



# **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

## **SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

### *JOY FOR THE JOURNEY*

**PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA**

**AUGUST 2015**

#### **DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA**

*Il Poverello Fraternity  
Gatherings*

**Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>**

*Lawrence Livermore Labs*

**Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>**

*Day with the Handicapped*

**Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Council Meeting and Informal  
meeting at St. James hall*

**Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*St. Francis fraternity  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*

**Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**

## *Il Poverello Fraternity Service*

A Day with the Handicapped - August 15, 2015

**Church of the Roses**

2500 Patio Court, Santa Rosa, CA 95405

- + 9:30 Gathering and Preparation
- + 10:00 Welcome guests
- + 11:30 Mass Service
- + 12:00 Serve Lunch \*\* (see last page for menu contributions)
- + 1:30 Closing

### ***IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY***

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#### **Minister's Letter** August 2015

"In these last 70 years, I learned forgiveness..." These were the powerful words of Mr. Takashi Tanemori, who was 8 years old when the atomic bomb fell on his city of Hiroshima, killing his parents and two of his siblings. When several of us who met him in Livermore asked how he survived and his family didn't, his answer, "God's grace"

By God's grace, we are here. In remembrance of the 70<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the horror of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and the death and suffering of those affected, several of our Franciscan family joined others in prayer and protest at Livermore Lab on August 6, 2015. We were reminded how important it is to be peacemakers and how significant our voices can be - it was pointed out that so far, in the last 70 years, there have been no nuclear events matching the devastation of what occurred in 1945. We were warned, however, how close we could be with all the conflicts arising on our planet, and how life on Earth is in a precarious state right now.

"Blessed are the peacemakers." Our Franciscan vocation calls us to peacemaking, and it is not comfortable work. We are challenged to look within first, that we may create a peaceful and loving center within ourselves where Jesus can dwell and lead us. Then perhaps we may fathom the depth of the teaching to love one another.

Our hearts will break open to hear those who suffer and the cry of all creation. Pope Francis has given us many guidelines to support us in this particular time of urgency.

Pray. Walk quietly with the natural world. Study and share with others. Risk reaching out to be a voice of compassionate truth that may plant a seed of change.

Contemplation and action - in this way we are formed into the loving arms of Jesus to bring healing for our world. May we grow in our strength and light.

Peace and all good,

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS

Minister, Il Poverello Fraternity

## Scripture reading for Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

### Memorial of Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

#### Matthew 19:3-12

Some Pharisees approached Jesus, and tested him, saying, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?"

He said in reply, "Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator *made them male and female* and said, *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh*? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate."

They said to him, "Then why did Moses command that the man give the woman a bill of divorce and dismiss her?"

He said to them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.

I say to you, whoever divorces his wife (unless the marriage is unlawful) and marries another commits adultery."

His disciples said to him, "If that is the case of a man with his wife, it is better not to marry."

He answered, "Not all can accept this word, but only those to whom that is granted. Some are incapable of marriage because they were born so; some, because they were made so by others; some, because they have renounced marriage for the sake of the Kingdom of heaven.

Whoever can accept this ought to accept it."

## The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

### - Rule 16 -

Let them esteem work both as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption, and service of the human community.

## Prayer Intentions ...

### Let us pray

For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Julie's brother, Tim and their aunt Rita, for Lou Guglielmino, for Alberto Cortez, for Cosmo's son Craig, for Elaine Stevie, as well as Anthony, Ken, Evelyn, Mary Anne and Alice, John, Fr. Barry Brunsmann (retired resident at Mercy Center, Fr. Fabrizio, Br. Mateo, Fr. John Vaughn, and Mark;

For all of the penitential fraternities worldwide striving to live through the Rule of St. Francis, for all who will soon be professed into an Order;

For all the Native Americans who have concerns regarding the upcoming canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra;

For Pope Francis and all the church leaders, guidance in directing the church worldwide;

For all religious to be guided through the Holy Spirit to be the Lord's evangelizers;

For our nation, as it prepares for another series of elections for representatives, that the electorate is guided to choose those who will seek the common good for everyone;

For all the servicemen and women who sacrificed their lives for the benefit of our nation;

For the elimination of nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants worldwide;

For healing and restoration for those who are recovering from natural and man-made disasters, for all firefighters confronting the nation's fires;

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

For these and all our individual intentions;

We Pray to the Lord



Feast of the  
Assumption of Our Lady  
August 15<sup>th</sup>

My soul magnifies the Lord  
And my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;  
Because He has regarded the lowliness of His  
handmaid;  
For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me  
blessed;  
Because He who is mighty has done great things for  
me,  
and holy is His name;  
And His mercy is from generation to generation  
on those who fear Him.  
He has shown might with His arm,  
He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their  
heart.  
He has put down the mighty from their thrones,  
and has exalted the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich He has sent away empty.  
He has given help to Israel, his servant, mindful of His  
mercy  
Even as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his  
posterity forever.

## Birthday and Profession Anniversaries

Julie Schaefer – 8/24

Cindy Cunningham - 9/15

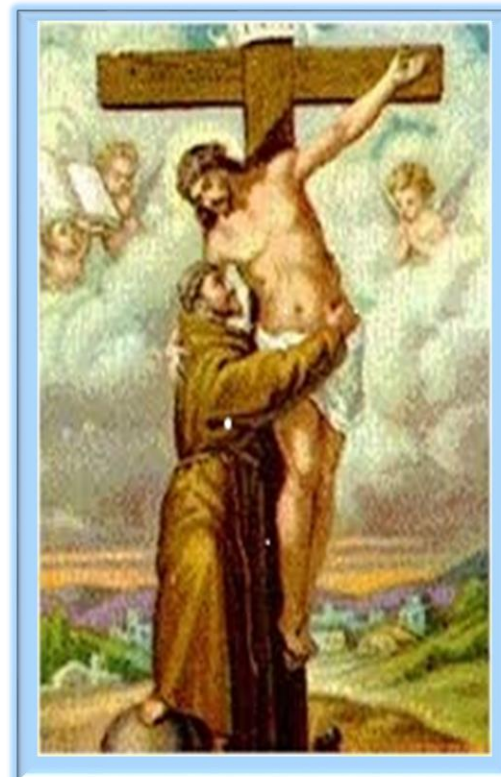


## August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

1. **St. Alphonse de Liguori**, Bishop, *had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute*, d. 1787
2. **Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula**,  
*Plenary Indulgence possible by visiting a church or chapel of the Franciscan 1st Order*
3. **St. Pierre-Julien Eymard**, Priest, *had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute*, d. 1868
4. **St. Dominic**, Priest, *Cordbearer*, d. 1221
5. **B. Marie-Francoise de Jesus**, Virgin, *religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule]*, d. 1904
6. **Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
7. **Bl. Agathange et Cassien**, Priest, *Capuchin, martyr* 1638
8. **St. Jean-Marie Vianney**, Priest, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1859
9. **Bl. Marie-Marguerite of the Sacred Heart**, Virgin, *religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule]*, d. 1924
10. **St. Beatrice de Silva**, Virgin, *of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister*, d. 1492
11. **Bl. Innocent XI**, Pope, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1689
12. **St. Clare of Assisi**, Virgin, *Foundress of the Poor Clares, Plenary Indulgence for Tertiaries (Renewal of Engagements)*
13. **Bl. Novellon de Faenza**, Confessor, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1280
14. **St. Maximilien-Marie Kolbe**, Priest, *Conventual religious, martyr* 1941
15. **Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady**
16. **Bl. Francois de Pesaro**, Confessor, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1350
17. **St. Roch de Montpellier**, Confessor, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1327
18. **Blessed Martyrs of Pontons de Rochefort**, d. 1794
19. **St. Jean Eudes**, Priest, *had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute*, d. 1680
20. **St. Louis d' Anjou**, Bishop of Toulouse, *religious of the Franciscan 1st Order*, d. 1297
21. **St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal**, Virgin, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1610
22. **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**
23. **Bl. Bernard d'Offide**, lay brother, *Capuchin religious*, d. 1694
24. **St. Emilie de Vialar**, Virgin, *religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule]*, d. 1856
25. **St. Louis, Patron of Franciscan Third Order Seculars**,  
*Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers*
26. **Bl. Pierre de Benisa**, Priest, *Capuchin religious, martyr* 1936
27. **St. Joseph Calasanz**, Priest, *Cordbearer*, d. 1648
28. **Bl. Junipero Serra**, Priest, *religious of the Franciscan 1st Order*, d. 1784
29. **Bl. Jean de Perouse**, Priest, *religious of the Franciscan 1st Order*, d. 1231
30. **Bl. Juvenal Ancina**, Bishop, *Franciscan Third Order Secular*, d. 1604
31. **Bl. Aurele de Vinalesa**, Priest, *Capuchin religious, martyr* 1936



Blessed Junípero Serra. Sculpture in The National Statuary Hall



## THE POPE'S MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

August 2015

### Universal Intention - Volunteers.

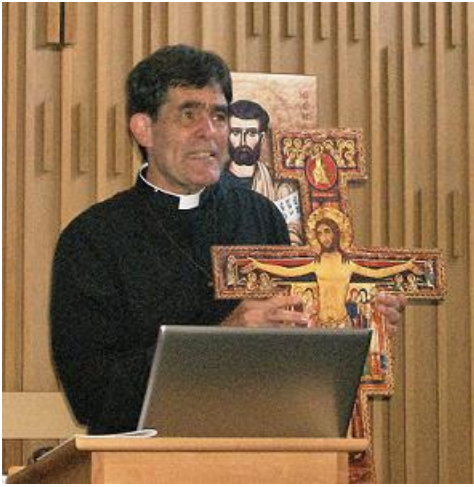
That volunteers may give themselves generously to the service of the needy.

### Evangelization Intention - Outreach to the Marginalized.

That setting aside our very selves we may learn to be neighbors to those who find themselves on the margins of human life and society.

## July Event:

### A Franciscan Day of Reflection with Father John Boettcher, OFS *Penance, Poverty and Praise: Conversion, Delight and Joy of St. Francis*



Fr. John blessed us with prayer, song, and personal experience of his life's journey as an individual on the quest to live a Franciscan life. Through the stories of his travels and education he revealed aspects of penance, poverty and praise. Turning our lives over to the will of God we too can embrace penance, poverty, and praise for joy.

Thank you, Father John, for sharing this day of reflection with us.

## Events in August:

### August 6th Prayer Vigil and Demonstration at Lawrence Livermore Labs

#### **70 YEARS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS - AT WHAT COST?**

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.



With Fr. Louis Vitale (retired)



Hiroshima A-bomb survivor, Takashi Tanemori



Keynote speaker, Daniel Ellsberg



Die In at front gates of LLL

**Pope marks Hiroshima anniversary by calling for nuclear weapons ban:** <http://wp.me/p5DZKA-v4>

### **Handicapables lunch Sat. Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>**

Menu for approximately 40 guests and servers will include 4 crust less quiche [Kathleen, Noreen, Sue, and Mark]; green salad (in bite size pieces) [Blaise and Julie]; whole grain rolls [open]; milk [Br. Bob]; and fruit [Eunice and Diane] with ice cream for dessert. Contact: Joann (phone number 707-8384043)

## Upcoming events:

### August 23: An informal fraternity meeting at St James

There is a Council Meeting 12:30 to 1:30 and for those who wish it will be for the purpose of some continuity since we have not met as a group recently. Meet to discuss community building and continue formation for candidates and inquirers who wish to attend. Time would be 1:30 pm until about 3:00 pm or as the Spirit moves. Please contact Kathleen by phone to let her know that you intend to participate.



### Pope Francis announces World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis has decided to set up a "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation" which will be celebrated on September 1st annually. He made the announcement in a letter to the heads of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of Christian Unity.

<http://vatican.com/news>

**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.**



Standard-bearer of Christ and of his Church, we would fain, with the Apostle and with thee, glory in nothing save the Cross of Our Lord Jesus. We would fain bear in our souls the sacred Stigmata, which adorned thy holy body. To him whose whole ambition is to return love for love, every suffering is a gain, persecution has no terrors; for the effect of persecutions and sufferings is to assimilate him, together with his mother the Church, to Christ persecuted, scourged and crucified. It is with our whole hearts that we pray, with the Church: "O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, when the world was growing cold, didst renew the sacred marks of thy Passion in the flesh of the most blessed Francis, to inflame our hearts with the fire of thy love; mercifully grant, that by his merits and prayers we may always carry the cross, and bring forth worthy fruits of penance. Who livest and reignest with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen."

**YOU ARE ALL CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND:**

**The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Saint Francis Secular Franciscan Fraternity**

**St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 - 8:30 to 3:30**

## ***Franciscan Day of Joy***

**How does God delight in us?**

**How do we delight in God?**

**How do we make joy?**



Consider making a pilgrimage to the Porziuncola Nuova and the Church of St. Francis, the National Shrine located at 624 Vallejo St., San Francisco. La Porziuncola Nuova is a scaled replica of the original restored by St. Francis as a chapel for his followers and St. Clare. It is now located in the Basilica of Mary of the Angels in Assisi.

A great opportunity will be coming up in October as Franciscans around the world commemorate the Transitus of St. Francis on October 3rd. Those attending the **Franciscan Day of Joy** are invited to celebrate at 3 PM in St. Boniface Church.



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**



*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*

### Franciscan Links:

The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA:

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

Tau-USA- Newsletter:

[http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau\\_newarticles.html](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html)

Messengers of Joy, Regional Summer Newsletter:

<https://www.luminpdf.com/viewer/yHcyZZeNuiwi2YK6R>

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>

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional news:

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

Knights of St. Francis June newsletter:

[http://www.icontact-archive.com/Jz2kitEJRFz6nOPVeQj\\_M43q66e3A3?w=3](http://www.icontact-archive.com/Jz2kitEJRFz6nOPVeQj_M43q66e3A3?w=3)

Il Poverello website (under construction):

<http://ofsilpov.org>

