



Il Poverello Fraternity
Secular Franciscan Order

Joy for the Journey

Petaluma, California
June 2013



Il Poverello Fraternity Gathering

A Day of Reflection

June 22, 2013

St Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

3730 Bohemian Highway

Occidental, CA 95465

9:30 Gathering /Welcome 12:00 Lunch * *
Morning Prayer Sharing
10:30* Liturgy Reflection /Prayer
Reflection/ Prayer 2:00-3:00 Formation/ Inquiry

THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT GATHERING .

PLEASE TRY TO ATTEND .

* Liturgy time is approximate

** Sack Lunch/or Bring a Potluck Lunch Item to Share

**Il Poverello
Fraternity
Gatherings**

June 22

July 27

August 17 & 24

September 28

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

Article 22

The local fraternity is to be established canonically. It becomes the basic unit of the whole Order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its members.

*The Seven Gifts of the
Holy Spirit*

Wisdom

Understanding

Counsel

Fortitude

Knowledge

Piety

Fear of the Lord

Prayer from St Francis

*Considered the earliest prayer handed down to us
from St Francis:*



**Most High
and glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart
and give me
true faith
more certain hope,
and perfect charity,
sense and knowledge
of you,
so that I may carry out
your holy and true
command.**

Birthdays and
Profession
Anniversaries

May/June

John birthday 6/21
Evelyn profession
6/27/85

Prayer Requests...



- ◆ that we, as Franciscans, can make a difference to bring peace and justice and an end to violence
- ◆ for our Holy Father, Bishop Robert Vasa and the Priests of the Santa Rosa Diocese
- ◆ for the Secular Franciscan Order throughout the world
- ◆ for the Blessed Junipero Serra Region and the Executive Council
- ◆ healing for Gregory Sandritter, Regional councilor
- ◆ for Jim and Cindy's moving and settling
- ◆ for an end to the violence in Syria and for peace in the Middle East
- ◆ For John and Dorothy and family
- ◆ For a Fruitful day of prayer and reflection
- ◆ For the continuance of Il Poverello Fraternity

Be the Bridge: Open our Hearts and Embrace this Kindling from the Holy Spirit...

Jim Wesley, OFS, and wife Cindy Wesley, OFS, from our Blessed Junipero Serra Region are in the process of moving on from this region and plan eventually to be settled near their daughter around Nipomo, CA. Once settled, they will no doubt lend their time, talent, and stewardship to the local Franciscan Secular Order in San Luis Obispo county.

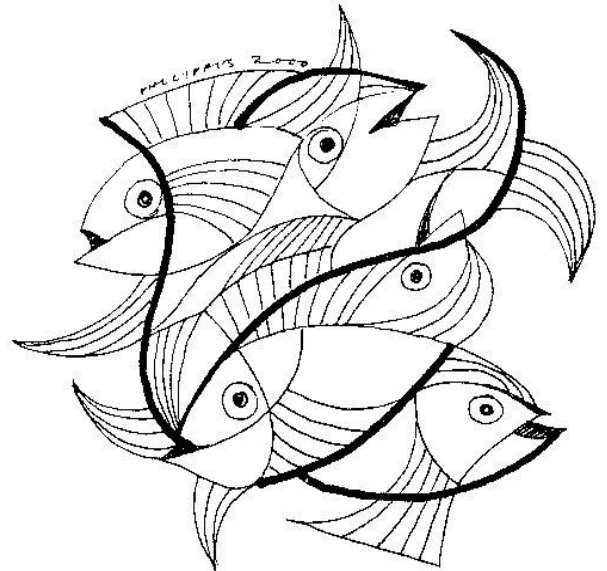
Jim and Cindy were bid a fond farewell at our May II Poverello gathering. They have graced II Poverello with some 14 years of prayer, caring, singing, and leadership. All are deeply thankful for their past guidance and wish them a safe journey onward to new adventures in the Spirit.

Jim and Cindy were earnest bridge builders committed to helping members gather with song for prayer, formation, conversion, and sharing on a monthly basis.

They will be greatly missed. Their songs, inspiration and dedication supported II Poverello for many good years of community building. In parting, along with John Kennedy, Minister, II Poverello is challenged to re-create a leadership team that will honor relationships, be filled with the spark of the Holy Spirit and carry on in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare.

Let II Poverello be guided in our upcoming "Summer Day of Reflection" by the words of Pope Benedict XVI, who during his address to the general audience on January 27, 2010 said,

"...It has been said that Francis represents an alter Christus, he was truly a living icon of Christ. He was even called 'Jesus' brother." Indeed, this was his ideal: to be like Jesus; to contemplate the Christ of the Gospel, to love him intensely and to imitate his virtues. In particular, he wished to give a fundamental value to interior and exterior poverty, teaching it also to his spiritual sons. The first Beatitude of the Sermon on the Mount – blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 5:3) – found a luminous fulfillment in the life and in the words of St. Francis...



Dear friends, Francis was a great saint and a joyful man. His simplicity, his humility, his faith, his love of Christ, his kindness to every man and woman made him happy in every situation. In fact, between sanctity and joy there subsists a profound and indissoluble relation. A French writer said that there is only one sadness in the world: that of not being saints, that is, of not being close to God. Looking at St. Francis' witness, we understand that this is the secret of true happiness: to become saints, close to God.."

TASKS TO BE DONE WITHIN OUR FRATERNITY

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