



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Joy for the Journey

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA

NOVEMBER 2015

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Nov. 22nd

Dec. 6th

Jan. 24th

Feb. 28th

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY MEETING

November 22nd

St. James Church, Petaluma

Fraternity Meeting 1:30 – 3:30

Ongoing Formation: *Laudato Si'* – (Chapter 4: *Integral Ecology*)

Opening and Closing Prayers – Mark Kronke

3:30 -4:30 Candidates Formation: *Franciscan Journey* –

(Chapters 27 & 32: *Bearers of Peace & Enriching the Franciscan spirit*)

Initial Formation: Diane Prior meeting with new members

~ Anyone who wishes can join together for 5pm Mass at St James

Il Poverello Fraternity

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Minister's Letter

November 2015

Dear Franciscan family and friends,

We are blessed beyond belief in our community where Il Poverello members live, and every day is a day to be thankful. This month brings us a day to reflect and express to God what we are grateful for - a reminder for every day.

In December, we will profess four new Secular Franciscans. This is an exciting step for them, and truly a gift for our fraternity, since new life and ideas abound! One exciting project that is taking off is a plan to help other fraternities in the region (along with ours). "Go Green" is a project to introduce sustainable lifestyles to others. There will be more to discuss on this in the months to come.

As I continue my discussion with God about my search for work, there are little reminders that show up daily about the greater world around us, and such big struggles that many people endure. I am humbled by my little concerns when so much suffering exists, and wish there was more I could do. I am sure we all have that wish.

I have a quote to share from Thomas Merton, who was a Secular Franciscan. It comes from a beautiful book "Thoughts in Solitude".

"Poverty means need. To make a vow of poverty and never go without anything, never have to need something without getting it, is to try to mock the Living God."

As I leave on November 5 for retreat at Redwoods Monastery, where Merton visited during his life, I will dig deeper into how God may be calling me to new perspective and practice in this "poverty" as a Franciscan. I will pray for all of us Franciscans as we seek daily to answer the call with more clarity.

May God give you peace,

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

Scripture reading for Sunday November 29th Feast of the Saints of the Seraphic Order

LK 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples:

“There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves.

People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

“Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.”

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

- Rule 18 -

Moreover they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which “bear the imprint of the Most High,” and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship.

Prayer Intentions ...

Of the Holy Father for the month of November:

Universal Intention - Dialogue.

That we may be open to personal encounter and dialogue with all, even those whose convictions differ from our own.

Evangelization Intention - Pastors.

That pastors of the Church, with profound love for their flocks, may accompany them and enliven their hope.

Our Prayer Intentions ...

Let us pray

For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Tom Bello, John, Mary Anne and Alice, Evelyn, Fr. Barry Brunzman, Br. Mateo, for Elaine Stevick, and John Norris, as well as Anthony, Ken, Tim, Theresa and Mark;

For all of the penitential fraternities worldwide striving to live through the Rule of St. Francis and St. Clare, for all who will soon be professed into a Franciscan Order;

For our brother and sister Dominicans celebrating their 800 yrs. as an order;

For all religious to be guided through the Holy Spirit to be the feet and hands as our Lord's evangelizers;

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

For our nation, as it prepares for another series of elections for representatives, that the electorate is guided to choose those who will seek the common good for everyone;

For all the servicemen and women who are daily sacrificing their lives for the benefit of our nation;

For the elimination of nuclear weapons and nuclear power plants worldwide;

For healing and restoration for those who are recovering from natural and man-made disasters, and for all fire fighters and rescuers who assist those displaced by the nation's fires;

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

For everyone to demonstrate Faithfulness and Gratitude;

For these and all our intentions,

We pray to the Lord.



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.

Birthdays

Profession

Anniversaries

Br. Bob Brady, OFM – 11/04

Julie Schaefer, OFS – 11/16

Eunice Edgington, OFS – 12/12

Margaret Enea-Patrizi, OFS - 11/16

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November – Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

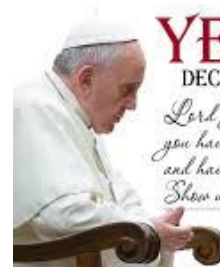
1. Feast of All Saints – Holy day of Obligation
2. Commemoration of all of the Faithfully Departed –
Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites a Pater and a Credo
3. Bl. Helen Enselmini, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1231
4. St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop,
Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1584
5. Feast of the Saints Relics
6. Bl. Margaret of Lorraine, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1521
7. Bl. Raynier of Arezzo, lay brother,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1304
8. Bl. John Duns Scotus, 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. Mary Crucifixa, Virgin, the Franciscan 3rd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1826
12. Bl. John of Peace, Confessor, religious of the Third-Order
Regular
[living in community, under a Rule], d. 1340
13. St. Didacus of Alcalá, lay brother,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1463
14. St. Nicholas Tavelich 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. Jane of Signa, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1307
18. Bl. Salome of Cracow, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order;
a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1268
19. St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 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. Humilis of Bisignano, lay brother,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1637
26. St. Leonard of Port Maurice, Priest,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1751
27. St. Francis Anthony Fasani, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1742
28. St. James of the March, Priest,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1476
29. Saints of the Seraphic Order
30. Bl. Anthony Bonfadini, Priest,
religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482

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.*



YEAR OF MERCY

DECEMBER 8TH, 2015 - NOVEMBER 20TH, 2016

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,
and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.
Show us your face and we will be saved.*





Care for Creation

As a follow up to our reading and discussion of *Laudato Si'*, we are inspired to share lifestyle changes that are needed to encourage sustainable living practices locally and throughout our regional fraternities. This can be our way of assisting others in understanding the message of Pope Francis.

Here is a way to help save while packaging treats and gifts to be shared. There is a beautiful tradition in Japan of cloth wrapping for carrying and presenting presents to family and friends. It is called Furoshiki. Below are Instructive links on how easy it can be to reuse these beautiful cloths and minimize waste:

Furoshiki, the traditional Japanese wrapping cloth

<http://www.nicjapanese.com/english/e-cul-furoshiki.html>

How to Do Furoshiki (Wrap and Carry Things With Square Cloth) [http://www.wikihow.com/Do-Furoshiki-\(Wrap-and-Carry-Things-With-Square-Cloth\)](http://www.wikihow.com/Do-Furoshiki-(Wrap-and-Carry-Things-With-Square-Cloth))

This article introduces the deceptively deep history of Japanese wrapping cloth, from its inception to its design and usability.

<http://ignition.co/9>

Upcoming Events

Please save this date and join members of

Il Poverello Fraternity

in celebrating the profession of our candidates:

Susan Forsyth Mark Kroncke
Edd and Noreen Ringlein

1 PM on Sunday, December 6th

St. James Church

125 Sonoma Mtn. Parkway,
Petaluma, CA 94954

~ Reception potluck will follow the ceremony in the church hall

Franciscan 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

Digital Franciscans:

<http://www.digitalfranciscans.com/>

Franciscan Action Network (FAN):

<http://franciscanaction.org/>

www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org

San Damiano retreats calendar:

<http://sandamiano.org/retreats-programs/retreats-calendar>

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional Newsletter:

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

SIGN UP FOR BISHOP BARRON'S FREE ADVENT REFLECTIONS!

Bishop Robert Barron's Word On Fire Blogs

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



Blessed Junipero Serra Regional Fraternity

Northern and Central California and Northern Nevada