



# **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

## **JOY FOR THE JOURNEY**

**PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA**

**JULY, 2015**

**DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA**

### ***Il Poverello Fraternity Gatherings***

**July 26<sup>th</sup>  
Day of Reflection**

**August 16<sup>th</sup>  
Handicapables**

**September 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY**

**Day of Reflection**

**Saturday July 26th, 2015 - 12:30 - 6:30**

**Cardinal Newman Chapel**

**50 Ursuline Rd., Santa Rosa, CA**

**12:30 Potluck Lunch**

**1:30 - 6:30 Program**

**Presented by Fr. John Boettcher, OFS**

**Director of Spirituality for Santa Rosa Diocese**

**(Share attached flier with those who would like to attend.)**

### ***Il Poverello Fraternity***

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#### **Minister's Letter**

Dear Franciscan Family,

"I've got my wings and I've got my voice..." so the message of a young red-tailed hawk screaming around the sky above my little cottage as I write this afternoon.

The life of that hawk is precious and beautiful, another image of our Creator's majesty. So it is with each creature, every plant and stream, canyon and desert, mountain and ocean. Pope Francis, in his new encyclical "Laudato Si", has made an urgent plea for all the human world to truly care for each other and our wondrous creation in order for the Earth to survive.

I recently attended a meeting of the Sonoma/Marin Interfaith Sustainable Food Collaborative. The "triple bottom line" or the three prongs of a true sustainable process were identified. These are the important questions: 1) Is it socially just? 2) Is it economically viable? 3) Is it ecologically safe? Another question brought up for consideration: Can it be done without fossil fuel?

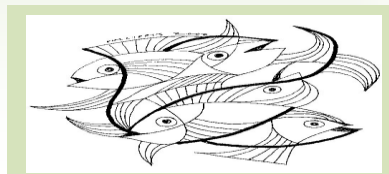
We as Franciscans are called to be leaders in this attempt to change the course of events toward a sustainable lifestyle in which our communities can live in hope of a future with a healthy environment. We can start small, in our own lives, making simple changes. We can aim for "Sustainable Fraternity Meetings" on a local level, and then move our influence outward. As an example, members of a fraternity can always bring their own cup, plate/bowl and utensils to a meeting- a beginning conservation effort. Sacrifice, or as a young woman recently suggested to me, "an exchange of values" is needed for change to occur.

St. Francis rejoiced in creation as the gift of the Creator. Our Earth is fragile, out of balance, and in need of healing. Reflect in quiet nature when you can. Ask God how to best use your time, talent and treasure to answer the call of our Pope, who is responding to the cry of all creation.

Seek the spirit of courage to speak up when important issues arise. A time of challenging work lies ahead and we need our prayer to always access the strength that only God can give us.

Peace and all good.

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS  
Minister, Il Poverello fraternity



### John 3: 1-21

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. He came to Jesus at night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you are doing unless God is with him."

Jesus answered and said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a person once grown old be born again? Surely he cannot reenter his mother's womb and be born again, can he?"

Jesus answered, "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of flesh is flesh and what is born of spirit is spirit. Do not be amazed that I told you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Nicodemus answered and said to him, "How can this happen?"

Jesus answered and said to him, "You are the teacher of Israel and you do not understand this? Amen, amen, I say to you, we speak of what we know and we testify to what we have seen, but you people do not accept our testimony. If I tell you about earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life."

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.



### *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order*

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

– *Rule 15* –

Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives. Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith.

### Lord hear our prayers . . .

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 Stevick, as well as Anthony, Ken, Evelyn, Mary Anne and Alie, John, Tim, Fr. Fabrizio, Br. Matzo, Fr. John Vaughn, and Mark, we especially ask for the bride and groom, Andrea Stevick and Luke Francis Ringlein whose upcoming wedding is (July 18<sup>th</sup>);

For Tom Bello, national minister, who recently underwent surgery that revealed intestinal cancer called "metastatic melanoma";

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

For all the Native Americans who have concerns regarding the 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, celebrating its independence and governed by elected representatives, may the electorate choose wisely "Of the people, By the people, and For the people" (Abraham Lincoln) those who will seek the common good for everyone;

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

For healing and restoration for those who are recovering from recent natural and man-made disasters;

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**



*'Preach the Gospel at all times  
and when necessary use words.'*

– St. Francis of Assisi



## Pope Francis prayer intentions the month of July

### Universal Intention - Politics

That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity. Throughout history people have held a negative view of politicians. Yet this month's prayer intention reminds us that the ultimate goal of politics is justice and charity.

In *The Joy of the Gospel* Pope Francis wrote: "Politics, though often denigrated, remains a lofty vocation and one of the highest forms of charity, inasmuch as it seeks the common good."

Charity concerns not only how we treat each individual but the effects our decisions have on our neighbors near and far. As we pray for our political leaders, that they may work for the common good of all and especially the most vulnerable members of society, we commit ourselves to choices in daily life and in the voting booth that will embody our own concern for the common good.

### Reflection

What are the priorities that I bring to elections? How do those priorities compare to God's priorities?

### Scripture

1 Timothy 2: 1-6 I ask that prayers, supplications, and petitions be offered for all in authority.

### Evangelization Intention - The Poor in Latin America

That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.

Last year, on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose appearance in 1531 in Mexico led to the largest conversion in history, Pope Francis spoke of the hope that is given when people turn to God. He said: "Latin America is the 'continent of hope'! For we expect from it new models of development, which link Christian tradition to civil progress, justice and equity to reconciliation, scientific and technological development to human wisdom, fruitful suffering to hopeful joy."

Then, finishing his homily he said: "We place these hopes on the altar as a gift pleasing to God. Imploring his forgiveness and trusting in his mercy, we celebrate the sacrifice and Paschal victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one Lord. He calls us to live the true life, a more human life, to live together as children and brothers."

With each Morning Offering we join ourselves to the Eucharistic Sacrifice, the greatest power for change that the world has ever known. We offer ourselves this month for the poor in Latin America.

### Reflection

How do I "bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society"?

### Scripture

2 Corinthians 8: 1-15 Your surplus at the present time should supply their needs.

*Glorious St. Ann, filled with compassion for those who invoke you and with love for those who suffer, heavily laden with the weight of my troubles, I cast myself at your feet and humbly beg of you to take the present affair which I recommend to you under your special protection.*

*St. Ann, please, recommend to your daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and lay it before the throne of Jesus, so that He may bring it to a happy issue. St. Ann cease not to intercede for me until my request is granted. (Mention petition now.)*

*Above all, obtain for me the grace of one day beholding my God face to face, and with You and Mary and all the saints, praising and blessing Him through all eternity. Amen.*



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<http://www.saintname-webbers.com/at-anna-prayer.htm>

## Franciscan Saints in July

- Month of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ

1. Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
2. Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady
3. Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1886
4. 40 Martyrs of China, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1900
5. Bl. Ignace Falzon, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1865
6. St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr, Corderbearer, d. 1902
7. Bl. Oddin Barotto, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1400
8. St. Elisabeth of Portugal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1336
9. St. Veronica Giuliani, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1727
10. 8 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Damas, d. 1860
11. 11 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Holland, d. 1572
12. Sts. Geoffroy and Joachim, Priests, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyrs 1679
13. St. Francis Solano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1610
14. St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1274
15. Bl. Bernard de Bade, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1458
16. Our Lady of Mount Carmel; St. Marie-Madeleine Postel, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1846
17. Bl. Pierre De Foligno, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1614
18. St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1614
19. St. Vincent de Paul, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1660
20. St. Jerome Emilien, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1537
21. St. Laurent de Brindes, Priest, Capuchin religious, Doctor of the Church, d. 1619
22. Bl. Angeline of Marciano, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1435
23. Bl. Louise de Savoie, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1503
24. Bl. Modestin de Jesus-Marie, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1864
25. Bl. Antoine Lucci, Bishop, Conventual religious, d. 1752
26. St. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
27. Bl. Marie-Madeleine Martinengo, Virgin, Capuchin, d. 1737
28. Bl. Marie-Therese of the Infant Jesus, Virgin, Capuchin, martyr 1941
29. Bl. Alphonse de l'Immaculee, virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1946
30. St. Leopold de Castelnovo, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1942
31. St. Ignace de Loyola, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1556

## 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](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/Jz2kitEJRFzz6nOPVeQj\\_M43q66e3A3?w=3](http://www.icontact-archive.com/Jz2kitEJRFzz6nOPVeQj_M43q66e3A3?w=3)

Il Poverello website (under construction):

<http://ofsilpov.org>



## Upcoming Events

*Please save the date and join us for a*

*Franciscan Day of Joy*

**Saint Francis Fraternity  
Centennial Celebration**

**St. Boniface Church**

133 Golden Gate Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

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

*How does God delight in us?*

*How do we delight in God?*

*How do we make joy?*

**Keynote speakers:**

**Fr. Jack Clark Robinson, O.F.M.  
and Sr. Margie Will, O.S.F.**

## 70 Years of Nuclear Weapons— At What Cost?

On August 6, 2015, at 8 AM

Come to Livermore Nuclear Weapons Lab  
Vasco Road at Patterson Pass Road

**Featuring Daniel Ellsberg and Country Joe McDonald**

Today, after 70 years, more than 16,000 nuclear weapons in the world (94% continue to be controlled by the U.S. and Russia) are posing an intolerable threat to humanity. And, the danger of nuclear war is growing as more nations explore development of the technology. Whether a nuclear conflagration is initiated by accident, miscalculation or madness, the radiation cloud will know no boundaries. The US plans to spend another **trillion dollars** over the next thirty years "modernizing" its nuclear arsenal. The human cost of this is astronomical—to our health, environment, ethics, and democracy, to our prospects for global peace, and to our confidence in human survival.

Sponsored by dozens of Bay Area peace and justice groups.

More info: Tri-Valley CAREs, 925-443-7148,

And Western States Legal Foundation, 510-839-5877

# *Penance, Poverty and Praise:*

## *Conversion, Delight and Joy of St Francis*

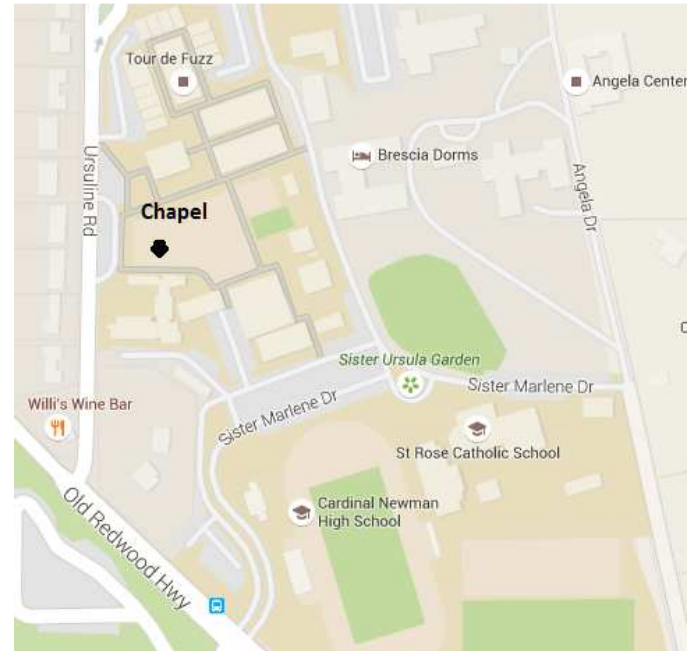
A Franciscan Day of Reflection with Father John Boettcher, OFS

Sponsored by ***IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY*** and the Santa Rosa Diocese

**Date:** Sunday, July 26, 2015

**Location:** Cardinal Newman High School Chapel,  
50 Ursuline Road, Santa Rosa, CA

**Time:** 12:30 Potluck lunch  
1:30-6:30 Program (No liturgy)



Fr. John Boettcher, OFS is in care of 'Spirituality' for the Santa Rosa Diocese. He is very happy to be able to nurture the Franciscan way of life. He lived in Italy for 8 years and in Israel for 2, mostly in Franciscan convents, and has led many retreats for all branches of the order. Recently Fr. John visited Pisa, where he visited an OFS fraternity of 50 with 100 (yes, ONE HUNDRED) in formation. He saw clearly the vitality of Franciscan community and the power of preaching the whole Gospel, beginning with "consciousness of sin" and the grace of Christ in forgiving us (Rom 3), and the delight of experiencing mercy which leads to joyful community.

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While working on his doctorate, he focused on how John's Prologue ("and the Word became flesh") affected early Church Bible interpretation. He has a wide breadth of intellectual experience, with a B.A. in Physics from U.C. Berkeley, 4 years solar cell research, an M.A. in Biblical Studies, and an S.T.L in Fundamental Theology. He has taught in Rome, Jerusalem, Canterbury, and at the Pontifical College in Josephinum, Ohio.

### **Quotes from St. Francis of Assisi:**

**"In the name of the Lord! Those Who Do Penance ....**All who love the Lord with their whole heart, their whole soul and mind, and with their strength, (Mt. 12.-30) and love their neighbor as themselves, (Mt. 22.-39) and who despise the tendency in their humanity to sin, receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and bring forth from within themselves fruits worthy of **true penance.**"

**"Poverty** is the way to salvation, the nurse of humility, and the root of perfection. Its fruits are hidden, but they multiply themselves infinite ways."

**"May the Lord bless you and keep you;** may the Lord show his face to you and have compassion on you! May he turn his face to you and give you peace!"