



## ***IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY***

**SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

# ***JOY FOR THE JOURNEY***

**PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA**

**MAY, 2015**

*DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA*

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

**May 24**

**June 28**

**July 26**

## ***Il Poverello Fraternity***

**Meeting: May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**St. James Catholic Church 12:30 - 3:30**

**Fraternity Web-site committee meeting: 12:30 - 1:30**

**Fraternity Meeting: 1:30 - 2:30**

**Ongoing Formation: 2:30 - 3:30 FUN Worksheet**

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

**(Chapter Nineteen: *A Simple Way to Live*)**

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

#### **Council**

**Minister:**

**Kathleen Robbiano, OFS**

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**Eunice Edgington, OFS**

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**J. Patch Guglielmino, OFS**

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**Noreen & Edd Ringlein**

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### **May Birthdays & Professions:**

**Edd Ringlein - 5/25**

**Evelyn Stateler, OFS 6/85**

**Eunice Edgington, OFS 5/05**

**John Kennedy, OFS 6/21 - 5/05**

### **Minister's Letter**

#### **May 2015**

A warm Franciscan hug to all!

I came across a beautiful definition of poverty recently from the book *Poverty and Joy*, by William Short, OFM. He states poverty is "living without grasping".

One can reflect on all the layers of life this definition addresses. What are the material "wants" we seek or hold on to which we do not need? What aspects of our human condition and woundedness have we not turned over to Christ for healing? What belief systems possess our minds and interfere with our ability to be true peacemakers, through listening and engaging in dialogue, to promote understanding with persons and groups we perceive to be "different" or even opponents?

Jesus lived in the fullness of God each moment of His life, shining a Light without attachment to how people would respond. St. Francis and St. Clare renounced those aspects of life which would get in the way of their ability to be Love.

Jesus says in Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world".

Try to take time in quiet moments to ask Jesus for help in softening, relaxing and loosening the grasp on those areas which hold us back from His leading. There is no time but now for us to be the brilliant lights God designed us to be.

Peace and all good,

Kathleen Robbiano

Minister for Il Poverello Fraternity

## **Acts 2: 1-12**

### ***The Coming of the Spirit.***

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his own native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travelers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

They were all astounded and bewildered, and said to one another, "What does this mean?"

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

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

### ***- Rule 8 -***

The Eucharist is the center of the life of the Church. Christ unites us to himself and to one another as a single body in it. Therefore, the Eucharist should be the center of the life of the fraternity. The brothers and sisters should participate in the Eucharist as frequently as possible, being mindful of the respect and love shown by Francis, who in the Eucharist, lived all the mysteries of the life of Christ.

## **Our Prayer Intentions:**

For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Julie's aunt Rita who left this life 4/26, for Lou Guglielmino, for Eunice, Elaine Stevick, Anthony, Ken, Evelyn, Mary Anne and Alice, John, Tim, Frate Fabrizio, Br. Mateo, and Mark, prayers also for Ida Lombardi, Fr. Gary's mother;

For the penitential fraternities worldwide 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 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 these and all our individual intentions;

Lord, hear our prayer

**We Pray to the Lord**

**On this Mother's Day, let us remember Our Mother Mary and pray for all mothers struggling to raise their families.**



## May Franciscan Calendar – Month of the Holy Virgin Mary

### 1. Feast of Saint Joseph the Artisan

#### 2. St. Richard Pampuri, Confessor,

*had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1930*

#### 3. Bl. Edouard-Joseph Rosas, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1903

#### 4. Bl. Ladislav de Gielniow, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1505

#### 5. Bl. Beinvenu Marenzi, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1289

#### 6. Bl. Marie-Catherine Troijani, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular

*[living in community, under a Rule], d. 1897*

#### 7. Bl. Anne-Rose Gattorno, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular

*[living in community, under a Rule], d. 1900*

### 8. Feast of Mary Mediatrix of all Graces

#### 9. Bl. Antoine Bajewski, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1941

#### 10. Bl. Marie-Bernard Butler, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular

*[living in community, under a Rule], d. 1924*

#### 11. St. Gemme de Sulmona, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1439

#### 12. St. Ignatius of Laconi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1781

#### 13. St. Michael Garicoits, Priest,

*had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1863*

#### 14. St. Marie-Dominique Mazzarello, Virgin,

*had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1881*

#### 15. St. Jean-Baptiste de la Salle, Priest,

*had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1719*

#### 16. St. Theophilus of Corte, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1740

#### 17. St. Paschal of Baylon, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1592

#### 18. St. Felix de Cantalice, lay brother, Capuchin religious, 1587

#### 19. St. Yves, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1303

#### 20. St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1444

#### 21. St. Crispin of Viterbo, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1750

#### 22. St. Joaquina Vedruna, Virgin,

*had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1854*

#### 23. Bl. Gerard of Villamagna, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1242

#### 24. Bl. John of Prado, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr, d. 1631

### 25. Dedication of the Basilica in Assisi, 1253

#### 26. St. Philippe Neri, Priest,

*had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1595;*

#### memorial of St. Mariane of Jesus Parades, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1645

#### 27. Bl. Gerard of Lunel, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1270

#### 28. St. Jean-Baptiste Rossi, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1764

#### 29. Bl. Etienne et Raymond, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1242

#### 30. St. Joan of Arc, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1431

#### King Saint Fernando III, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252

### 31. Feast of the Queenship of Mary, *Public Consecration of the world to the*

*Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena in preparation of the feast of Pentecost*

*Pentecost - Plenary Indulgence – Chant in public the Veni Creator Sacred Heart*

*Plenary Indulgence – Public recitation of the Act of Reparation*

## Prayer Intentions for May of the Holy Father, Pope Francis

### Universal Intention – Care for the suffering

That, rejecting the culture of indifference, we may care for our neighbors who suffer, especially the sick and the poor.

### Reflection

How has God used my own experience of suffering to help me be more aware of and compassionate toward those who suffer?

### Scripture

1 Corinthians 12: 12-26 God has so constructed the body that the parts may have concern for one another. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it.

### Evangelization Intention – Openness to Mission

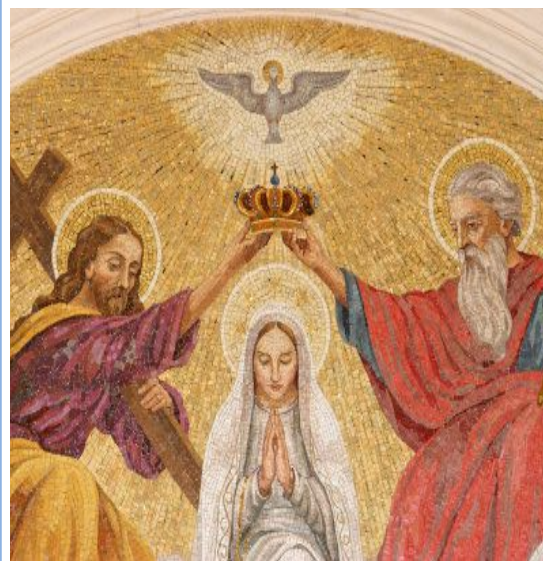
That Mary's intercession may help Christians in secularized cultures be open to proclaiming Jesus.

### Reflection

In what ways have I experienced opposition or difficulties in speaking about or living my faith? In what ways do I find myself slipping into "practical atheism"?

### Scripture

2 Timothy 4: 1-5 Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient.



## Prayer of the Month

Mary, you never forget your children on earth. Just as you never left the side of your Son on the Cross, so you never leave the side of your suffering children. We thank you for that presence. In the wake of so much suffering in the world, we want to thank you for continuing to bring us Jesus, who alone has the power to heal open wounds and to restore peace to broken hearts. Amen.

--Adapted from Pope Francis' Prayer at Madhu Shrine in Sri Lanka





## Novena to the Holy Spirit for the Seven Gifts \*

The seven *gifts* of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

- \* They belong in their fullness to Christ, Son of David.
- \* They complete and perfect the virtues of those who receive them.
- \* They make the faithful docile in readily obeying divine inspirations.

\* <https://www.ewtn.com/devotionals/pentecost/seven.htm>

### 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/>

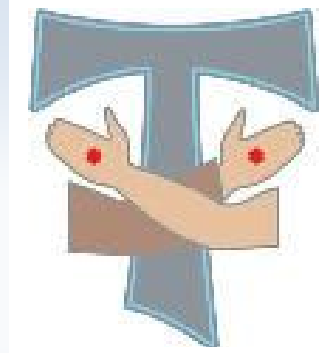
[www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org](http://www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org)

San Damiano retreats calendar:

<http://sandamiano.org/retreats-programs/retreats-calendar> See: San Damiano's Winter/Summer 2015

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional news:

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



### Upcoming Events:

*Please join us for a Franciscan Day of Joy!*

Save this date: Saturday **October 3rd, 2015**

And join us from **8:30 - 3:30** to celebrate the **100th Anniversary** of our **Saint Francis Secular Franciscan Fraternity of San Francisco**

**Key Note Speakers:**

**Jack Clark Robinson, O.F.M.,**

**Sr. Margie Will, O.S.F.**

How does God Delight in us?

How do we delight in God?

How do we make joy visible?

*(please see attached flier)*



(Vatican Radio) The upcoming Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy will be a moment of true grace for all Christians and a re-awakening to continue along the path of the new evangelization and pastoral conversion indicated by Pope Francis. That was the description given by Archbishop Salvatore Fisichella at a press conference in the Vatican on Tuesday (May 5th) where he unveiled details of the

Year of Mercy and the logo and motto for it.

The Jubilee Year of Mercy will be inaugurated on December 8th, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and will run until November 20th of 2016 which is the solemnity of Christ the King. Archbishop Fisichella said for the first time in the history of Jubilee Years in the Church, this one offers the possibility for individual dioceses around the world to take part in the event by opening their own Holy Door, or Door of Mercy, in a cathedral, or church or at a shrine that is popular with pilgrims.

[http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/05/05/jubilee\\_year\\_of\\_mercy\\_a\\_re-awakening\\_for\\_all\\_christians/1141832](http://en.radiovaticana.va/news/2015/05/05/jubilee_year_of_mercy_a_re-awakening_for_all_christians/1141832)

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**Saint Francis Secular Franciscan Fraternity  
San Francisco**

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

**8:30 - 3:30**

**How does God Delight in us? How do we delight in God? How do we make joy**

**Key Note Speaker: Jack Clark Robinson, O.F.M.**



Raised a Southern Baptist, Jack entered the Roman Catholic Church in college and afterwards attempted to run away from a religious vocation by going to law school, but God caught up with him. He graduated from law school, passed the bar exam to become a lawyer and went off to the Franciscan seminary all within a four month span in 1979.

Once in Franciscan formation he was sent from Ohio to the Southwest, where he fell in love with the land and the people. In 1986 he became the first Franciscan ever ordained in a Native American Pueblo. He has been teaching ever since in Franciscan formation programs from New Mexico to Indiana to California to Wisconsin to Singapore.

He has worked with the Academy of American Franciscan History since 2007 and currently is the Chairman of the Members. His Franciscan brothers of Our Lady of Guadalupe Province elected him their Minister Provincial in June of 2014.

When asked if he could sum up what Jesus taught in one sentence, Jack replied, "Believe that God loves and live your life in response to that love." Jack has been trying to share that same message with others almost thirty-five years as a Franciscan friar!

**Sr. Margie Will, O.S.F.**



Margie Will, O.S.F. is a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. Drawing on the Franciscan contemplative tradition and the expressive arts, Margie is a popular teacher, preacher, retreat leader and speaker for local parish groups and national audiences. She most recently was a keynote speaker at the 2014 National Franciscan Federation Gathering in St. Louis Missouri. In 2008 Margie founded Franciscan Living, a nonprofit organization, to identify and create opportunities to assist people to embody the Franciscan Charism in their daily lives. She is currently the executive director of the Franciscan Living Urban Center for Spirituality where she leads monthly Sabbath Days of Prayer, convenes a Franciscan Presence Circle, staffs a weekly Soul-Space studio, and offers spiritual direction from a Franciscan perspective. Margie holds an M.T.S. in theology from the Franciscan School of Theology, formerly of Berkeley, as well as certificates in Spiritual Direction and Soul-Collage.

reached at [MargieW@FranciscanLiving.org](mailto:MargieW@FranciscanLiving.org).

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR 100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of St. Francis Fraternity on Oct 3, 2015**

Conference at St. Boniface Auditorium from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Sign up with donation by August 31, 2015. Suggested donation (\$20, but anything you can contribute is greatly appreciated) Please bring food to share

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# Secular Franciscan Quinquennial Gathering

June 30-July 4, 2016

St. Louis, Missouri

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*Experience a  
Franciscan  
Renaissance*

As St. Francis gathered the friars for a Chapter of Mats, the Secular Franciscan Order gathers every five years in a National Congress called the Quinquennial ("Q" for short!)

*Join your brothers and sisters!*

Rediscover the Franciscan charism and enjoy new growth and fruitfulness in your vocation.

Share your joys and your insights as we look forward to future endeavors as a National Family.

*Prayer  
Celebration*

*Renewal*

*Growth*

*Learning*

*Fraternity building*

*A rebirth of joy in your vocation*



Presentations from Friar Dan Horan and other inspired speakers

The Q is for all Secular Franciscans and members of the wider Franciscan family, Franciscan affiliates and Franciscan-hearted companions.

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Opening Mass and Dinner on Thursday Evening, June 30, 2016

Closing Mass on Sunday Evening, July 3, 2016

Departure on July 4, 2016

*Under the patronage of Sts. Francis and Clare  
and Sts. Louis and Elizabeth*

*Registration and other details coming soon!*

