



**IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY  
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

**JOY FOR THE JOURNEY**

**PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA**

**MARCH, 2015**

**DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA**

*Il Poverello Fraternity  
Gatherings*

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>**

**May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**June 28<sup>th</sup>**

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**Minister's Letter**

**March 2015**

**Greetings of peace!**

This letter is written from the stark open desert town of Tuba City, Navajo Nation, Arizona. It is a place which demands simplicity and inner quiet to encounter the joy and the sorrow which exudes from a land and people where so many heavy burdens are endured. It is a privilege to walk with the people during my time here.

As I reflect on the three babies who came into my midwife hands on 2/28, I hold a prayer for Patch's husband Louis as he moves into God's heavenly care today, 3/1. The precious circle of life can touch us with wisdom and grace, and help us strip away what is unnecessary for the journey.

God is so mysterious and awesome, how we grow from such very human experiences if we allow the Spirit to hold us. May God help us awake to the opportunities for special connections with other human beings, and to the natural world of creatures and plants which cannot help but live in God's ordained cycles of birth and death. The only time we have is this moment. It is sacred and wonderful.

**In Christ's abiding love,**

**Kathleen Robbiano, OFS Minister,  
Il Poverello Fraternity**

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**Gathering March 22, 2015**

**St. James Catholic Church 12:30 - 4:30**

**Council Meeting 12:30 - 1:30**

**Fraternity Meeting 1:30 - 3:30**

**Ongoing Formation: discussion on Vocation, Charism, and Mission**

**Inquiry Formation: 3:30 - 4:30**

**Franciscan Journey: continue discussion of Chapter Seventeen:**

*The Mother of God ... and our Mother*

## 1 CORINTHIANS 12:26

As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.

Now the body is not a single part, but many. If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God placed the parts, each one of them, in the body as he intended. If they were all one part, where would the body be? But as it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I do not need you," nor again the head to the feet, "I do not need you."

Indeed, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are all the more necessary, and those parts of the body that we consider less honorable we surround with greater honor, and our less presentable parts are treated with greater propriety, whereas our more presentable parts do not need this.

But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.

## *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order*

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

### - Rule 10 -

United themselves to the redemptive obedience of Jesus, who placed his will into the Father's hands, let them faithfully fulfill the duties proper to their various circumstances of life. Let them also follow the poor and crucified Christ, witness to him even in difficulties and persecutions.

## Prayer Intentions Of the Holy Father for March

### Universal: SCIENTISTS

That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.

### Evangelization: CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN

That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

## The Seven Penitential Psalms

During times when we wish to express repentance and especially during Lent, it is customary to pray the seven penitential psalms. The penitential designation of these psalms dates from the seventh century. Prayerfully reciting these psalms will help us to recognize our sinfulness, express our sorrow and ask for God's forgiveness.

Psalm 6 —Prayer in Distress

Psalm 32 —Remission of Sin

Psalm 38 —Prayer of an Afflicted Sinner

Psalm 51 —The Miserere: Prayer of Repentance

Psalm 102 —Prayer in Time of Distress

Psalm 130 —Prayer for Pardon and Mercy



## Our Prayer Intentions:

Let us pray to the Lord:

For our **Il Poverello** fraternity families and friends, especially for **Lou Guglielmino** who left this life 3/1, for **Sebastian**, for **Elaine Stevick**, **Anthony**, **Ken**, **Evelyn**, **Mary Anne** and **Alice**, **John**, **Tim**, **Frate Fabrizio**, **Br. Mateo**, and **Mark**, prayers also for **Fr. Gary Lombardi's** mother, **Ida Lombardi**, 1/13/21-12/18/14;

For the penitential fraternities worldwide preparing for the season of lent and striving to live through the Rule of **St. Francis**;

For **Pope Francis** and church leaders, guidance in directing the church worldwide;

For **Healing and Restoration** for those who are recovering from recent natural disasters;

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

For all our individual intentions;  
**Lord, hear our**

## Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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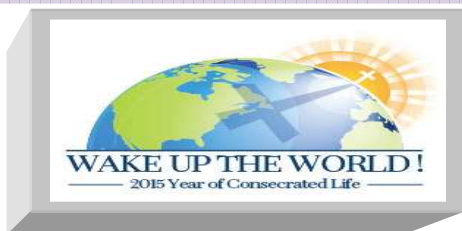
## March – Month of St. Joseph

- 1. Bl. Jean Kearney**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1653
- 2. St. Agnes de Prague**, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1282
- 3. Bl. Innocent de Berzo**, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1890
- 4. Bl. Martyrs** of the Franciscan 1st Order of Gondar (Ethiopia), d. 1716
- 5. St. Jean-Joseph de la Croix**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
- 6. St. Colette of Corbie**, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1447
- 7. Bl. Christophe de Milan**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1485
- 8. St. Jean de Dieu**, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1550
- 9. St. Frances of Rome**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1440
- 10. St. Catherine of Bologna**, Virgin of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1463
- 11. Bl. Jean-Baptise de Fabriano**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1539
- 12. Bl. Louis Orione**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1940
- 13. Bl. Agnello de Pise**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1236
- 14. St. Catherine de Genes**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1510
- 15. Bl. Louis de Casoria**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1885
- 16. Bl. Torello de Poppi**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1282
- 17. Bl. Marc de Montegallo**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1496
- 18. St. Salvator de'Horta**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1567
- 19. Saint Joseph, Holy Day of Obligation for the Church**
- 20. Bl. Hippolyte Galentini**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1620
- 21. Bl. Amedee IX de Savoie**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1472
- 22. St. Beinvenu d'Osimo**, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1282
- 23. Bl. Jeremie Lambertenghi**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1513
- 24. Bl. Catherine de Suede**, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1381
- 25. Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation for the Church**
- 26. Blessed Didacus Joseph of Cadiz**, Priest, Capuchin, d. 1801
- 27. Bl. Joseph-Sebastien Pelczar**, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1924
- 28. St. Jean de Capistran**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456
- 29. Bl. Jeanne-Marie de Maille**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1414
- 30. St. Pierre Regalat**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1486
- 31. St. Leonard Murialdo**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1900

**Holy Thursday – Plenary Indulgence: Chant in Public Tantum ergo**

**Good Friday – Plenary Indulgence: Solemn adoration of the Holy Cross**

**Easter – Plenary Indulgence: Renewal in public of Baptismal Promises**



*The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

*From  
Psalm 23*



## Global Catholic Climate Movement / Lenten Fast for Climate Justice

In Lent 2015 (Feb 18th to Apr 2nd), some are organizing a global fast for climate justice, joining the year-long [#FastForTheClimate](#) interfaith effort. **Catholics from more than 45 countries will fast during each of the 40 days**, praying for action to solve the climate change crisis. To learn more about [the facts](#) and [Catholic Teachings](#) on climate change. <http://catholicclimatemovement.global/Fast/>

### WHY?

Lent is the time when we remember the 40 days that Jesus spent fasting in the desert, and we are invited to reflect, repent, fast, and listen to God. *"Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer"*, said Pope Francis in his recent Lenten message. **We propose that during this Lent we pray and fast for the renewal of our relationship with creation and with our brothers and sisters in poverty who are already suffering the impacts of man-made climate change.** And, besides standing in solidarity with the victims of climate change, we urge our political leaders to commit to ambitious climate action to solve this urgent crisis and keep the global temperature increase below 1.5 degree Celsius (relative to pre-industrial levels).

### 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)

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> See: San Damiano's Winter/Summer 2015

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional Newsletter:

[http://juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional\\_News/Entries/2014/10/MOJ\\_2014\\_Summer.pdf](http://juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional_News/Entries/2014/10/MOJ_2014_Summer.pdf)

Daily Lenten reflections from Fr. Robert Barron: sign up here - <http://LentReflections.com>



**Blessed Juniper Serra Region  
Ministers' Message  
March, 2015**



Hi Dear Brothers and Sisters,

There isn't much news this month since we were all together only a week ago. It was so great to visit, share, and connect once again. Wish I could have had conversations with each of you, but the weekend was busy. The REC invites you to send us feedback about the weekend. What did you like? What should be changed? We are open to anything you have to share that will help us improve. Just email or call anyone on the Council.

Attached is the registration form for the upcoming Formation Workshops, with location details on the second page. We will be sending this in a separate email to Formation Directors, but please remember all are invited, as the whole fraternity is responsible for formation! It will be a great way to share ideas, ask questions, and get organized.

Some of us stayed after Chapter for the Saint Barbara Province's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary reception and prayer service. It was absolutely beautiful. In *The Way* magazine, there is a list of other times/places of celebration that are planned so far. There are a few others in our Region, and will send details as I receive them. Folks in those parishes may have information before I do, so please let me know in order to spread the word.

St. Francis Parish, Sacramento from April 30-May 3.

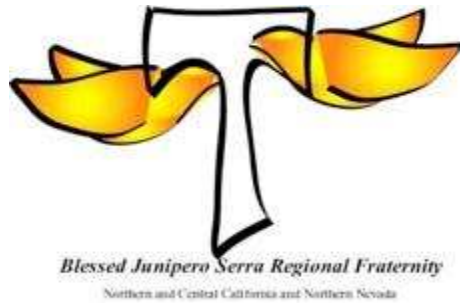
St. Elizabeth's Parish, Oakland Sept.26

St. Boniface and St. Anthony's, San Francisco Oct. 4—coincides with St. Francis Fraternity's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Mark your calendars for St. Francis Fraternity's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Oct.3! It is truly a Regional event, so hope many can attend. A flier and registration form will be included in the next MOJ coming out in a few weeks.

Peace and good to all of you.

Kathleen (Workshop Registration below)



## 2015 Formation Workshops

### *Information – Formation - Transformation*

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|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Initial Formation:</b> | Formation Topics Made Easy, Standard Curriculum Cross Reference, New Easy to Follow Initial Formation Forms, Materials & Resources, Formation Team, Learning Environment, and the Fraternity Formation Working Binder |
| <b>Ongoing Formation:</b> | Transformative Franciscan life, Action & Contemplation  |
| <b>Sharing:</b>           | Discussion sharing of ideas and best practices  |
| <b>Take Aways:</b>        | Each Fraternity will receive a folder and CD of the materials presented.  |

### Workshop Location Choices

(Address details pg. 2)

- Location #1**    **Burlingame – March 21<sup>st</sup>**
- Location #2**    **Fresno – March 28<sup>th</sup>**
- Location #3**    **Sacramento – April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Workshop Time 9:30am to 3:00pm with a break for lunch  
(*Bring your own lunch*)

**Please bring** your Regional Formation Manual, Fraternity Formation Working Binder, FUN Manual and your formation ideas and best practices to share.

Fraternity \_\_\_\_\_

Location # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Attendee \_\_\_\_\_

Position on Council (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

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*(Write additional names on back if you wish)*

Send registration to: Sara Ingalls, OFS [ingallssm@gmail.com](mailto:ingallssm@gmail.com)  
8582 Everglade Dr., Sacramento, CA 95826

**March 21** Formation Workshop #1, 9:30-3:00  
Our Lady of Angels Church, 1721 Hillside Dr., Burlingame, 94010  
(Lower Hall on Cortez Ave, behind the church, in middle of the block and below the large gym.)  
**(Spanish offered at this workshop.)**

**March 28** Formation Workshop #2, 9:30-3:00  
Nazareth House, 2121 North 1<sup>st</sup> St., Fresno, 93703  
**(still looking for someone to help the Spanish folks)**

**April 11** Formation Workshop #3, 9:30-3:00  
St. Francis Church, 1066 26<sup>th</sup> St., Sacramento, 95816  
(Assisi room, behind the church)