



**IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

**PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA
NOVEMBER 2014**

DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA

***Il Poverello Fraternity
Gatherings***

Nov. 22nd

Dec. 20th

Day of Reflection*

***St. Philip the Apostle Church,
Occidental***

Jan. 17th

Feb. 21st

Il Poverello Fraternity

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Minister's Letter

Peace and all good.

It appears the Holy Spirit is moving in powerful ways, for our Il Poverello is shaking. Our challenge is to look deeply, reach to Jesus in personal prayer and Eucharist, and open ourselves to the new growth that is calling.

Our candidates have requested honesty and transparency in communication. I offer my following assessment of our situation with their request in mind.

At present, Il Poverello does not have a functional council. Without a functional council, we cannot continue as a fraternity.

In the past year, fraternity members have not been consistent with meeting attendance, have expressed a desire for "less structure" and have been busy with other groups and work.

It appears that one possible solution for our group is to continue as a Franciscan inspired prayer group, eliminating the need to follow the Rule of the Secular Franciscan order.

Commitment to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order requires ongoing participation in the active life of the Catholic Church, consistent fraternity meeting attendance with active participation, involvement with other Franciscan activities and preferably a fraternity apostolate, and giving the Secular Franciscan Order priority over other activities, with the exception of family needs.

This is presented as a reality check, not a judgment of anyone. Any religious order is demanding for its members, and many of us probably did not realize the truth of the call into a secular order. ("I have been duped, Oh Lord!")

St Francis Fraternity in San Francisco is available for those persons who wish to follow the structure and Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, and the place of meeting, the Tenderloin district of San Francisco, is truly an inspiration to follow the example of Francis who lived and worked among the very least of his brothers and sisters, seeing Christ in them all.

Our meeting November 22 will be a working meeting to discuss our direction, and hopefully will include visitors from St. Francis Fraternity and the Regional Council. Please continue your prayers and discernment as the work of the Spirit continues.

In Christ's love,

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS

Il Poverello Fraternity

Formation meeting

Sunday, Nov. 16th

St. Francis Fraternity, San Francisco

In the Living Rm. on Golden Gate Ave.

1:30 Chapter 15 - *Franciscan Journey*

Fraternity meeting

Saturday, Nov. 22nd

St. James Church, Petaluma

Rm. 9

9:00 Council Meeting

10:00 Meeting - Prayer

Discuss future of Il Poverello

12:00 Break for Lunch

12:30 Chapter 8 - *Falling Upward*

Gospel MT 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him.

And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right,

'Come, you who are blessed by my Father.

Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'

Then the righteous will answer him and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?'

And the king will say to them in reply,

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Then he will say to those on his left,

'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.'

Then they will answer and say,

'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?'

He will answer them,

'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

- Rule 5 -

Secular Franciscans, therefore, should seek to encounter the living and active person of Christ in their brothers and sisters, in Sacred Scripture, in the Church, and in liturgical activity. The faith of St. Francis, who often said, "I see nothing bodily of the Most High Son of God in this world except his most holy body and blood," should be the inspiration and pattern of their Eucharistic life.

Prayer Intentions ...

Of the Holy Father for the month of November:

Pope Francis' universal prayer intention is:

"That all who suffers loneliness may experience the closeness of God and the support of others".

Scripture John 14: 15-21: "I will not leave you orphans."

His intention for evangelization is:

"That young seminarians and religious may have wise and well-formed mentors".

Scripture Luke 8: 4-8: "Some seed fell on good soil, and when it grew, it produced fruit a hundredfold."

Prayer of the Month

How long, O Lord? Will you utterly forget me?
How long will you hide your face from me? How long shall I harbor sorrow in my soul, grief in my heart day after day? Look, answer me, O Lord, my God! Let my heart rejoice in your salvation; let me sing of the Lord, "He has been good to me."

Birthdays Profession

Anniversaries

Evelyn Stateler, OFS – 10/19

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

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

Kathleen Robbiano, OFS – 12/12



We must empty Purgatory with our prayers.

-St. Padre Pio



Prayer for Holy Souls in Purgatory



Our Lord promised Saint Gertrude that 1000 souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly.

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.

November – Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

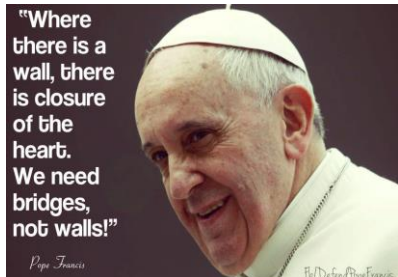
1. **Feast of All Saints – Holy day of Obligation**
2. **Commemoration of all of the Faithfully Departed –**
Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites a Pater and a Credo
3. **Bl. Helene Enselmini**, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1231
4. **St. Charles Borromeo**, Bishop,
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1584
5. **Feast of the Saints Relics**
6. **Bl. Marguerite de Lorraine**, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1521
7. **Bl. Raynier d'Arezzo**, lay brother,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304
8. **Bl. Jean Duns Scot**, Priest,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1308
9. **Bl. Gabriel Ferritti**, Priest,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1456
10. **Bl. Louis Guanella**, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1915
11. **Bl. Marie-Crucifixe**, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1745
12. **Bl. Jean de la Paix**, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order Regular
[living in community, under a Rule], d. 1340
13. **St. Didace d'Alcala**, lay brother,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1463
14. **St. Nicolas Tavelic and Companions**, Martyrs,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1391
15. **Bl. Sebastien de Jesus**, lay brother,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. **St. Agnes of Assisi**, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1253
17. **Bl. Jeanne de Signa**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1307
18. **Bl. Salomee de Cracovie**, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1268
19. **St. Elizabeth of Hungry**, Virgin
Patroness of Franciscan Third Order Secular,
Plenary Indulgence (renewal of Tertiary engagement), d. 1231
20. **Bl. Migagros Ortells**, Virgin, Capuchin religious, Martyr 1936
21. **Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary**
22. **Bl. Salvator Lilli**, Priest,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1895
23. **Bl. Marie de Jesus Bon Pasteur**, Virgin,
religious of the Third-Order Regular
[living in community, under a Rule], d. 1902
24. **Bl. Timothy Trajonowski**, lay brother,
Conventual religious, martyr 1942
25. **Bl. Gumble de Bisignano**, lay brother,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1637
26. **St. Leonard de Port-Maurice**, Priest,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1751
27. **St. Francois-Antoine Fasani**, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1742
28. **St. Jacques de la Marche**, Priest,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1476
29. **Saints of the Seraphic Order**
30. **Bl. Antoine Bonfandini**, Priest,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482

We pray to the Lord...

For the faithful departed who have gone before us;
For world peace especially for those fleeing conflicts;
For all refugees seeking shelter and comfort;
For moral guidance in dialogue and compromise
among world leaders in making their decisions;
For Healing and Recovery of those out on parole
(special intention);
For in reconciliation and unity in the church;
For Pope Francis, guidance in directing the church and
for Bishop Vasa and the Santa Rose diocese;
For our fraternity and the fraternities worldwide
striving to live as St. Francis through the Rule;
For families gathering together this Thanksgiving;
For Il Poverello fraternity family and friends, increased
strength in their struggles, especially for Sebastian
Johnson, Patch's great-grandson, recuperating post-
surgery after 230 ft. fall from cliff in Bodega and
rushed to Children's Hospital Oakland.

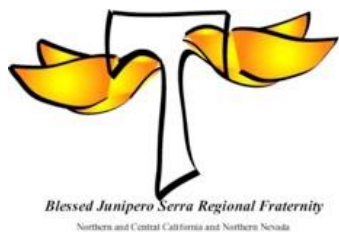
Lord, hear our prayer





On Nov. 9th, the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, Pope Francis said, "Wherever there is a wall, there is a closed heart. We need bridges, not walls!"

Read more: <http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/we-need-bridges-not-walls-pope-says-on-berlin-wall-anniversary/#ixzz3IgxTu39j>



Link to Blessed Junipero Serra Region Ministers' Message:

[http://www.juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/](http://www.juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional_News/Entries/2014/MinisterMSG/Nov2014.pdf)

[Regional_News/Entries/2014/MinisterMSG/Nov2014.pdf](http://www.juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional_News/Entries/2014/MinisterMSG/Nov2014.pdf)

See Regional Minister's, Deacon Tom Bello OFS, letter requesting prayers for our fraternities through the Luminous Mysteries of the rosary.

Upcoming events:

December Day of Reflection

12/20/2014

St. Philip the Apostle Church

Eunice shared that she is registered for an upcoming Franciscan Spirituality Retreat at the San Damiano Retreat Center on January 9th – 11th presented by Fr. Michael Crosby, OFM Cap. He's a member of the Midwest (Detroit) Province of the Capuchin Franciscans. He lives in fraternity with other brothers in a parish in downtown Milwaukee that serves people who are poor and marginalized. He splits his ministry between writing and giving retreats and lectures throughout the United States and across the world. He has written many books and produced DVDs of lectures. There is a blog site:
<http://datinggod.org/2012/07/25/st-francis-and-being-true-peacemakers/>

SIGN UP FOR FR. BARRON'S FREE ADVENT REFLECTIONS!

Fr. Robert Barron's Word On Fire Blogs

<http://www.wordonfire.org/resources/blog/sign-up-for-fr-barrons-free-advent-reflections/4532/>

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>

Radical call to New Evangelization:

<http://www.osservatoreromano.va/en/news/popes-radical-call-new-evangelization#.U8BVUPldXHQ>

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional Newsletter:

http://juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional_News/Entries/2014/10/MOJ_2014_Summer.pdf

