



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA

AUGUST 2014

DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA

*Il Poverello Fraternity
Gatherings*

Aug. 23rd

Day with the Handicapables

Sept. 20

*Franciscan Family Gathering
"Bring God's Love to All"*

Sept. 26, 27, 28

San Damiano Retreat

Oct. 25

Il Poverello Fraternity Service

A Day with the Handicapables

August 23, 2014

Church of the Roses

2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

- + 10:30 Gathering / Prep and Welcome
- + 11:30 Mass w/ Father Gary Logan
- + 12:30 Serve Lunch ** (see last page for menu)
- + 1:30 Short Fraternity meeting following

Ministers Letter August 5, 2014

Il Poverello Fraternity

Have you heard the saying, "If you want to make God laugh, tell God your plans"?

I imagine God is laughing with glee right now, as I feel led to step down as Minister, our Regional Minister, Kathleen Molaro has informed me that the region cannot accept my resignation as yet.

There is always a Plan B, correct?

So after discussion with Kathleen, our Regional Minister, and some discussion with other Franciscans, the idea of "reforming" and "re-looking" at our Il Poverello Fraternity came up. One friar told me that reformation has always been part of Franciscan tradition.

Kathleen Molaro, as well as myself, will attend the Franciscan Spirituality Retreat at San Damiano the end of September, led by Father Joseph Chinnici, OFM. (9/26 - 9/28)

We encourage as many Il Poverello Fraternity members as possible to attend, because this will be food for thought and a foundation for a working meeting when we gather as complete fraternity in October (10/25). How our meeting in October unfolds will help determine if we move forward or deactivate. Please make plans to attend the complete meeting in October- probably 10am - 2pm, to be determined for sure by council in near future.

If a financial concern is the only reason a member cannot attend the retreat, please contact our treasurer Margaret. There is scholarship money available and if you can make the time, we will find the money. This retreat may be one of the most important gatherings we may be able to do as a fraternity at this time. Please strongly consider it.

A question for pondering as we journey in these times- "Why are we Franciscan, and what is the Gospel calling forth in us that has not been manifest yet?"
God bless you all.

In peace

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS

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Scripture reading for Saturday, August 23rd

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying,
"The scribes and the Pharisees
have taken their seat on the chair of Moses.
Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you,
but do not follow their example.
For they preach, but they do not practice.
They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry
and lay them on people's shoulders,
but they will not lift a finger to move them.
All their works are performed to be seen.
They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels.
They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in
synagogues,
greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation 'Rabbi.'
As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.'
You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers.
Call no one on earth your father;
you have but one Father in heaven.
Do not be called 'Master';
you have but one master, the Christ.
The greatest among you must be your servant.
Whoever exalts himself will be humbled;
but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Matthew 23: 1-12

Special intention:

Continued prayers for Jim Chlebeda RIP and for our minister Kathleen, "Jim is free - left us . . . to join God and the Great Beyond."

And for Rev. Robert Bellarmine Pfisterer, OFM, who passed away at Mercy Center in Oakland, during our last fraternity gathering, causing the abrupt departure of our Spiritual Advisor, Br. Bob Brady, OFM.

Father Robert was the first rector of the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, pastor at OLG parish in San Jose in the 70's, at St. Boniface in the 80's, resided at St. Anthony's friary in the 90's during retirement and was at the Mercy Center since 2011.

Let us Pray:

- + For Peace - moral guidance, dialogue, and compromise in decisions made by our nations' representatives and world leaders;
- + For Justice - immigration reform and the unification of families divided by current policies;
- + For those seeking work and for needed financial relief;
- + For our Holy Father Pope Francis, Bishop Robert Vasa, and all priests and their intentions;
- + For reconciliation and unity within the church;
- + For those suffering with illness and discouragement, that they may be healed as well as for our family members and friends including Evelyn, Mary Anne and Alice, and Mark; and all individual intentions.

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

- Rule 11 -

Trusting in 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.

Prayer Intentions ...

Of the Holy Father for the month of August:

Universal Intention - Refugees

That refugees worldwide, forced by violence to abandon their homes, may find a generous welcome and the protection of their rights. . . Pope Francis wrote in his Message for the 2014 World Day of Migrants and Refugees: "Every human being is a child of God! He or she bears the image of Christ! We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected, and loved."

Reflection - Pope Francis has said that an attitude of indifference toward refugees is "typical of a throwaway culture."

Scripture - *Luke 9: 51-57* The Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.

Evangelization Intention - Oceania

That Christians in Oceania may joyfully announce the faith to all the people of that region. . . In an exhortation to the Church of Oceania in 2001 (quoted by Pope Francis in *The Joy of the Gospel*), St. John Paul II wrote: "All renewal in the Church must have mission as its goal if it is not to fall prey to a kind of ecclesial introversion." In other words, the Gospel and our faith give us joy, a joy that we cannot keep to ourselves.

Reflection - How does the knowledge that I am "infinitely loved" give me joy even during difficult times?

Scripture - *John 15: 8-17* I told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete.

Birthday and Profession

Anniversaries

Julie Schaefer – 8/24

Cindy Cunningham - 9/15



Celebrating Mary in the month of August

Our Lady of the Order of Redeeming Captives - August 1
 [By request of Our Lady.]
 Our Lady of the Angels - August 2
 [Commemorate the dedication of the church of Portuincula (little portion), near Assisi, Italy.
 Later to be known as Our Lady of the Angels.]
 Our Lady of Bows - 3 [London, England]
 Our Lady of Dordrecht - 4 [Holland]
 Our Lady of the Snows - August 5
 [Dedication of St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome]
 Our Lady of Capacabana - 6 [Bolivia]
 Our Lady of Schiedam - 7 [Holland]
 Our Lady of Kuehn - 8 [Brussels, Belgium]
 Our Lady of Oegnies - 9 [Brabant, Netherlands]
 Our Lady of Mercy - 10 [Barcelona, Spain]
 Our Lady of the Way - 11 [St. Charles, Missouri]
 Charlemagne Receives Two of Our Lady's Robes - 11
 Our Lady of Rouen - 12 [France]
 Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 13
 Vigil of the Assumption - August 14
 The Assumption - August 15
 Our Lady of Trapani - 16 [Sicily]
 Victory of the King of France Imploring Our Lady of Chartres in 1257-17
 Coronation of Our Lady -18
 Our Lady of the Don - 19 [Russia]
 Our Lady of St. Bernard's "Ave." - 20 [Brabant, Netherlands]
 Our Lady of Knock - 21 [Ireland]
 The Immaculate Heart of Mary - August 22 [Traditional]
 Our Lady of Victory of Valois - 23 [France]
 Our Lady of Benoite-Vaux, France - 23
 Our Lady, Health of the Sick - 24 [Novus Ordo]
 Our Lady, Health of the Sick - August 25 [Traditional]
 Our Lady of Rossano - 25 [Calabria, Italy]
 Our Lady of Czestochowa - August 26
 The Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary - August 27
 Our Lady of Kiev - 28 [Russia]
 Our Lady of Clermont - 29 [Poland]
 Our Lady of Carquere - 30 [Portugal]
 Our Lady of the Founders - 31[Constantinople]

Franciscan feast days in August

2 Our Lady of the Angels at the Portiuncula
 3 Bl. Frederic Janssoone, priest, I Ord.
 4 St. John Vianney, priest, III Ord.
 7 Bls. Agathangelus and Cassian, priests and martyrs, I Ord.
 8 Holy Father Dominic, priest, founder, Order of Preachers
 9 Bl. John of La Verna, priest, I Ord.
 11 St. Clare of Assisi, virgin, II Ord.
 13 Bl. Mark of Aviano, priest, I Ord.
 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, I Ord.
 17 St. Roch, III Ord.
 18 Bls. John-Louis Loir, Protase Bourdon and Sebastian François, priests, martyrs of Rochefort, I Ord.
 * On this day the Conventuals celebrate Bls. Louis-Armand Adam and Nicholas Savouret, priests, martyrs of Rochefort, I Ord.
 19 St. Louis of Toulouse, bishop, I Ord.
 21 St. Pius X, pope, III Ord.
 23 Bl. Bernard of Offida, religious, I Ord.
 25 St. Louis IX, king, Patron of the Third Order
 27 The Seven Joys of Our Lady (OFM Conv. on 8/26)
 28 Junipero Serra, I Ord.
 31 Martin of Valencia, I Ord.



So that no one ever forgets the effects of what happened on August 6th and 9th.

These are dates to remember the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings

~ pray especially for the Transfiguration of the human heart.

Upcoming events in September:

Special date to remember: On 9/17, St. Francis received the "stigmata" the physical marks of Christ's passion on his hands and feet while praying at Mt. La Verna in 1224.



**The 3rd All Franciscan Family Gathering
Come to the family reunion!**

September 20, 2014

**Franciscans in the World
"BE THE BRIDGE"
Bringing Christ's Love to All**



YOU ARE ALL CORDIALLY INVITED . . . to "Be the Bridge," an arched stone structure, that (has) the central stone, . . . placed at the apex of the arch, (that) locks the whole structure together and is referred to as the keystone.

(T)he keystone is OUR Franciscan Way of Life. ~ **Jim Wesley, OFS**

From Ministers' Message August, 2014:

Sept. 13 Day of Reflection in Area 2. The day will be from 10:00-3:00 at Dorothy Voigt's house, 4651 Mount Pleasant Rd., Lincoln, conducted lay Spiritual Assistant, Jay de la Cruz. Topic is "A Reflection on Franciscan Spirituality." Please RSVP to Dorothy, 916-645-8883, or dvoigt39@gmail.com. Participants will be asked to bring their own lunch (we will provide herbal iced tea and water) and to carpool if possible.

Sept. 20 All Franciscan Family Gathering (registration in separate attachment). Plans are coming together well. We are looking forward to this day of friendship, prayer, and spiritual growth with our Franciscan family.

Sept. 20 St. Francis Fraternity of Reno, NV who will also celebrate their 75th. Anniversary of Establishment: The day will begin with an 11:00 am liturgy with Bishop Calvo presiding, at the St. Thomas Aquinas Cathedral, in Reno. A simple luncheon will follow in Reghini Hall for all Secular Franciscans and their families. The donation of \$5.00 per person would be appreciated." Reservations for each attendee may be left with Audrey Tellers, OFS, at **(775) 355-6720**, during the month of August."

Prayers in the Region

When one member of the body suffers, we all are affected. I know many of you take seriously the plea for prayers when requests are sent out, and those who are asking prayers appreciate your love and support. Please continue to pray for one another! There are many needs in the region—illness, deaths, struggling fraternities, and personal conflicts. Our professions and our prayers connect us in a special way, so keep them coming! Thank you for your commitment to the well-being of your regional Franciscan brothers and sisters.

Handicapables lunch Sat. Aug. 23rd –

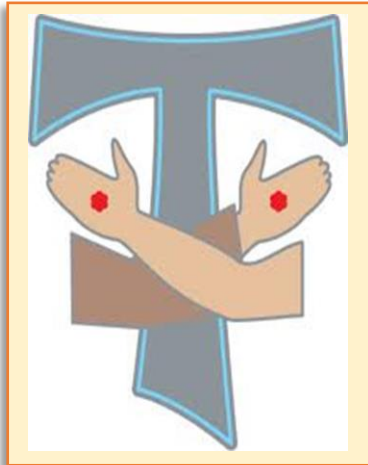
Volunteers:

Joann (phone number 707-8384043) said a max of 35 attending now, so we anticipate preparing for approximately 50. Menu will include 4 crust less quiche [Kathleen, Eunice, Margaret, Edd]; green salad (in bite size pieces) [Noreen, Julie]; whole grain rolls [Patch]; milk [Br. Bob]; and fruit [Cindy, Diane] with ice cream for dessert.

*We become what we love
and who we love shapes what we become.
If we love things, we become a thing.
If we love nothing, we become nothing.
Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ,
rather it means becoming the image of the beloved,
an image disclosed through transformation.
This means... we are to become vessels
of God's compassionate love for others.
~ St. Clare of Assisi*



**Every day, Jesus humbles himself just as He did when He came from His heavenly throne into the Virgin's womb; everyday He comes to us and lets us see Him in abjection, when He descends from the bosom of the Father into the hands of the priest at the altar.
St. Francis of Assisi**



*"You are holy, Lord, the only God,
and Your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong. You are great.
You are the Most High.
You are Almighty."
Saint Francis of Assisi*

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>

Radical call to New Evangelization:
<http://www.osservatoreromano.va/en/news/popes-radical-call-new-evangelization#.U8BVUPIdXHQ>

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional Newsletter:
http://juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional_News/Entries/2014/10/MOJ_2014_Summer.pdf

