



Il Poverello Fraternity

Secular Franciscan Order

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

Petaluma, California

December 2015

Il Poverello Fraternity Gatherings

Dec. 6th

Day of Profession

Jan. 24th

Feb. 28th

Mar. 27th

Il Poverello Fraternity

December 6, Day of profession of our candidates:

Susan Forsyth Mark Kroncke

Edd and Noreen Ringlein

Eucharistic Celebration 1 PM

St. James Church

Petaluma, CA 94954

~ Reception potluck will follow the ceremony in the church hall

Il Poverello Fraternity

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Minister's Letter

December 2015

Greetings to all my Franciscan family and friends!

When I previewed our December newsletter, I thought about leaving the Minister's letter page blank. What really can one say in the face of recent news of overwhelming violence in our world? How does one respond to the ongoing assaults on our common home, the Earth?

God only knows. God gave the gift of Jesus, coming into the world as a simple baby, offering a sign of hope.

The Morning Prayer reading today, December 6, is from Romans 13:11-14. ... "put on the armor of light." Jesus came as Light. In following the Gospel way of Jesus, we allow ourselves to be a presence of light, and in the end, we have the promise that light is more powerful than darkness.

Imagine.

Pray.

Consider each day how we can grow as peacemakers.

Live and love with awareness that each day gives no guarantee of another.

This month we celebrate the profession of four new persons into our fraternity. May God bless them with courage, endurance, joy and peace for their journey.

Peace and blessings in Christ,

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS

Minister, Il Poverello Fraternity

2 Peter 3: 1-18

Denial of the Parousia.

This is now, beloved, the second letter I am writing to you; through them by way of reminder I am trying to stir up your sincere disposition, to recall the words previously spoken by the holy prophets and the commandment of the Lord and savior through your apostles. Know this first of all, that in the last day's scoffers will come [to] scoff, living according to their own desires and saying, "Where is the promise of his coming? From the time when our ancestors fell asleep, everything has remained as it was from the beginning of creation."

They deliberately ignore the fact that the heavens existed of old and earth was formed out of water and through water by the word of God; through these the world that then existed was destroyed, deluged with water. The present heavens and earth have been reserved by the same word for fire, kept for the Day of Judgment and of destruction of the godless.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day. The Lord does not delay his promise, as some regard "delay," but he is patient with you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a mighty roar and the elements will be dissolved by fire, and the earth and everything done on it will be found out.

Exhortation to Preparedness.

Since everything is to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought [you] to be, conducting yourselves in holiness and devotion, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved in flames and the elements melted by fire. But according to his promise we await new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

Therefore, beloved, since you await these things, be eager to be found without spot or blemish before him, at peace. And consider the patience of our Lord as salvation, as our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, also wrote to you, speaking of these things as he does in all his letters. In them there are some things hard to understand that the ignorant and unstable distort to their own destruction, just as they do the other scriptures.

Therefore, beloved, since you are forewarned, be on your guard not to be led into the error of the unprincipled and to fall from your own stability. But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory now and to the day of eternity. [Amen.]

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

~ Rule 19 ~

Mindful that they are bearers of peace which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon.

Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others.

Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them strenuously tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.

Pope Francis December Prayer Intentions

Universal:

That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelization:

That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

Birthday – Profession Anniversaries

Robert Bayley – 12/6

Susan Forsyth – 12/6

Eunice Edgington, OFS – 12/12

Mark Kroncke – 12/6

Kay Robbiano, OFS – 12/12

Noreen Ringlein - 12/6

Fr. John Boettcher – 12/24

Edd Ringlein – 12/6

Alberto Cortez – 12/25



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Remember the date that Mary left her image on Juan Diego's tilma, December 12. There has been much discussion of the meaning of the image. Here are a few websites that offers us incite and clarification of why there exists a miraculous image of Our Blessed Mother.

<http://infallible-catholic.blogspot.com/2012/04/miraculous-image-of-our-lady-of.html>

<http://www.virginmotherofguadalupe.com/our-lady-of-guadalupe-image/message-symbols>

<http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/the-amazing-truth-of-our-lady-of-guadalupe.html>



December – Month of the Incarnation

1. **Bl Marie-Angele Astorch, Virgin,**
Capuchin religious, d. 1665
2. **Bl. Raphael Chylinski, Priest,**
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1741
3. **St. Francis Xavier, Priest,**
had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, Martyr, 1623
4. **Bl. Francois Galves, Priest,**
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyr 1623
5. **Bl. Peter of Siena, Confessor,**
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1289
6. **Bl. Elisabeth la Bonne, Virgin,**
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1420
7. **Bl. Louis Beltrame Quattrocchi, Confessor,**
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1951
8. **Feast of the Immaculate Conception,**
Patroness of the Seraphic Order, Holy Day of Obligation,
Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers
9. **Bl. Delphine de Glandeves, Virgin,**
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1360
10. **Bl. Conrad of Offida, Priest,**
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1306
11. **Bl. Hugolinus Magalotti, Confessor,**
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1373
12. **Discovery of the tomb of St. Francis 1820**
13. **Bl. Pius Bartosik, Priest,**
Conventual religious, Martyr 1941
14. **Bl. Barthole Buonpedini, Priest,**
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1300
15. **Mary Queen of the Seraphic Order**
16. **Bl. Honorat de Biala, Priest,**
Capuchin religious, d. 1916
17. **Bl. Francois Bell, Priest,**
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyr 1643
18. **Bl. Mary Francis Schervier, Virgin,**
religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1876
19. **Bl. Jean Discalceat, Priest,**
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1349
20. **Bl. Antoine Galvao, Priest,**
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1822
21. **St. Raphael Kalinowski, Priest,**
had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1907
22. **St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin,**
had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1917
23. **Bl. Nicolas Factor, Priest,**
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1583
24. **Bl. Bentivolio of Bonio, Priest,**
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231
25. **Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Holy Day of Obligation**
26. **St. Albert Chmielowski, Confessor,**
religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1916
27. **Bl. Matthia Nazzarei, Virgin,**
the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1320
28. **Feast of the Holy Innocents**
29. **Bl Gerard Cagnoli, lay brother,**
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1342
30. **Bl. Margaret Colonna, Virgin,**
the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1280
31. **St. Gaspard Buffalo, Priest,**
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1836;
Plenary Indulgence (Chant the Te Deum in public)

Our Prayer Intentions ...

Let us pray

For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Tom Bello, John, Mary Anne and Alice, Evelyn, Fr. Barry Brunzman, Br. Mateo, for Elaine Stevick, and John Norris, as well as Anthony, Ken, Tim, Theresa and John Dunigan's premature birth of daughter, Emma and Mark;

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

For all religious to be evangelizers, guided by the Holy Spirit to be the feet and hands as our Lord;

For the Jubilee Year of Mercy, in the light of the Lord's words: "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. (cf. Lk 6:36)" This Holy Year will begin on Dec. 8th, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, and will end on Sunday November 20th, 2016, the date dedicated to Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – and living face of the Father's mercy;

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 are daily sacrificing 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, and for all fire fighters and rescuers who assist those displaced by the nation's fires;

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

For these and all our intentions,

We pray to the Lord.



The St. Francis Pledge



To Care for Creation and the Poor

All across our country, Catholics are taking the St. Francis Pledge to Care for Creation and the Poor and joining the Catholic Climate Covenant. The St. Francis Pledge is a promise and a commitment by Catholic individuals, families, parishes, organizations and institutions to live our faith by protecting God's Creation and advocating on behalf of people in poverty who face the harshest impacts of global climate change. To join the Covenant, you commit to act on each of the five elements of the St. Francis Pledge and register your Pledge at www.CatholicClimateCovenant.org.

I/We Pledge to:

- PRAY and reflect on the duty to care for God's Creation and protect the poor and vulnerable.
- LEARN about and educate others on the causes and moral dimensions of climate change.
- ASSESS how we—as individuals and in our families, parishes and other affiliations—contribute to climate change by our own energy use, consumption, waste, etc.
- ACT to change our choices and behaviors to reduce the ways we contribute to climate change.
- ADVOCATE for Catholic principles and priorities in climate change discussions and decisions, especially as they impact those who are poor and vulnerable. Take this home with you and take the St. Francis Pledge at www.CatholicClimateCovenant.org.

Franciscan 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>

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional Newsletter:

http://juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional_News/Entries/2014/10/MOJ_2014_Summer.pdf



SIGN UP FOR BISHOP BARRON'S FREE ADVENT REFLECTIONS!

Bishop Robert Barron's Word On Fire Blogs

<http://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/sign-up-for-fr-barrons-free-advent-reflections/4532/>