

For Pope Francis and church leaders, guidance in directing the church worldwide, and renew the *Prayer for the Synod of Bishops on the Family** meeting in October;

For Healing and Restoration for those who are recovering from recent natural disasters;

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

For all our individual intentions;

For relief of our water crisis such that there may be enough for crop yields to alleviate any crisis in food supplies;

Lord, hear our prayer

We Pray to the Lord

* <http://www.news.va/en/news/pope-francis-synod-prayer-to-holy-family>

April – Month of the Holy Face and the Redemption

1. **Bl. Elisabeth Vendramini**, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1860
2. **Holy Thursday – Plenary Indulgence: Chant in Public Tantum ergo**
St. Francois de Paule, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1507
3. **Good Friday – Plenary Indulgence: Solemn adoration of the Holy Cross**
St. Benedict the Moor, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1589
4. **Bl. Guillaume de Sicli**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1404
5. **Easter – Plenary Indulgence: Renewal in public of Baptismal Promises**
St. Crescentia Hoess, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1744
6. **Bl. Angele Salawa**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1922
7. **Bl. Mary Assunta**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1925
8. **Bl. Julian of St. Augustine**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1606
9. **Bl. Thomas of Tolentino and Companions**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1321
11. **Bl. Angelo of Chiavasso**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1495
12. **Bl. Boniface Zukowski**, Priest, Conventual Religious, martyr 1942
13. **Bl. Isabelle Rovira**, Virgin, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1937
14. **Bl. Lidwyne de Schiedam**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1433
15. **Bl. Gandolph of Binasco**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1260
16. **St. Benedict-Joseph Labre**, Confessor, Cordbearer, d. 1783; Plenary Indulgence for Cordbearers. Anniversary of the profession of St. Francis (1209)
17. **Bl. Paul de St. Madeleine**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1643
18. **Bl. Andre Hibernon**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
19. **Bl. Conrad of Ascoli**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289
20. **Bl. Anastase Pankewicz**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1942
21. **Bl. Francis of Fabriano**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1322
22. **St. Conrad de Parzham**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1894
23. **Bl. Gilles of Assisi**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1262
24. **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1622
25. **St. Marc, Grandes Rogations**
26. **Bl. Pierre De Pethancourt**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1667
27. **St. Zita of Lucca**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1278
28. **St. Paul of the Cross**, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1775;
Bl. Luchesius, 1st Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1260 Plenary Indulgence for Franciscan Third Order Seculars (renewal of Tertiary Engagements)
29. **Bl. Benedict of Urbino**, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1625
30. **St. Joseph Benedict Cottolengo**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1842

A man who was completely innocent, offered himself as a sacrifice for the good of others, including his enemies, and became the ransom of the world.

It was a perfect act. - Mahatma Gandhi

FRANCISCAN EVENTS



Climate change affects everyone, but especially the poor and most vulnerable people. Impelled by our Catholic faith, we call on you to drastically cut carbon emissions to keep the global temperature rise below the dangerous threshold of 1.5°C, and to aid the world's poorest in coping with climate change impacts.

<http://catholicclimatemovement.global/>

2015 Formation Workshops *Information – Formation – Transformation*

*The question for us is always "how can we turn information into transformation?"
How can we use the sacred texts, tradition, and experience to lead people into new places
with God, with life, with themselves? - Richard Rohr, OFM*

Initial Formation:	Formation Topics Made Easy, Standard Curriculum Cross Reference, New Easy to Follow Initial Formation Forms, Materials & Resources, Formation Team, Learning Environment, and the Fraternity Formation Working Binder
Ongoing Formation:	Transformative Franciscan life, Action & Contemplation
Sharing:	Discussion sharing of ideas and best practices
Take Aways:	Each Fraternity will receive a folder and CD of the materials presented.

Formation Workshop #3 – Saturday, April 11th St. Francis Church, 1066 26th St., Sacramento, 95816 (Assisi room, behind the church)

Workshop Time 9:30am to 3:00pm with a break for lunch (Bring your own lunch)
Please bring your Regional Formation Manual, Fraternity Formation Working Binder,
FUN Manual and your formation ideas and best practices to share.

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

San Damiano retreats calendar:

<http://sandamiano.org/retreats-programs/retreats-calendar> See: San Damiano's Winter/Summer 2015

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional news:

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

