



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 2013

DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA

*Il Poverello Fraternity
Gatherings*

Nov. 16

*Dec. 21
Day of Reflection**

Jan. 18

* see pg. 4

Il Poverello Fraternity

Gathering on November 16, 2013
St. James Catholic Church

- 9:00 Council Meeting
- 9:30 Profession Rehearsal (Patch and Council Members)
- 10:00 Mass and Profession of Patch Guglielmino
- 11:00 Reception and Potluck Lunch

(Bring your healthy - non heating dishes to share, no kitchen facility available, suggested to BYO plates, cups and utensils, Kathleen offered to bring extras to share.)

12:30 Formation: Chapter 8 in Our Journey*

* Falling Upward Discussion of Introduction at next meeting, 1/18
see questions for discussion pg. 4

LOVE THE MADONNA AND PRAY
THE ROSARY, FOR HER ROSARY
IS THE WEAPON AGAINST THE
EVILS OF THE WORLD TODAY.
SAINT PADRE PIO



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, Mary appeared to St. Dominic in 1206 after he had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy. Mary praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then gave him the Rosary as a mighty weapon, explained its uses and efficacy, and told him to preach it to others.

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order As Secular Franciscans we are constantly challenged to mindfully

Follow the rule of St Francis

Rule 9

Mary, Mother of Jesus, is the model of listening to the Word and of faithfulness to vocation; we, like Francis, see all the gospel virtues realized in her.

The brothers and sisters should cultivate intense love for the most holy virgin, imitation, prayer and filial abandonment. They should manifest their own devotion with expressions of genuine faith, in forms accepted by the Church.

Padre Pio used to tell a story:

"One day Our Lord was making His rounds of Paradise and He saw some strange faces.

He asked Peter: 'Who let these people in?'

Peter: 'There is nothing I can do.'

The Lord: 'But you have the key.'

Peter: 'There is nothing I can do, and you can't do either.'

The Lord: 'What do you mean?'

Peter: 'It's your mother. She has another key. She lets them in.' "

POPE FRANCIS SAYS,"MARY MODELS HOW TO FOLLOW CHRIST"

“She is also a model of union with Christ, be it in her daily duties, be it in the way of the Cross, until she unites herself with Him in the martyrdom of the heart,” said Pope Francis.

Because of her response, the Holy Father said, “She teaches us to live a life of faith by her obedience to God’s will, and by her unflinching devotion to Jesus and his work.”

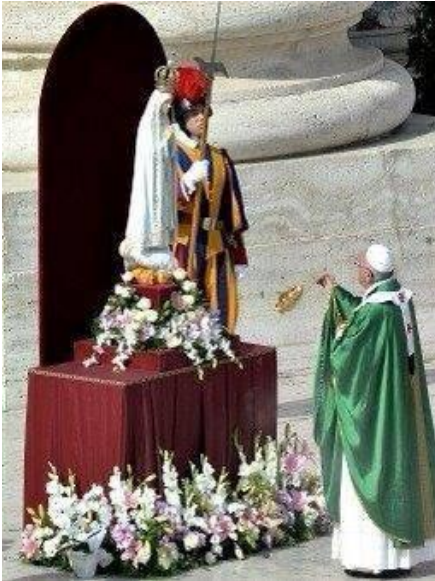
Mary obeyed, the Pope explained, as an “ordinary, humble woman” who “lives immersed in the mystery and her Yes, already perfect from the beginning, grows until the Cross, in which her maternity embraces everyone.”

“She is a model of charity, the perfect joy that comes from the Spirit, and manifests itself in a sacrificial love,” he said.

“As Mother of the Church, may Mary, by her prayers, bring us ever closer to the Lord,” he said.

Pope Francis concluded his reflections by praying that Mary “open our hearts to share his transforming and redeeming love, and inspire us to put our firm faith in God’s word, trusting in his goodness and his gracious plan for us and for our world.”

MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN AND MOTHER OF OUR CHURCH, PRAY FOR US!



“We are confident that each of us is precious in your sight. Guard our lives in your arms, bless and strengthen every desire for goodness.”

Pope Francis before the statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Prayer Requests:

We pray to the Lord...

Pray for world peace especially in Syria;

Pray for refugees of all conflicts to be sheltered, healed, and comforted;

Pray for moral guidance for world leaders;

Pray for dialogue and compromise in our country;

Pray for reconciliation and unity in the church,

Pray for Bishop Vasa and all local clergy;

Pray for our fraternity and fellow fraternities worldwide striving to live as St. Francis and St. Clare to guide us through the Rule;

Pray for Thanksgiving and gratitude as families gather;

Pray of profound thanks for all of John Kennedy’s previous ministerial efforts;

Pray of appreciation for the newly elected Ill Poverello council members; Kathleen, Eunice, Margaret and Julie;

Pray of Thanksgiving and Happy Birthday wishes for Br. Bob;

Pray for family and friends for strength in their struggles: Alice & Mary Anne, Todd, Julie, Tim, John’s family, Mark, Damien

and Br. Mateo.

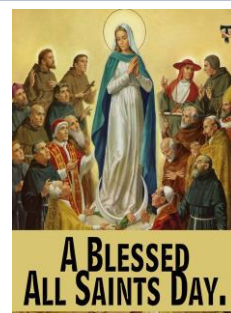
Lord, hear our prayer

Franciscan Saints in November

Nov. 1., homily by Pope Benedict XVI on "The Solemnity of All Saints"

(http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/homilies/2006/documents/hf_ben-xvi_hom_20061101_all-saints_en.htm)

- 3 Bl. Teresa Manganiello (SFO), Italy (precise date of feastday not declared)
- 4 St. Charles Borromeo, bishop, III Ord.
- 6 Bl. Alfonso Lopez, priest, and companions, martyrs [Pedro Rivera, Modesto Vegas, Dionisio Vicente, priests; Francisco Remon, Miguel Remon, religious, I Ord.
Bl. Alfonso Lopez OFM Conv., no further info-Listed under Martyrs of Valencia
- 7 St. Didacus of Alcalá, religious, I Ord. *also* Blessed Helen of Arcella (Italy)
- 8 Bl. John Duns Scotus, priest, I Ord.
- 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin, III Ord., founder
- 14 St. Nicholas Tavelic, priest, and companions, martyrs, I Ord.
- 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary, widow, III Ord., Patron of the Secular Franciscan Order
- 18 Bl. Salome, virgin, II Ord.
- 19 St. Agnes of Assisi, virgin, II Ord.
- 25 Commemoration of all the Deceased of the Franciscan Family (I,II,III Ord.)
- 25 Bl. Elizabeth of Reute, virgin, III Ord.
- 26 St. Leonard of Port Maurice, priest, I Ord.
- 27 St. Francis Anthony Fasani, priest, I Ord.
Manifestation of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (OFM Conv.)
Bl. Umile de Bisignano, religious, I Ord.
- 28 St. James of the March, priest, I Ord.
- 29 *All Saints of the Franciscan Order* (I,II,III Ord.)



St. Gertrude the Great is invoked for souls in purgatory and for living sinners. Our Lord told St. Gertrude that the following prayer would release 1000 souls from purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extended to include living sinners as well.

"Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family. Amen."

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

Results of October Elections:

COUNCIL

Minister:	Kathleen	Secretary - Newsletter Editors:	Noreen & Edd
Vice Minister:	Eunice	Librarian:	Patch
Treasurer:	Margaret	Peace & Justice - Integrity of Creation:	Edd & Noreen
Formation Director:	Julie		
Councilor*	<i>SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT BRO. BOB BRADY OFM ofmcafc@aol.com</i>		

Birthdays – Profession Anniversaries –

Evelyn Staler, OFS – 10/19

Br. Bob Brady, OFM – 11/04 Margaret Enea-Patrizi, OFS – Prof. 11/16

Eunice Edgington, OFS – 12/12 Julie Schaefer, OFS – Prof. 11/16

Kay Robbiano, OFS – 12/12



Minister's Letter:

Greetings:

Today the cold, foggy morning gave way to breezy sunshine. Upon waking from a morning nap after my all night nursing shift, I resisted the temptation to drive down to the Farmer's Market, recognizing at this point it would be a distraction.

I have food, and I believe God has given me a reflective feeling so I can truly take in the meaning of our election yesterday, and grasp the role of minister.

I am humbled by this call to serve and especially by the love and faith my brother and sister Franciscans have in me. Such a treasure. Let us all love and encourage each other to grow and expand the beams of our special lights shining in the world.

In my garden, a beautiful fragrant rose reminded me of how God cares for us. A little over a year ago, I moved into my little rental cottage. There was nothing really growing in the backyard, but I found a plain old short stick of a rose in the ground. I talked to that stick, gave it compost and water, and waited - only to discover that it grew magnificently into an amazing plant, surprising with the blooms of my absolute favorite delicious smelling rose!

God nurtures us all in unique ways so we may gloriously bloom with God's essence.

Blessings and thanks to Julie Schaefer, Eunice Edgington, and Margaret Enea-Patrizi who have also accepted elected positions for our Il Poverello Council.

Our prayers are with all who have served previously, and words cannot express the deep gratitude with which we move forward.

We ARE Christ's body

Peace and all good,

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS



December Day of Reflection



Keith Warner, OFM, coauthor of "Care of Creation", has agreed to present our December day of reflection. Keith is a professor at Santa Clara University, and teaches the connection between our spirituality and care of the environment. **Location and possible mass TBA.**

To find out more of his work here are Brother Warner's web pages:

<http://webpages.scu.edu/ftp/kwarner/franciscan.htm>

Faith, Ethics, and Vocation Project: www.scu.edu/kwarner .

Here are suggested questions for reflection from "Falling Upward", choose one to ponder and respond to:

- 1) What was your childhood faith like, and how has it changed? How do you respond to father Richard's call to make your own "discoveries of Spirit"?
- 2) In the context of the security structures created to define tribes, loyalty and identity, does the question "Is that all there is?" resonate with your experience? If so, how?
- 3) What changes do you feel called to make now that will free you up to living a larger life on behalf of the world?
- 4) How would you define "both-and" thinking? What do you think you might have to give up to be a truly both-and thinker?
- 5) In what ways could Jesus' command to "change your mind" (Mark1:15) affect your personal journey? Think about difficult situations and relationships in your life right now. How might they be challenging you and inviting you to change your mind?

[12] And immediately the Spirit drove him out into the desert. [13] And he was in the desert forty days and forty nights, and was tempted by Satan; and he was with beasts, and the angels ministered to him. [14] And after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, [15] And saying: The time is accomplished, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe the gospel.

Douay-Rheims Bible – Gospel of St. Mark