



Il Poverello Fraternity
Secular Franciscan Order

JOY FOR THE JOURNEY

Petaluma, California
September 2013

DEUS MEUS ET OMNIA

IL POVERELLO
FRATERNITY
COUNCIL GATHERINGS

Sept 21- Day of reflection
has been cancelled

Sept 22- Day of Sharing
in Napa – see box-->

Sept 28- Regular meeting
at St. James Parish Hall
Petaluma, CA

Oct. 26

Nov. 16

Birthdays –
Profession
Anniversaries -

Cindy Cunningham
Birth date: 9/15/1953

Evelyn Stateler, OFS
Birth date:
10/19/1922

Appearance of the
Stigmata of
Holy Father Francis
9/17
St. Francis of Assisi
Feast Day 10/4



THEME: "COME AND SEE"

Reflections by: Bro. Bob Brady, OFM
September 22, 2013 (Sunday)

Sponsored by: Portiuncula Fraternity and AREA 2
St. Thomas Aquinas Church
2725 Elm St., Napa, CA
1p-4pm - free to attend
Light refreshments provided



According to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, "The Church's social teaching comprises a body of doctrine, which is articulated as the Church interprets events in the course of history, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit..." (#2422). The rich tradition of Catholic Social Teaching is "always living and active" (#2421).

The prophets also championed God's desire for peace. The prophet Micah echoed the vision of Isaiah: *They shall beat their swords into plowshares,...*

*One nation shall not raise the sword against another,
nor shall they train for war again. (4:3; cf. Isaiah 2:4).*

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

As Secular Franciscans we are constantly challenged to mindfully

Follow the rule of St Francis

Article 26

As a concrete sign of communion and co-responsibility, . . . shall ask for suitable and well-prepared religious for spiritual assistance. . .

To promote fidelity to the charism . . . ask for a regular pastoral visit . . . as well as for a fraternal visit from those of the higher fraternities, . .

Meeting Sept. 28th at 10:00 * St. James Hall, Rm. 9

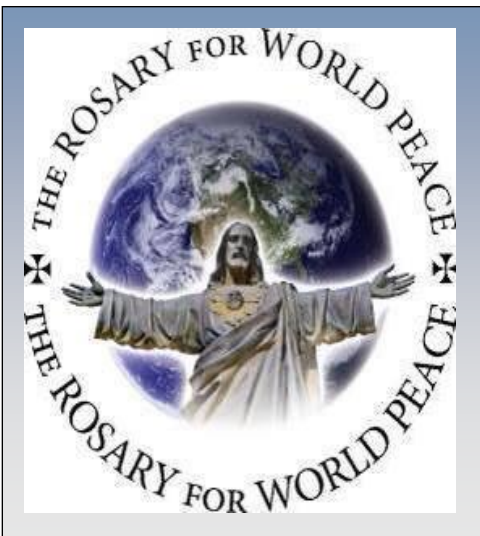
Regular meeting - with Margaret, Julie, Brother Bob and Evelyn. Eunice and Kay will not be in attendance as announced.

Reading: Chapter 33 – Franciscan Family Connections

Candidates: Chapter 6 – Writings & Stories of Francis and Clare

Preparation for election – where is the Holy Spirit taking our professed?

IMPORTANT SEPT AND OCT GATHERINGS!



Letter from the Grand Mufti of Damascus to the Pope: “Let us work together for peace.”

<http://www.ucatholic.com/syria/>

Pope Francis has called for a worldwide Day of Fasting and Prayer for Peace in Syria, the Middle East, and the world to be held on September 7, 2013, the vigil of the birth of Mary, Queen of Peace.

<http://www.news.va/en/news/asiasyria-letter-from-the-grand-mufti-of-damascus>

Ahmad Badreddin Hassou , spiritual leader of Sunni Islam, welcomes the Pope's appeal and will be there praying and fasting for peace in his country. The Mufti sent, through the Apostolic Nunciature in Damascus, an official letter to Pope Francis and is preparing to participate in the special pro-Syria day on September 7, proposing to the Holy See to organize an interfaith meeting.



Pope to Orthodox Syrian Catholics from India: “let us work towards reconciliation, unity”:

May we “continue and intensify the commitment to ecumenism, encounter and dialogue towards full communion:” with that message, Pope Francis on Thursday welcomed in the Vatican Baselios Paulose II, Catholics of the East and Metropolitan of the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church.

In his remarks to the Catholics, Pope Francis recalled the efforts of his predecessor John Paul II and the former Catholics Moran Mar Baselios Marthoma Mathews I which led to the creation in 1990 of an ongoing commission which has laid out agreements for the “common use of buildings of worship and cemeteries, the mutual concession of spiritual and liturgical resources in specific pastoral situations, and the necessity to identify new forms of collaboration” in the face of growing social and religious challenges.

Noting that past relations between their two Churches had been marred by “division and rivalry,” Pope Francis said he hoped both sides could work towards reconciliation by cultivating a “culture of encounter” by “overcoming prejudices and closed attitudes which are part of a kind of “culture of clashes” and source of division.” He called for “prayer and commitment” in order to allow friendship and cooperation to grow among the clergy, the faithful, and “among the various churches born from the witness given by St Thomas.”



Prayer Requests

Pray for world peace especially in Syria;

Pray for moral guidance for world leaders;

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 guides us through the Rule;

Pray for guidance and inspiration in our October elections;

Pray for family and friends for strength in their struggles:

Todd, Tory, Julie, John, Tim, Mark, Br. Mateo, ...

Upcoming Events

Franciscans in the World
"BE THE BRIDGE"
Bringing Christ's Love to All



Come to the family reunion!

The 3rd All Franciscan Family Gathering

Please save this date!
September 20, 2014

Keynote speakers: TBA

Place: Napredak Hall
770 Montague Expressway
San Jose, CA 95131

Let all those in your Order and fraternities know about this event and encourage everyone to join us!

Registration information will be sent in March 2014.

More information: *Cindy Wesley OFS*
cwesley@mcn.org or 805-714-6249

SEPTEMBER

- 1 [St. Beatrice of Silva](#), virgin, II Ord., founder
 - 2 [Bls. Apollinaris of Posat, John Francis Burté, Severin Girault](#), priests, and companions, martyrs, I and III Ord.
 - 3 [Bl. Claudio Granzotto](#), religious, I Ord.
 - 4 [St. Rose of Viterbo](#), virgin, III Ord.
 - 17 [Stigmata of our Holy Father Francis](#)
 - 18 [St. Joseph of Cupertino](#), priest, I Ord.
 - 20 [St. Francis Mary of Camporossa](#), religious, I Ord.
 - 22 [St. Ignatius of Santhia](#), priest, I Ord.
 - 23 [St. Pio of Pietrelcina](#), priest, I Ord.
 - 24 [St. Pacifico of San Severino](#), priest, I Ord.
 - 25 [Finding of the Body of St. Clare](#)
 - 26 [Bl. Aurelio of Vinalesa](#), priest, and companions, martyrs of Valencia [Ambrose of Benaguacil, Pedro of Benisa, Joachim of Albocácer, Modesto of Albocácer, Germaine of Cargagente, Bonaventure of Puzol, Santiago of Rafelbunol, Henry of Almazora, Fidel of Puzol, Berard Lugar Nuevo de Fenollet, Pacifico of Valencia], I Ord.
- [St. Elzear of Sabran](#) and [Bl. Delphina of Glandenes](#), husband & wife, III Ord.
- 28 [Bl. Innocent of Berzo](#), priest, I Ord.