



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
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PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA
MAY, 2014

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Il Poverello Fraternity
Gatherings

May 24

June 28*

July 26

*Day of Reflection/@ St. Philip's

Il Poverello Fraternity

Meeting: May 24th, 2014

St. James Catholic Church 10:00 - 2:00

Morning Prayer

Fraternity Meeting

Ongoing Formation: Falling Upward, by Richard Rohr
(Chap 5: Stumbling over the Stumbling Stone)

Inquiry Formation: Franciscan Journey
(Chapter Twelve: A Focus on Christ)

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Minister's Letter

May 2014

Dear Franciscan community and friends,

“Do you have the patience to allow the process of lifelong inner change?”

This is the essence of a question presented by Father John at the end of his homily May 4, 2014, at St. Patrick's Co-Cathedral in Billings, Montana. What a beautiful reflection to take one into deep places of growth!

As individuals and as fraternity, it is so important to have patience with ourselves and patience with our brothers and sisters. We are each imperfect yet awesome human beings, meant to reflect God's love.

Of course, we fall short many times. In day to day life, “opportunities for growth” show up to keep us humble. We have to remember that our fraternity meetings are not places of perfection, either, and we must face the challenges that come up together. When we profess, we are not professed as individual Franciscans; we profess into a community of Franciscans.

Francis and Clare both seemed to recognize the importance of community as a place for ongoing formation and accountability.

It seems that if we are being true to our vocation as Franciscans, our individual lives and our fraternity lives will not be comfortable. God calls us out of our safety zone, ready or not. Through grace and the support of each other, the process of lifelong conversion and Gospel action become possible.

Let us pray for courage and strength as we face the discomfort of God's push into new ways of life.

In peace,

Kathleen Robbiano
Minister for Il Poverello Fraternity

They therefore who were come together, asked him, saying: Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? But he said to them: It is not for you to know the times or moments, which the Father hath put in his own power: But you shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and you shall be witnesses unto me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and even to the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had said these things, while they looked on, he was raised up: and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they were beholding him going up to heaven, behold two men stood by them in white garments.

Who also said: Ye men of Galilee, why stand you looking up to heaven? This Jesus who is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come, as you have seen him going into heaven.

- 1 Acts: 6-11



The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

- Rule 9 -

The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.



Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary that never was it known that anyone who had recourse to your protection, implored your help, and sought your mediation, was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come; before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen



Franciscan Saints in May

- 3 Bl. Arthur Bell, Henry Heath, John Woodcock, et al.,
priests, martyrs of England, I Ord.
7 Bl. Agnellus of Pisa, religious, I Ord.
8 Bl. Jeremiah of Valacchia, religious, I Ord..
9 St. Catherine of Bologna, virgin, II Ord.
10 St. Ivo of Brittany, III Ord.
11 St. Ignatius of Laconi, religious, I Ord.
Bl. Antonio of St. Anne Galvoa, I Ord., founder
12 St. Leopold Mandic, priest, I Ord.
16 St. Margaret of Cortona, III Ord.
17 St. Paschal Baylon, religious, I Ord.
18 St. Felix of Cantalice, religious, I Ord.
19 St. Crispin of Viterbo, religious, I Ord.
St. Theophilus of Corte, priest, I Ord.
20 St. Bernardine of Siena, priest, I Ord.
21 Bl. Franz Jägerstätter, Martyr, III Ord.
24 Dedication of the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi **
28 St. Mariana of Jesus de Paredes, virgin, III Ord.
30 St. Ferdinand, king, III Ord.
30 St. Camilla Batista of Varano, OSC

** **May 24** - Dedication of the Patriarchal Basilica of Our Holy Father St. Francis at Assisi, and Commemoration of the Transfer of the Body of St. Francis. This feast and commemoration are observed by all the branches of the Franciscan Order. When St. Francis died in 1226, he was buried in the Church of St. George in Assisi (now a chapel in Santa Chiara, and the shrine of the original San Damiano crucifix.) Two years later St. Francis was solemnly canonized, and the building of San Francesco at the other end of the town was begun. In May, 1230, the body of the saint was transferred to the new church; and in 1253, on the anniversary of the transfer, Pope Innocent IV consecrated the Church of San Francesco. Pope Benedict XIV (1740-1758) raised it to the rank of a patriarchal basilica and papal chapel.

Birthdays & Professions:

Lynn Angeli - 5/28 Eunice Edgington, OFS - 5/05
Edd Ringlén - 5/25 Evelyn Statelzer, OFS - 6/85
John Kennedy, OFS: 6/21 - 5/20

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

Prayer Intentions

For May of the Holy Father, Pope Francis

Media: That the media may be instruments in the service of truth and peace.

Mary's Guidance: That Mary, Star of Evangelization, may guide the Church in proclaiming Christ to all nations.

Pray for moral guidance, dialogue, and compromise in decisions made by our nations' representatives and world leaders;

Pray for refugees of civil unrest especially for Syria, Ukraine, and the young girls in Nigeria, etc.

Pray for those seeking relief from changes in weather conditions i.e. tornadoes, floods, draught, etc.

Pray for immigration reform and the unification of families divided by current policies;

Pray for those suffering with illness and discouragement, that they may be healed;

Pray for reconciliation and unity within the church;

Pray for Holy Father Pope Francis, Bishop Robert Vasa, and all priests;

Pray for Tori Heart, Dick Archer, Nancy Trucker, Fr. Eric Freed, for family and friends including Evelyn, Mary Anne and Alice, Tim, and Mark; and all individual intentions.

**We fly to your patronage,
O holy Mother of God;
Despise not our petitions in our
necessities,
But deliver us always from all dangers,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.
- 3rd Century prayer**



Upcoming Events:

Saturday, June 28th 9AM to 3PM

Day of Reflection

Day of Recollection

“The Faith: It Can be *taught*, but It Must be *caught*;

A Look at conversion through the Eyes of Francis of Assisi”

Presented by: Fr. Bruce Lamb, OFM Conv.

An Area 2 Secular Franciscan Gathering

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(See attached flier to copy and distribute)

Please save this date!

The 3rd All Franciscan Family Gathering



Franciscans in the World “BE THE BRIDGE”

Bringing Christ’s Love to All

September 20, 2014

Keynote speakers:

Bishop Richard Garcia

Maria Elena Martinez, OSF

Br. John Boylan, OEF chaplain

Place:

Napredak Hall

770 Montague Expy,

San Jose

Cost: \$ 20 each (make checks to: BJSR)

Deadline: September 1, 2014 Space is limited!

Raffle to be held for those registering by September 1st.

Name _____ (with letters of Order, ie. OFS, OFM, TSSF)

Address _____

Phone _____

email _____

Language: English Spanish

I would like to be a table facilitator yes no

Special

needs _____

Buffet lunch included _____

Send to: Dianne Prior OFS 2240 Las Flores, Napa, CA 94558

Let all those in your Order and Fraternities know about this event and encourage everyone to join us!

More information:

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St. Philips the Apostle Church

3730 Bohemian Highway

Occidental, CA 95465

Presented by:



Father Bruce Lamb, OFM Conv.

**Chaplain at St. Clare Retreat
Center Soquel, CA**



*** Bring a lunch
and a healthy snack to share**

*** All are welcome**

*** Donations accepted**

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