



IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

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PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA
SEPTEMBER 2015

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IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

GATHERINGS

Sept 27th

Oct. 25th

Nov. 22nd

Dec. 6th

Profession Mass
and Celebration

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY MEETING

September 27th, 2015

St. James Catholic Church

Fraternity Meeting: 1:30 – 3:30

Opening Prayer: Led by Blaise Cirelli

Business Old and New

Ongoing Formation: *Laudato Si'* - Chapters 1 & 2

(see link to study guide in *Franciscan Links*)

FUN Manual: Review section "The Franciscan Family- A Brief introduction"

Initial Formation: 3:30 – 4:30 Candidates Franciscan Journey

(Chapter 21: *How to Love People*)

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

IL POVERELLO FRATERNITY

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Minister's Letter

September 2015

Dear Franciscan Family,

Early morning- the quiet hours before even the birds wake with their songs of praise- this precious quiet is honored with prayer and meditation by many spiritual traditions throughout the world.

What a gift this time can be! Use it! Most especially, pray for our brothers and sisters in the world who have no quiet in their lives, due to the violence of war, bombings, harsh living conditions, and the distractions of technology and busyness. As Franciscans, we are called to be different, and we cannot be strong in our vocation without following the example of Jesus and St. Francis in seeking our alone time with God.

In December, we will have four of our Il Poverello brothers and sisters making their profession into the Secular Franciscan Order. These coming months are an opportunity for all of us to reflect on our Franciscan journey and how we can deepen it. Prayer, spiritual reading and service are important areas in our lives to examine.

The intense study of Laudato Si', the most recent encyclical of Pope Francis, will be crucial guidance for our future actions as a fraternity and as Franciscans. Read it, ponder and determine changes that may be made in our lives to improve the care of our common home and each other.

*We are challenged by our God and our true spiritual leaders.
May we be open to follow.*

*Peace and all good,
Kathleen Robbiano, OFS
Minister, Il Poverello Fraternity*

Mathew Chapter 6: 25-34

Dependence on God.*

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat [or drink], or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?

Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they?

Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span?*

Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin.

But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them.

If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith?

So do not worry and say, ‘What are we to eat?’ or ‘What are we to drink?’ or ‘What are we to wear?’

All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all.

But seek first the kingdom (of God) and his righteousness,* and all these things will be given you besides.

Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil.

* (Our directive for the Care of Creation) [6:1-18] The sermon continues with a warning against doing good in order to be seen and gives three examples, almsgiving (Mt 6:2-4), prayer (Mt 6:5-15), and fasting (Mt 6:16-18). In each, the conduct of the hypocrites (Mt 6:2) is contrasted with that demanded of the disciples. The sayings about reward found here and elsewhere (Mt 5:12, 46; 10:41-42) show that this is a genuine element of Christian moral exhortation. Possibly to underline the difference between the Christian idea of reward and that of the hypocrites, the evangelist uses two different Greek verbs to express the rewarding of the disciples and that of the hypocrites; in the latter case it is the verb *apechō*, a commercial term for giving a receipt for what has been paid in full (Mt 6:2, 5, 16).

The Holy Father's prayer intentions for the month of September:

Universal intention: “That opportunities for education and employment may increase for all young people”.

Evangelization intention: “That catechists may give witness by living in a way consistent with the faith they proclaim”.

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

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

- Rule 17 -

In their family they should cultivate the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity, and respect for life, striving to make of it a sign of a world already renewed in Christ.

By living the grace of matrimony, husbands and wives in particular should bear witness in the world to the love of Christ for his Church. They should joyfully accompany their children on their journey by providing a simple and open Christian education and being attentive to the vocation of each child.

Prayer Intentions ...

Let us pray

For our Il Poverello fraternity families and friends, for Julie's brother, Tim and their aunt Rita, for Lou Guglielmino, for Alberto Cortez, for Cosmo's son Craig, for Elaine Stevick, as well as Anthony, Ken, Evelyn, Mary Anne and Alice, John, Fr. Barry Brunsman (retired resident at Mercy Center, Fr. Fabrizio, Br. Mateo, Fr. John Vaughn, and Mark;

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

For all the Native Americans who have concerns regarding the upcoming canonization of Blessed Junipero Serra, Sept. 23rd;

For Pope Francis and all the church leaders, guidance in directing the church worldwide and the nation's openness to Francis' addresses to US congress 9/24, and the U.N. assembly 9/25;

For all religious to be guided through the Holy Spirit to be the 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 sacrificed 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, for all firefighters confronting the nation's fires;

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

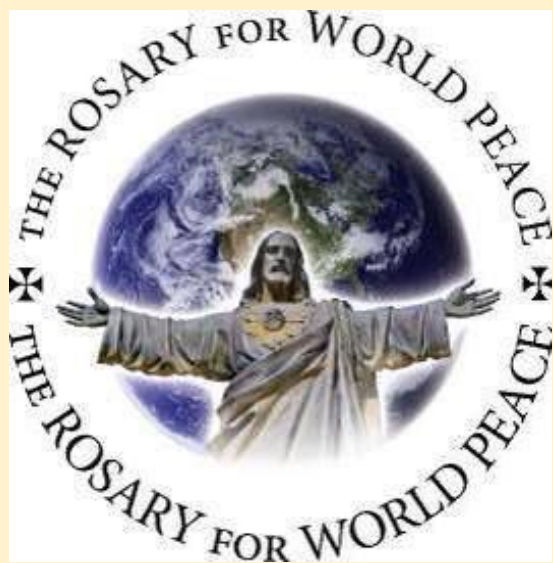
For these and all our individual intentions;

We Pray to the Lord

Birthday and Profession Anniversaries

Cindy Cunningham - Birth date: 9/15

Evelyn Stateler, OFS - Birth date: 10/19



September – Month of the Holy Cross

1. **Bl Joachim de Albocacer**, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936
2. **Bl. Martyrs de Carmes**, d. 1792
3. **St. Pius X**, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1914
4. **St. Rose of Viterbo**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers
5. **Bl. Gentil de Matelica**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1340
6. **Bl Liberat de Laure**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1258
7. **Bl. Eugenie Picco**, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1921
8. **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9. **Bl. Seraphique Sforza**, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1478
10. **Bl. Martyrs of Japan**, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Seculars, d. 1622-1632
11. **Bl. Bonaventure de Barcelone**, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1684
12. **Feast of the Name of Holy Mary**
13. **Bl. Apollinaire Franco**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1622
14. **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
15. **Feast of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows**
16. **Bl. Roland de Medicis**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1386
17. **Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi**
18. **St. Joseph de Cupertino**, Priest, Conventual, d. 1664
19. **Bl. Louis Alleman**, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1450
20. **St. Francois-Marie de Camporosso**, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1866
21. **Bl. Elizabeth Amerina**, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1498
22. **Bl. Ignace de Santhia**, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1773
23. **St. Pio of Peitrelcina**, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1968
24. **St. Pacifique de San Severino**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1721
25. **St. Nicholas de Flue**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1487
26. **Bl. Lucie de Catalagirone**, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1400
27. **St. Elzear de Sabran**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1323
28. **Bl Bernadin de Feltre**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1494
29. **Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel**
30. **Bl. Charles de Blois**, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1364

ENCYCLICAL LETTER LAUDATO SI' OF POPE FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

QUESTION AT THE HEART OF THE ENCYCLICAL:

"What kind of world do you want to leave to those who come after us?" 160

Concern for the environment is no longer optional.

A person of faith should show even more responsibility regarding creation, which is a gift from God.



THE TITLE

Taken from St. Francis' prayer, *Canticle of the Creatures*. It reminds us that the earth "is like a sister with whom we share our life." "This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her." 2



INCLUDE IN YOUR EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE:
How have I lived in communion with all creatures and with nature?

THE MESSAGE
"Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home." 13
We are capable of rising above ourselves, "choosing again what is good, and making a new start." 26

Laudato Si' is a **call to conversion and action**, an invitation to **change direction** by taking on the task of caring for **our common home**.

MAIN THEMES

1. the **relationship** between the poor and the fragility of the planet
2. the conviction that **everything in the world is connected**
3. the critique of new paradigms and forms of power derived from technology
4. the call to **seek other ways of understanding** the economy and progress
5. the value proper to **each creature**
6. the **human meaning** of ecology
7. the need for direct and honest **debate**
8. the serious responsibility of **international and local policy**
9. the throwaway culture and the proposal of a **new lifestyle**

Archdiocese of Toronto

www.archtoronto.org
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SOURCE: www.vatican.va



Upcoming Events

PLEASE REGISTER IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND:

Franciscan Day of Joy

The 100th Anniversary Celebration
of Saint Francis Secular Franciscan Fraternity

St. Boniface Church,
133 Golden Gate Avenue,
San Francisco, CA 94102
October 3rd, 2015

Please see the Attached Flier for the Registration form

Father John Boettcher will be celebrating the Feast weekend of St. Francis at the Newman Center in Cotati- and is thinking of having a Transitus service the eve of Oct 3, possibly in the time frame of 5pm-9pm. This is an opportunity for those who may not be going to event in SF that day.

Franciscan 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.nfra-sfo.org/>

Tau-USA- Newsletter:

http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html

Messengers of Joy, Regional Summer Newsletter:

<https://www.luminpdf.com/viewer/yHcyZzeNuiwi2YK6R>

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 news:

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

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Knights of St. Francis June newsletter:

http://www.icontact-archive.com/Jz2kitEJRFz6nOPVeQj_M43q66e3A3?w=3

Il Poverello website (under construction):

<http://ofsilpov.org>

"Our dear Brother Bob Brady, OFM, will be taking a more than well-deserved sabbatical. He will be gone October 1, 2015 - November 20, 2015. He plans on being with Il Poverello Fraternity for our Profession celebration on December 6, 2015. He also hopes to join us for our regular meeting at the end of November. Let us all keep him in our heart and prayers. Peace on the journey, Brother Bob!"

Pope Francis 2015 Apostolic Journey Schedule to the United States Of America

All times listed are Eastern Daylight Time.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

(WASHINGTON, DC)

4:00 p.m. Arrival from Cuba at Joint Base Andrews

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

(WASHINGTON, DC)

9:15 a.m. Welcome ceremony and meeting with President Obama at the White House

11:30 a.m. Midday Prayer with the bishops of the United States, St. Matthew's Cathedral

4:15 p.m. Mass of Canonization of Junipero Serra, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

(WASHINGTON, DC, NEW YORK CITY)

9:20 a.m. Address to Joint Meeting of the United States Congress

11:15 a.m. Visit to St. Patrick in the City and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

4:00 p.m. Depart from Joint Base Andrews

5:00 p.m. Arrival at John F. Kennedy International Airport

6:45 p.m. Evening Prayer (Vespers) at St. Patrick's Cathedral

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

(NEW YORK CITY)

8:30 a.m. Visit to the United Nations and Address to the United Nations General Assembly

11:30 a.m. Multi-religious service at 9/11 Memorial and Museum, World Trade Center

4:00 p.m. Visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels School, East Harlem

6:00 p.m. Mass at Madison Square Garden

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

(NEW YORK CITY, PHILADELPHIA)

8:40 a.m. Departure from John F. Kennedy International Airport

9:30 a.m. Arrival at Atlantic Aviation, Philadelphia

10:30 a.m. Mass at Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Philadelphia

4:45 p.m. Visit to Independence Mall

7:30 p.m. Visit to the Festival of Families Benjamin Franklin Parkway

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

(PHILADELPHIA)

9:15 a.m. Meeting with bishops at St. Martin's Chapel, St. Charles Borromeo Seminary

11:00 a.m. Visit to Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility

4:00 p.m. Mass for the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families, Benjamin Franklin Parkway

7:00 p.m. Visit with organizers, volunteers and benefactors of the World Meeting of Families, Atlantic Aviation

Franciscan Day of Joy

100th Anniversary Celebration of Saint Francis Secular Franciscan Fraternity

October 3rd, 2015 - 8:30 to 3:30

St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

How does God delight in us?

How do we delight in God?

How do we make joy?

Schedule of 100th Anniversary Events:

8:30 Choir rehearsal

9:00 Mass with Fr John Hardin, O.F.M.,

10:00 Move to the Auditorium

10:30 Keynote Speakers

Fr Jack Clark Robinson, OFM, Provincial curia

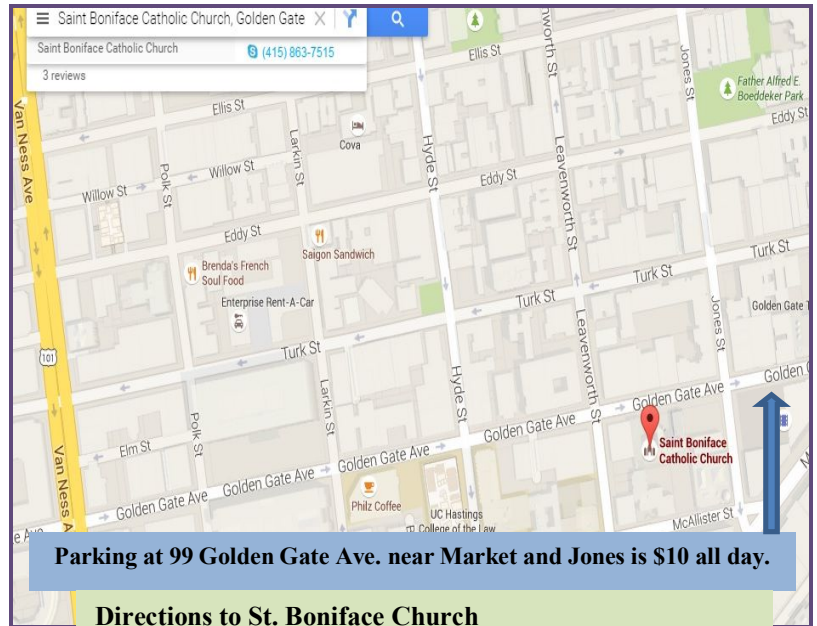
11:30 Sr. Margie Will, OSF

12:30 Lunch (with optional short video on History of St. Francis Fraternity)

1:30 Fr Jack Clark Robinson, OFM,

2:30 Short Break

3:00 Transitus in St. Boniface Church



Directions to St. Boniface Church

Address: 133 Golden Gate between Leavenworth and Jones.
BART Civic Center Station directions: Exit at Market St & Hyde.

Turn left past the Fountain and you will be on Leavenworth.
Turn Right at Golden Gate Ave.



Fr Jack Clark Robinson, OFM



Sr. Margie Will, OSF

REGISTRATION FORM FOR 100th ANNIVERSARY of St. Francis Fraternity on Oct 3, 2015

Conference at St. Boniface Auditorium from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Sign up with donation by August 31, 2015.
Suggested donation \$20, but anything you can contribute is greatly appreciated Please bring food to share.

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