



**IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY  
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

***JOY FOR THE JOURNEY***

**PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA  
OCTOBER, 2013**

**DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA**

*Il Poverello Fraternity  
Gatherings*

**Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> St James**

**Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat.)**

**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> Advent**  
*Day of Reflection*  
*St Phillips Occidental*

***Il Poverello Fraternity***  
**Gathering**

**October 26, 2013**

**St. James Catholic Church**

**10:00-2:00 Office of Hours**

**Reflections on the "Our Father"**

**Council Elections**

**Formation Chapter 7 in Our Journey**



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

**As Secular Franciscans we are constantly challenged to mindfully**

**Follow the rule of St Francis**

**Article 21**

On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister who are elected by the professed according to the constitutions. Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community. Within themselves the fraternities are structured in different ways according to the norm of the constitutions, according to the various needs of their members and their regions, and under the guidance of their respective council.

**Luke 17: 5-10<sup>5</sup> *The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'***

**<sup>6</sup> *The Lord replied, 'If you had faith like a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.***

**<sup>7</sup> *'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal at once"?***

**<sup>8</sup> *Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper ready; fasten your belt and wait on me while I eat and drink. You yourself can eat and drink afterwards"?***

**<sup>9</sup> *Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told?***

**<sup>10</sup> *So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are useless servants: we have done no more than our duty."'***

## **In October:** PSALM 142 IN THE TRANSITUS OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

A devotion familiar to all Franciscans which has survived the test of years is the Transitus. Each year on the third evening of October, we ritually remember the passing of Francis of Assisi from this life into God. St Francis died on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, just after sunset, so his feast is October 4<sup>th</sup>.



**In his dying moment, Francis, the Poverello recited Ps. 142.**

### **Psalm 142**

With a loud voice I cry out to the Lord  
My complaint I pour out before him; before him I bare my distress.  
When my spirit is faint within me, you know my path  
In the way along which I walk they have hid a trap for me.  
I look to the right to see, but there is no one who pays me heed.  
I have lost all means of escape; there is no one who cares for my life.  
With a loud voice I cry out to the Lord  
I say, 'You are my refuge my portion in the land of the living.  
Attend to my cry, for I am brought low indeed.  
Rescue me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me  
Lead me forth from this prison, that I may give thanks to your name.  
The just shall gather around me when you have been good to me

### **Let us pray:**

O God, on this day you granted the reward of blessed eternity to our blessed Father Francis mercifully grant that we who celebrate with tender devotion the memory of his death may have the joy of sharing in his eternal glory. Through Jesus Christ Your Son Our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### **Birthdays**

Evelyn Stateler 10-19

Bro Bob Brady 11-4

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#### **Professions: 11-16-02**

Julie A Schaefer

Margaret Enea-Petrizi





## Franciscan Saints in October

### October – Month of the Holy Rosary and the Holy Angels

1. Bl. Nicolas de Forca, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1449
2. Bl. Antoine Chevrier, Priest, religious of the Third-Order Regular d. 1879
3. St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Patron of France; St. Marie-Joseph Tossello, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1880
- 4. Solemnity of our Seraphic Father St. Francis, d. 1226,**
5. Commemoration of the establishment of the 3 Orders
6. St. Marie-Francoise des Cinq Plaies, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular
7. Feast of the Holy Rosary
8. St. Brigitte de Suede, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1373
9. Bl. Marie-Angele Truscowska, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1899
10. St. Francois Borgia, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1572; and St. Daniel and Companions, Religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Martyrs, d. 1227
11. Bl. Marie-Cruciflee, 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

**October 4, 1226**

### DEVOTION TO SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

O beloved Saint Francis, gentle and poor, your obedience to God and your simple, deep love for all God's creatures led you to the heights of heavenly perfection and turned many hearts to follow God's will.

Now, in our day, pray also for us, in our ministry to the many who come here searching for peace and intercede for us as we come before the Lord with our special requests.

***[Mention your special intention.]***

O blessed Saint of God, from your throne among the hosts of heaven present our petitions before our faithful Lord. May your prayers on our behalf be heard and may God grant us the grace to lead good and faithful lives. Amen.

Saint Francis of Assisi, Pray for us.  
Amen.



**POPE FRANCIS PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI, ITALY.** On Oct. 4, 2013, Pope Francis shared bread with poor people and kissed the disabled during his pilgrimage to the hilltop town of Assisi. Pope Francis asked the faithful to follow the example of the 13th-century St. Francis, who renounced a wealthy lifestyle to embrace a life of poverty and service to the poor. God told St. Francis to "repair my house," and the first pope to take the saint's name seems to embrace this as his mission. The pope said St. Francis was a radical himself in his complete devotion to his faith, this is a model that can serve all Catholics. Pope Francis emphasized goals for his church during his visit to the hilltop town of Assisi.



**Pope Francis leaves the tomb of St. Francis**

**A CHURCH 'THAT IS POOR AND FOR THE POOR':** Pope Francis ate lunch with the poor at a soup kitchen after challenging the faithful to "strip" themselves of their attachment to wealth, which he said is killing the church and its souls. Then he appropriately made an appeal in the simple room where St. Francis stripped off his clothes and vowed to live a life of poverty.

**A CHURCH THAT WELCOMES AND DOESN'T JUDGE:** Pope Francis stopped first at a care home that cares for seriously disabled children. Francis caressed and kissed each child, saying their "scars need to be recognized and listened to".

**A FEMININE CHURCH:** Pope Francis has noted that the church itself is female, that Jesus Christ was married to the church, and that Mary is more significant than all the apostles. In the Basilica of St. Clare, Pope Francis urged nuns to be joyful mothers to the church. He expressed, "It makes me sad when I find sisters who aren't joyful,"

**A CHURCH THAT IS 'MESSY' AND GOES OUTSIDE THE SACRISTY:** Pope Francis hopes the church will spread the faith, just like St. Francis. During a stop early in the day, the pope gave a eulogy for all migrants lost at sea in a shipwreck off Lampedusa. Pope Francis deplored a "globalization of indifference," and declared Friday "a day of tears."

**A CHURCH THAT WORKS FOR PEACE AND CARES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT:** In Assisi, a town know for peace pilgrimages, Pope Francis spoke of a need to "love one another as I have loved you," Let us listen to the cry of all those who are weeping, who are suffering and who are dying because of violence, terrorism or war, in the Holy Land, so dear to Saint Francis, in Syria, through out the Middle East and everywhere in the world.

**A REFORMED CHURCH:** Pope Francis prayed in the sanctuary at St Damiano, where St Francis was told by God to rebuild his broken church. The pope came to Assisi after days of meetings with church leaders focusing on how to adjust how the Catholic Church is governed. Just as St Francis wished, these reforms are to include lay men and women more fully in the evangelization of the church.



*Peace and all good to each and every one of you!*

## Prayer Requests

Pray for world peace especially in Syria;  
Pray for refugees of all conflict to be sheltered,  
healed, and comforted;  
Pray for moral guidance for world leaders;  
Prayer for dialogue and compromise in our  
country;  
Pray for reconciliation and unity in the church;  
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 guidance and inspiration for October  
elections;  
Pray for family and friends for strength in their  
struggles: Alice & Mary Anne, Todd, Julie, Tim,  
John's family, Mark, Br. Mateo, & Damien  
Lord, hear our prayer



*O God, Who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation, Through Christ, our Lord. Amen*

## IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

### Nominations for October Elections:

#### PROFESSED ONLY:

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### Links :

**The National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order-USA:**

[http://www.nafra-sfo.org/monthly\\_Jun12.html](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/monthly_Jun12.html)

**Tau-USA- Newsletter:** [http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau\\_newarticles.html](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html)

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



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