



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA

JUNE, 2015

DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA

Il Poverello Fraternity Gatherings

June 28th

July 26th

*Day of Reflection **

August 15th

Handicapables

August 23rd

Il Poverello Fraternity

Meeting: June 28th, 2015

St. James Catholic Church

Fraternity Council meeting: 12:30 – 1:30

Fraternity Meeting: 1:30 – 3:30

Ongoing Formation: Revisit Franciscan Poverty and Justice

(Bring scripture passages, quotes from other books/Journey and thoughts to share)

Initial Formation: Candidates Franciscan Journey 3:30 – 4:30

(Chapter Twenty eight: *Fraternities: Gathering as one* and Thirty one: *Membership in the SFO*)

Il Poverello Fraternity

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Minister's Letter - June 2015

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Lord hears the cry of the poor, blessed be the Lord!
Are we also willing to hear the cry of the poor?

On May 30, I was privileged to be in Santa Barbara to hear a panel of indigenous speakers, both Catholic and non-Catholic, grapple with the issue of the Canonization of Junipero Serra. For those of you who have never lived or worked in California Indian communities, you may wonder why this is an issue. However, our California indigenous brothers and sisters suffered greatly, huge numbers died, and many of their cultures disappeared as a result of the Mission system. Their descendants are crying out to be heard in their present pain and historical trauma.

On May 31, I stood in ceremony with many California Indian brothers and sisters in the graveyard at Santa Barbara Mission. Another Franciscan was also there for the entire 3 1/2 hour ceremony - Father Larry Gosselin, OFM, Associate Pastor at Santa Barbara Mission Parish. The heartfelt prayers we heard spoken by the Indian community were powerful. The gathering was totally peaceful and respectful, and I know all of us present were touched in a very special way.

I went to both of these events wearing my Tau, and spoke briefly to ask a question of the panel, identifying myself as a Secular Franciscan. Of course I was nervous! I also prayed very much on my drive south to be present with an open heart full of love as Jesus and Francis would. I found other open hearts, in spite of some who spoke of the need to "de-Christianize" communities to allow for true healing, or leave the Catholic Church because of the continued wounding its actions cause for indigenous people.

In our world there is much pain and suffering, with stories longing to be told and heard. As instruments of Christ's love, we have the opportunity to stretch out of our comfort zones and step forward with love into those places where other human beings hope to be recognized as living, breathing wondrous children of the Creator when hope seems gone.

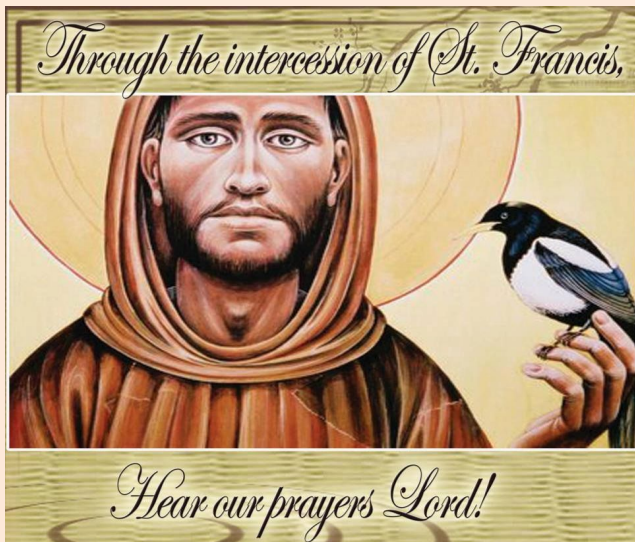
Please pray with our California Indian communities as they suffer in this present time.

Although we have heard Junipero Serra will be canonized, there are valid, grave questions about this decision our Catholic Church has made. It was suggested by one speaker that if Serra was truly a saint, he would not need recognition by the church- he would rather the indigenous people be recognized and find healing through the church stopping the canonization process.

Pray also for our Church. There are many transgressions our Church has committed, being an organization of imperfect human beings. We must rebuild this house, as Francis was told by Christ. The world needs Christ's light, not more institutional driven torment. Remember that each time we receive Eucharist, we are touching Christ, and we can take that healing touch out to those we meet every day.

In our own Franciscan family, remember to reach out and stay open to each other in love. Pray for each other. These are tough times, and all of us will be called on by Christ to move beyond security into mystery with Him. Trust with all your heart.

In peace
Kathleen Robbiano
Minister, Il Poverello Fraternity



For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Julie's brother, Tim and their aunt Rita, for Lou Guglielmino, for Eunice, for Alberto Cortez, for Cosmo's son Craig, for Elaine Stevick, as well as Anthony, Ken, Evelyn, Mary Anne and Alice, John, Tim, Fr. Fabrizio, Br. Mateo, Fr. John Vaughn, Mark, we also ask for prayers for the native Americans who have concerns regarding the canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra;

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

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 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 relief of our water crisis such that there may be enough for crop yields to alleviate any crisis in food supplies;

For all our graduates and for our fathers who are being celebrated, that they may use their God given gifts to assist others in their lifetime;

For these and all our individual intentions;

Lord, hear our prayer

We Pray to the Lord

Oh St. Joseph, do assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your divine son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers.



The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

- Rule 12 -

Witnessing to the good yet to come and obliged to acquire purity of heart because of the vocation they have embraced, they should set themselves free to love God and their brothers and sisters.

Universal Intention - Immigrants and refugees

That immigrants and refugees may find welcome and respect in the countries to which they come.

... As members of the Body of Christ, the Church, we are called to share the concerns and desires of the Heart of Jesus.

The theme of the message Pope Francis wrote for the 2015 World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Church without frontiers, Mother to all." As such, the Church "spreads throughout the world a culture of acceptance and solidarity, in which no one is seen as useless, out of place or disposable."

We are challenged not to see others as threats or burdens, the way a culture of death views people. Rather, the Pope wrote, "Jesus Christ is always waiting to be recognized in migrants and refugees, in displaced persons and in exiles, and through them he calls us to share our resources."

We must ask: do immigrants and refugees have a place in my heart? Let us pray for them and for ourselves.

Reflection

How is devotion to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary connected to concern for migrants and refugees?

Scripture

Deuteronomy 10: 12-22 The Lord your God befriends the alien.

Evangelization Intention - Vocations

That the personal encounter with Jesus may arouse in many young people the desire to offer their own lives in priesthood or consecrated life.

Just as marriage is not a career but a vocation, so too is the priesthood and the consecrated life. And just as marriage begins with an encounter that leads to a total gift of oneself to the other, so it is the same for those called to be priests, sisters, and brothers. Their vocations begin with an encounter with Jesus Christ, followed by a deepening relationship that leads to the desire to make a total gift of themselves to him.

As we pray for religious vocations this month, we recognize that the seeds of a vocation can only grow in good soil. That soil is our families, parish communities, and schools. It is there that young people will encounter Christ, be moved by his love, and respond by offering their lives in loving service. May our prayers, encouragement, and joy arouse in young people a desire to follow Jesus as brothers, sisters, and priests.

Reflection

How has the joy of knowing Jesus played a role in my life and in my participation in Church communities?

Scripture

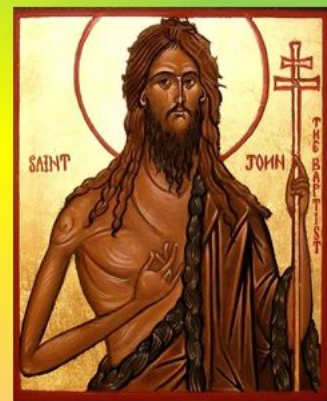
John 15: 1-11 "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy may be complete."

June – Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. **Bl. Felix de Nicosie**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, *d. 1787*
2. **Bl. Jean Pelingotto**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1304*
3. **Bl. Andre de Spello**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1254*
4. **St. Francois caracciolo**, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, *d. 1608*
5. **Bl Pacifique de Cerano**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1482*
6. **Bl. Laurent de Villamagna**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1535*
7. **Bl. Himiliane Cerchi**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1246*
8. **Bl. Nicolas de Gesturi**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, *d. 1958*
9. **Bl. Innocent Guz**, Priest, Conventual religious, *martyr 1940*
10. **Bl. Edouard Poppe**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1924*
11. **Bl. Yolanda of Hungary**, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, *d. 1298*
12. **Bl. Floride Cevoli**, Virgin, Capuchin religious, *d. 1767*
13. **St. Anthony of Padua**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1231*
Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers
14. **Bl. Zephirin Jimenez**, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1936*
15. **St. Vincente Gerosa**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, *d. 1847*
16. **Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, *d. 1888*
17. **Bl. Pierre Gambacorta**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1435*
18. **Bl. Guy de Cortone**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1250*
19. **Bl. Achille Puchata**, Priest, Conventual religious, *martyr 1943*
20. **Bl. Micheline de Pesaro**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1356*
21. **Bl. Herman Stapien**, Priest, Conventual religious, *martyr 1943*
22. **St. Thomas More**, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1943*
23. **St. Joseph Cafasso**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1860*
24. **Nativity of St. John the Baptist**
25. **Bl. Bienvenu de Gubbio**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1232*
26. **Bl. Frederic Janssone**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, *d. 1916*
27. **Bl. Marguerite Baeys**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1879*
28. **St. Barthelemie Capitanio**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, *d. 1833*
29. **Sts. Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation, Plenary Indulgence**
30. **Bl. Raymond Lulle**, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, *d. 1315*

Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist June 24

Obedient to his Mission
Prepared the people for
the coming of the
Messiah
Baptism of Jesus Christ
at Jordan River



Luke 1: 67-80 Upon the birth of John the Baptist

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.



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 news:

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

Knights of St. Francis June newsletter:

http://www.icontact-archive.com/Jz2kitEJRFz76nOPVeQj_M43q66e3A3?w=3



Upcoming Events

Il Poverello Fraternity

Presents

Franciscan Day of Reflection

Saturday July 26th, 2015

Given by Fr. John Boettcher, OSF

Director of Spirituality for the Santa Rosa Diocese

Title, time, and place to be announced

Watch for soon to be released flier



VATICAN CITY (CNS) — Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment will be titled "Laudato Sii" (Praised Be), a line from St. Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of Creatures," and will be released June 16, said the head of the Vatican publishing house.

THE CANTICLE OF THE CREATURES

By St. Francis of Assisi

Most High, all-powerful, good Lord,

all praise is yours, all glory, all honor, and all blessing.

To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.

No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through all you have made, and first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and through whom you give us light.

How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor; Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

All Praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars;

in the heavens you have made them, bright, and precious, and fair.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers wind and air,

and fair and stormy, all the weather's moods, by which you cherish all that you have made.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water, so useful, humble, precious and pure.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten up the night. How beautiful is he, how cheerful! Full of power and strength.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through our Sister Mother Earth, who sustains us and governs us, and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through those who grant pardon for love of you;

through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy are those who endure in peace, By You, Most High, they will be crowned.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, From whose embrace no mortal can escape. Woe to those who die in mortal sin!

Happy those she finds doing your will! The second death can do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks

And serve him with great humility.

Please save the date and join us for a

Franciscan Day of Joy

Saint Francis Secular Franciscan Fraternity of San Francisco

100th Anniversary Celebration

October 3rd, 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.**