



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

Joy for the Journey

PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA
OCTOBER, 2015

DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY GATHERINGS

Oct. 25th

Meeting at St. James

Nov. 22nd

Meeting at St. James

Jan. 24th

Meeting at St. James

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY MEETING

October 25th, 2015

St. James Catholic Church

Fraternity Meeting: 1:30 - 3:30

Ongoing Formation: *Laudato Si'* - (see link to study guide in *Franciscan Web Links*)
(Chapter 3: *The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis*)

3:30 - 4:30

Candidates Formation: : *Franciscan Journey* -
(Chapter 22: *Foundations for the Kingdom*)

FUN Manual: Review section: "Vocations"

Initial Formation: Diane Prior and new members

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

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Minister's Letter

October 2015

Dear Franciscan family and friends,

Let us celebrate with thanksgiving the feast of St. Francis of Assisi this month! It is a wonderful opportunity to read stories about Francis and Clare again, share with others about the Franciscan charism, and reflect on our own vocation as Franciscans.

Several members of our Il Poverello fraternity attended an October 3rd event at St. Boniface Church, commemorating the 100 year anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity being in the Tenderloin neighborhood of San Francisco. Father John Hardin presided at the Mass, and reminded us that "the Spirit of the Lord is upon us"- we are meant to be out in the world doing the work of Jesus. Father Jack Clark Robinson and Sister Margie Will inspired us to appreciate the moments when we are thrown off guard and feel confused, for this is the fertile time to seek God and God's true purpose for us. Their insights into Franciscan joy were life-giving and practical. And a quote of St. Francis shared with us- "You only know as much as you do"- showed us that we are to imitate Christ, not just be content to worship Him in our comfort zone.

Our current Pope Francis continues to point us to the margins of society for active ministry. He provides a contemporary example of how choosing simplicity and offering love and mercy can be healing for so many people one encounters.

Remember that as Franciscans we are called to be different. There are comforts and luxuries we are asked to let go of so that we may be freer to live as the face of Jesus for our world.

This life, with the grace of God, leads to true Franciscan joy!

Peace and all good,

Kathleen Robbiano

Minister for Il Poverello Fraternity

Scripture Reading for Oct. 15th

Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Luke 11:47-54

The Lord said: "Woe to you who build the memorials of the prophets whom your fathers killed.

Consequently, you bear witness and give consent to the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them and you do the building.

Therefore, the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and Apostles; some of them they will kill and persecute' in order that this generation might be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who died between the altar and the temple building.

Yes, I tell you, this generation will be charged with their blood!

Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge. You yourselves did not enter and you stopped those trying to enter."

When Jesus left, the scribes and Pharisees began to act with hostility toward him and to interrogate him about many things, for they were plotting to catch him at something he might say.

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

- Rule 8 -

As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do.

Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.

REFLECTIONS ON THE POPE FRANCIS'S

OCTOBER MONTHLY INTENTIONS

Universal: HUMAN TRAFFICKING

That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.

Pope Francis has said that human trade is a "vile activity, a disgrace to our societies that claim to be civilized. Exploiters and clients at all levels should make a serious examination of conscience both in the first person and before God". For this reason, he added, "today the Church is renewing her urgent appeal that the dignity and centrality of every individual always be safeguarded, with respect for fundamental rights".

(Address to participants at the Plenary Assembly of the Pontifical Council for the Pastoral Care of Migrants and Itinerant People, 24 May 2013)

Evangelization: MISSION IN ASIA

That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.

22. God's word is unpredictable in its power. The Gospel speaks of a seed which, once sown, grows by itself, even as the farmer sleeps (Mk 4:26-29). The Church has to accept this unruly freedom of the word, which accomplishes what it wills in ways that surpass our calculations and ways of thinking.

*APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION "EVANGELII GAUDIUM"
24 November 2013*

Birthdays and Profession Anniversaries

Br. Bob Brady, OFM **Margaret Enea-Patrizi, OFS**
11/4 11/16/2002

Evelyn Stateler, OFS **Julie A. Schaefer, OFS**
10/19 11/16/2002

J. Patch Guglielmino, OFS
11/16/2013



Care of Creation

Il Poverello is a reference to our founder, St. Francis of Assisi, the Poor One. Therefore, in seeking to "live simply, so that others may simply live" we declare ourselves to be a "**Sustainable Fraternity**"- which means that for future gatherings we are asked to remember to bring our own cup, bowl/plate, utensils and napkin. This will help eliminate the need to throw things away.



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 [living in community, under a Rule], 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,**
Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers
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 Truszkowska**, 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. **Feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady**
12. **St. Seraphine de Montegrano**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1604
13. **Bl. Pacifique de Valence**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
14. **St. Jean de Dukla**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1936
15. **Bl. Sebastien de Jesus**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1734
16. **Bl. Anicet de Dbrzno**, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1941
17. **Bl. Balthazar de Chiavari**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1490
18. **Bl. Jacques de Strepa**, Bishop, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1409
19. **St. Pierre de Alcantara**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1512
20. **Bl. Contardo Ferrini**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1902
21. **Bl. Martyrs of Polonais**, d. 1941-42
22. **Bl. Jean-Baptiste Bullaker**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order,
martyr 1642
23. **St. Anthony Mary Claret**, Bishop,
had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1870
24. **Bl. Josephine Leroux**, Virgin, the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister,
martyr 1794
25. **Bl. Maria Veronica Masia Ferragut, Bl. Maria Felicidad Masia Ferragut,**
and **Bl. Jesus Masia Ferragut**, Virgins, Capuchin religious, Martyrs 1936
26. **Bl. Martyrs of the War of Spain**, 1936-37
27. **Bl. Bonaventure de Potenza**, Priest, Conventual religious, d. 1711
28. **Bl. Anne-Eugenie Picco**, Virgin,
had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1921
29. **Bl. Thomas de Florence**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1447
30. **Bl. Ange d'Acre**, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1739
31. **Bl. Christophe de Cahors**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1272



*Angel of God, my Guardian dear,
to whom His love commits me here,
ever this day be at my side,
to light and guard, to rule and guide. Amen.*



Our Prayer Intentions ...

Let us pray

For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, Tom Bello, Mary Anne and Alice, Evelyn, John, Fr. Barry Brunsmann, Fr. John Vaughn, Fr. Fabrizio, Br. Mateo, for Elaine Stevick, as well as Anthony, Ken, Tim 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 Pope Francis and all church leaders, guidance in directing the church, for openness to Pope Francis' addresses to all nations;

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

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 rescue personnel who are also confronting the nation's fires;

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

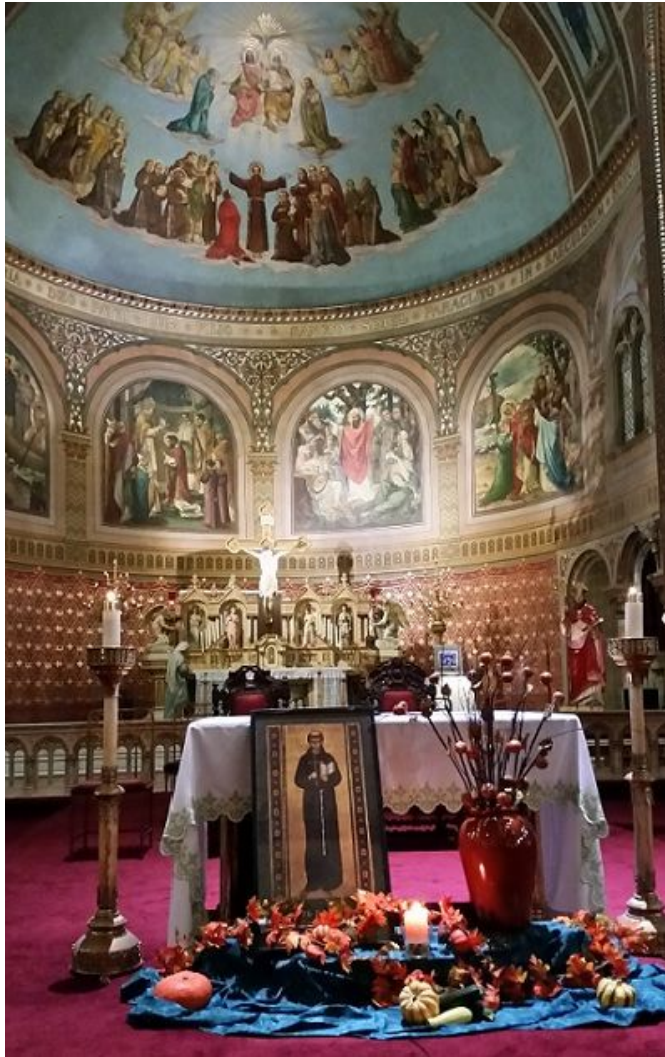
For these and all our intentions, we pray to the Lord.

**Saint Francis Secular Franciscan
Fraternity of San Francisco
Celebration of their 100th Anniversary
On Saturday October 3rd, 2015
The theme of the day:**

How does God delight in us?

How do we delight in God?

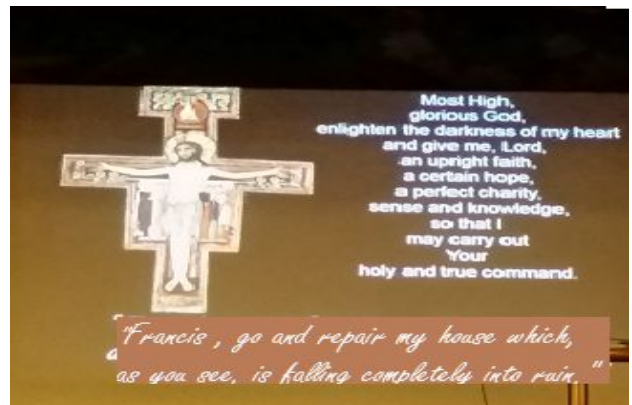
How do we make joy?



St. Boniface Church

**Conversion: The Heart of Franciscan Joy
Presented by Fr. Jack Clark Robinson, O.F.M.**

Fr. Jack discussed St. Francis' final Testament before his death through his Story of what it means to have Perfect Joy that he presented to Br. Leo while on their walk from Perugia to St. Mary of the Angels. This journey occurred on a cold winter's day and to keep their minds off of their suffering, Francis would tell Br. Leo things that we would find to be marvelous, but would not achieve the status of Perfect Joy. This continued for their whole journey.



"The Lord gave me, Br. Francis, while in sin, what seemed bitter to me, but was changed to sweetness." St. Francis was referring to his confronting the leper followed by his working among them.

Being thrown off guard; forced to make changes in his World view.

In his confusion, finding God; recognizing God in others.

Turning away from Authority; seeing the difference in the Will of God and man-made laws.

Time to enter into a life of Penance, a new Franciscan point of view. Penance that is not a Payment; that is not a Punishment; but a Promise. This Promise is to do something, to make our lives with God and with others better! The Promise of God's Love is the true source of JOY!

Love the God within – enter into the Promise;

Action – demonstrates this love to others;

Prayer – doing the will of God, discovering God in the day to day action and prayer.

**The Heart of Joy – The way of life
Presented by Sr. Margie Will, O.S.F.**

Sr. Margie reminded us of what we're given in Rule 4: . . . going from gospel to life and life to gospel. Joy comes from the Greek CHARA where we get charism, meaning Grace. Joy is rooted in grace. One finds life, hope, and joy only by giving life, hope and joy. To achieve that authentic life, you must be present and grounded in reality, because how we present ourselves to others is how we are presenting ourselves to God.

Imitation of Jesus is embracing reality as a means of prayer. For Francis Being is Doing, offering what we have, and receiving what we need in return. Since everything belongs to God, we receive it as a gift and must continuously be grateful. Therefore, Authentic Life is being Present in the presence of God.

Fr. Jack concluded with the summation of St. Francis's Testament of his life. Such as substituting personal possessions with spiritual. Letting go of the Old Authorities: parents, teachers, family and social members; leaving the world and entering into, embracing the New Authorities. Discovery of the creator in His creation means going to the margins and fringes of society. See as God sees; Hear as God hears; Feel as God feels; Love as God loves, and to touch the world as God touches the world. Discover the humility of God who has hidden Himself in a wafer of bread, giving of Himself totally.



Upcoming Events

Please save this date
and join members of the

Il Poverello Fraternity

in celebrating the profession
of our candidates:

Susan Forsyth

Mark Kroncke

Noreen Ringlein

Edd Ringlein

1 PM on Sunday,
December 6th

At St. James Church

125 Sonoma Mtn. Parkway,
Petaluma, CA 94954

Care for Creation

Introducing a new column in honor of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis's view of how human interaction has had a negative effect on the condition of our common home. This is being offered as a means to help bring attention to how many of the things that we accept as harmless, may actually be adding to the negative consequences that is harming Mother Nature. Hopefully, by sharing what we know and by offering alternatives we can bring about solutions to help reverse current trends.

As your representatives of our fraternity's Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation committee, we are asking for your input. Because little things can have huge results, all suggestions are good, such as . . .



Franciscan Web Links:

Study Guide to Laudato Si':

<http://francis35.org/pdf/laudatesi/Laudato%20Si%20Study%20Guide%20English.screen.pdf>

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

Blessed Junipero Serra Regional Newsletter:

[http://juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional News/Entries/2014/10/MOJ_2014_Summer.pdf](http://juniperoserraregion.com/juniperoserraregion.com/Regional%20News/Entries/2014/10/MOJ_2014_Summer.pdf)

Franciscan Action Network (FAN):

<http://franciscanaction.org/> www.FranciscanEarthCorps.org

Messengers of Joy, Regional Newsletter:

<https://www.luminpdf.com/viewer/yHcyZZeNuiwi2YK6R>

Franciscans for Justice:

<http://www.franciscansforjustice.org/>

Il Poverello website (under construction):

<http://ofsilpov.org>

