



**IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

**PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA
JANUARY, 2014**

DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA

***Il Poverello Fraternity
Gatherings***

January 25

February 22

March 22

Il Poverello Fraternity Gathering

January 25, 2014

St. James Catholic Church 10:00 till 2:00

Liturgy of the Hours

Fraternity Meeting

**Ongoing Formation: Falling Upward, by Richard Rohr
(Introduction and Chap 1)**

**Inquiry Formation: Franciscan Journey Chapter Eight
(Scripture in SFO Life)**



And seeing the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And entering into the house, they found the child with Mary his mother, and falling down they adored him; and opening their treasures, they offered him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh.



THE RULE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

***AS SECULAR FRANCISCANS WE ARE CONSTANTLY CHALLENGED TO
MINDFULLY FOLLOW THE RULE OF ST FRANCIS***

RULE 13

As the Father sees in every person the features of his Son, the firstborn of many brothers and sisters, so the Secular Franciscans with a gentle and courteous spirit accept all people as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ.

A sense of community will make them joyful and ready to place themselves on an equal basis with all people, especially with the lowly for whom they shall strive to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 2: 25-35

And behold there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Ghost was in him. And he had received an answer from the Holy Ghost, that he should not see death, before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. And he came by the Spirit into the temple. And when his parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the law, He also took him into his arms, and blessed God, and said: Now thou dost dismiss thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word in peace; Because my eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples: A light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel. And his father and mother were wondering at those things which were spoken concerning him. And Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary his mother: Behold this child is set for the fall, and for the resurrection of many in Israel, and for a sign which shall be contradicted; And thy own soul a sword shall pierce, that, out of many hearts, thoughts may be revealed.

***The mystery of the Incarnation tells the story of God's love;
God wants an intimate loving relationship with His creation, to walk with us.***

January Birthdates

Margaret Enea-Patrizi, OFS 1-22
Noreen E. Ringlein 1-31

Prayer Requests

Pope Francis proposes two prayer intentions each month, one universal or general and the other related to evangelization. The universal and evangelization prayer intentions for January:

Pray that all may promote authentic economic development that respects the dignity of all peoples;

Pray that Christians of diverse denominations may walk toward the unity desired by Christ.

Other universal intentions for 2014 include the elderly, respect for women, the media, the unemployed, refugees, and the lonely. The intentions for evangelization include vocations to religious life, rediscovery of faith in Europe, service to the poor, and parents.

Continue to Pray for world peace especially for the refugees of all conflicts that they may be sheltered, healed, and comforted;

Pray for all who are suffering due to extreme weather conditions;

Pray for our fraternity and fellow fraternities worldwide striving to live as St. Francis and St. Clare guide us through the Rule;

Pray for family and friends for strength in their struggles: Alice & Mary Anne, Todd, Julie, Tim, John and family, Mark, Br. Mateo, Damien, and the repose of the souls of Dick and Fr. Erik Freed.

Lord hear our prayers

O God, Who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen

Franciscan Saints in January

- 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus. *[Liturgy in the Franciscan Supplement]*
- 6 Bl. Diego José of Cádiz, priest, I Ord.
* Outside of the U.S., he is celebrated on January 5
- 7 St. Angela of Foligno, religious, III Ord.
- 8 Bl. Eurosia Fabris, III Order
- 12 St. Bernard of Corleone, religious, I Ord.
- 14 Bl. Odoric of Pordenone, priest, I Ord.
- 16 Sts. Berard, priest, and companions, protomartyrs of the Order
- 18 St. Charles of Sezze, religious, I Ord.
- 19 Bl. Thomas of Cori, priest, I Ord.
St. Eustochia Calafato, virgin, II Order
- 20 Bl. John Baptist Triquerie, priest, martyr, I Ord.
- 23 St. Maryanne Cope, virgin, OSF
- 24 St. Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor, III Ord., founder
- 27 St. Angela Merici, virgin, III Ord., founder
- 29 Bl. Roger of Todi, religious, I Ord.
- 30 St. Hyacinth of Mariscotti, virgin, III Ord.
- 31 St. John Bosco, priest, III Ord., founder



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Minister's Letter:

Greetings and a blessed New Year to all!

After having a beautiful reflection on The Incarnation by Brother Keith Warner (Day of Reflection 12/21/13), how was Christmas different this year? I am curious to hear what unfolded for everyone.

I walked with death and its own birth with my dear elder friend Dick on Christmas Day. Never have I felt so close to God's presence on a Christmas before. The experience of praying and singing him to the life beyond was more than words can describe.

May we guide each other in new ways toward God as this year unfolds, and cherish the surprises of how any of this might happen.

Peace be with you!

Kathleen

Remembrances of December Day of Reflection



Care for Creation

Bro Keith mentioned the climate

See Catholic Climate Covenant.org

Suggest to watch the video and

Take the St. Francis Pledge

Pray + Learn + Access + Act + Advocate

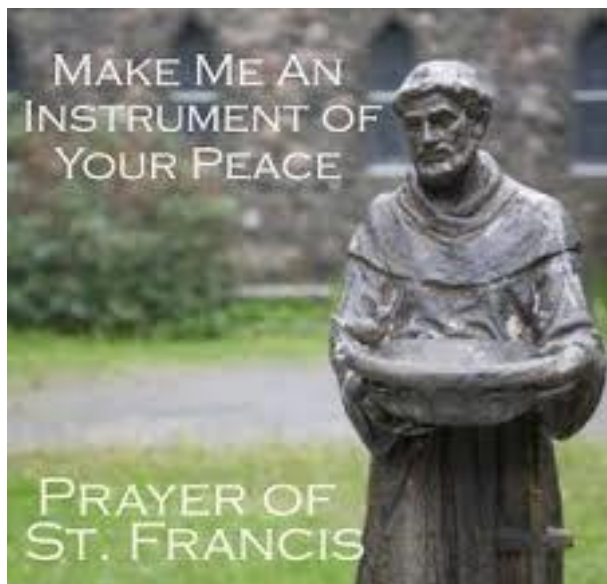
Peace,

Eunice

St. Francis –Patron Saint of Ecology

Francis is the patron of those who cultivate ecological consciousness, but this means a lot more than being the patron of environmental educators. His example really points to a mystical or a spiritual vision for all of the creative world as brother and sister, as Francis describes in his Canticle of the Creatures.





The current view of St. Francis needs to go beyond the “birdbath” statues of our beloved saint in the garden to that of returning Creation to the Garden. We need to help others to see that we, as part of creation, are also caretakers and not exploiters. All of life and the resources of the earth were given to be shared with everyone and are not present for personal gain. To accomplish this it requires people to change their view of creation and their current behavior which will allow the true garden to become evident.

Of course this means “Living the Gospel” and evangelizing through good examples by living our lives as Jesus instructed, which includes care for all of nature’s creation. The Good News is not only human it embraces all of creation. It is believed that this is the profound realization that St. Francis’ achieved on his own spiritual journey. His original interpretation of the command to “rebuild My church” started as reconstructing the physical church then developed into the awareness of our part in the spiritual church and our role as stewards of all creation.

St. Francis’s teaching through scripture and the life of Christ helps us to bring about the human understanding of our existence within creation. God’s gift of creation includes the gift of life and all life exists to share and to praise God for what He has given. Spirituality equates lived awareness, the consciousness of experience within creation. As representatives of the Franciscan way, we need to live our lives through his example of prayer, fasting, and sacrifice. Examples of prayers were given as Psalm 148 and Daniel 3 from scripture as well as the Canticle of Brother Sun Sister Moon which encapsulates all life into a family of creation. Working to sustain and support the poor must include harmonious care for economic, spiritual, and ecological needs. Through our example and influence as Franciscans, we express that all life has a sacred quality and all of creation exists to give praise to God as creator.



Links:

The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA:
http://www.nafra-sfo.org/monthly_Jun12.html
Tau-USA- Newsletter: http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html
www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org

