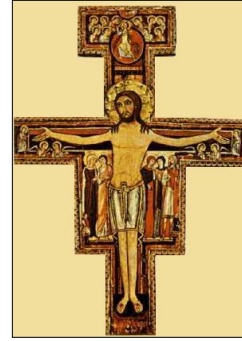


# THE CORD

San Luis Rey Fraternity of the  
Secular Franciscan Order  
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.



**June 2009**

**Next Meeting: June 14, 2009**

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.  
Candidates – Clare Room

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
General Meeting – Clare Room

## FRANCISCAN SAINTS IN JUNE

**June 1 - John Patrick Doyle (III)**  
**June 2 - Christopher Bernsmeyer (I)**  
**June 7 - Joseph Perez (I)**  
**June 13 -St. Anthony of Padua (I)**  
**June 17 -St. Albert Chmielowski (III)**  
**June 19 -Venerable Matt Talbot (III)**

**June 22 - St. Thomas More (III)\***  
**June 23 - St. Joseph Cafasso (III)**  
**June 28 - Francisco de Porrás (I)**  
**June 29 -Mother Mary Francis Bachman**  
**June 30 - Blessed Raymond Lull (III)**

### Our May Gathering

Our Formation Director Eileen C. gave a wonderful presentation on Chapter 2 of our Rule titled "Our Way of Life." Each of us had a chance to share our views and look at the ideas brought out during a thought-provoking presentation. Our Vice-Minister, Tim C., was unable to continue his talk about the Life and Times of St. Paul due to illness.

### Coming in June – and Beyond

At our June gathering, Tim will be back to give us more information and insights on the life and times of St. Paul. Pope Benedict made 2008-09 the Year of St. Paul, and so our study of the apostle, theologian and missionary is very timely.

Eileen C. will continue her presentation on our Rule of Life, this time delving into the spiritual path that achieving the Gospel life requires. She will be joined by Frances G., our fraternity Treasurer, as we discuss the Franciscan way of life as it pertains to simple living.

Last month, we launched the Biography Project. Its purpose is to help us learn more about the lives, interests and spiritual journeys of our members. This will help us to create a greater sense of community and as time goes on, a better sense of the history of our fraternity through its people. Enclosed in this month's issue, please find a form with questions designed to guide you in writing your narrative. Please return the form – or a reasonable facsimile – at the June or July meeting.

Bring Guests in August. We would also ask you to ask several people to be your guest at our August meeting, which will be a picnic. We hope you to bring AT LEAST TWO PEOPLE. Children, spouses, friends and acquaintances are all eligible. We are especially interested in attracting adults in the young to mid-life stages of life and interested in our Franciscan calling.

### **Karron's Korner –**

I just wanted to speak for a moment about the Biography Project. You will find the project form enclosed in the CORD this month. The information it requests is not intended to be intrusive, but rather to prompt reflection on your journey as you jot down things you'd like us to know about you.

There are many interesting things we don't know about one another, though we aspire to be a strong Franciscan community. For instance, I never knew that Mary G. had never married, served in WWII, and was the caregiver for her aging parents. This last shows me that Mary was a source of information on elder care that I could have used when my father came to be with us. So the Biography Project is first a chance to better get to know and appreciate one another, learn of our special skills and talents, and find help and guidance on our spiritual journeys.

We hope the project will also foster a sense of our fraternity's history and heritage as we go forward. How can we honor our brothers and sisters if we don't know them? As I look at the fraternity roster, I wish we had information on the wonderful men and women who have been members. Their names are in our record book, alongside their date of profession, their minister and presiding priest. How sad to know so little about them! But, with your help, we will rectify this situation, come to know each other better, and perhaps pass on what we have learned to members of the San Luis Rey Fraternity for generations to come!

Lately I've been thinking about "Life" with the capital "L." With a nice taste of Spring-into-Summer here in southern California and all the lovely Jacaranda trees in bloom, I checked my Concordance to see what the Bible says about Life, as it were from The Source. I made just a few selections – starting with Genesis – for this month's Scripture selection. Some passages are very beautiful, some good to pray. I hope you enjoy them.

### **St. Thomas More**

Thomas was born in London in 1477. His father was a knight, lawyer and judge. More entered Oxford in 1492. A great student, he was also frugal and pious. In 1498 Thomas considered entering the First Order of St. Francis; and instead became a Secular Franciscan. From 1500 to 1504, he lived with Carthusian monks in London but finally concluded he was not called to religious life. Daily Mass, fasting and wearing a hair shirt were a part of his life. Entering the king's service in 1518, More became Chancellor 11 years later. He tried to stay out of Henry VIII's marriage case, but when the king married Anne Boleyn and had Parliament declare him head of the Church of England, More resigned his office. Refusing to swear to the Act of Supremacy, he was imprisoned in the Tower for 15 months. Though he knew exactly how to stay alive, he could not lie or deny his principles for Henry VIII. Condemned on perjured evidence, More was beheaded on July 6, 1535. Canonized in 1935, he is the patron of lawyers and university students.

### **Intercessions**

- For the repose of the soul of our beloved Mary G. SFO, who died in April.
- For the repose of the soul of Karron E.'s first cousin, Mary Bridget M., who died of cancer and advanced scleroderma, in Manhattan. She was 65.
- For Joanne T., her 93-year-old father and her daughter Michelle H.
- For Mary B.'s grandson, Russell, who has a hip problem, and for her granddaughter, Natalie G., who has colon cancer.

### **June Birthdays**

Four members have June birthdays. Barbara U.'s is on the 4<sup>th</sup>, Eileen C.'s is the 13<sup>th</sup>, David Y. is on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and Scott H. celebrates on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday!

### **June Anniversaries of Profession**

This month, Karron E. commemorates her profession on the 21<sup>st</sup> of June, 1991.

### **June Memorials**

Ruth G. passed away June 2, 1997. Beverly Raphael B. died on June 14, 2000. May they rest in peace.

## **Scripture Focus: "LIFE"**

### Genesis 2:7

...the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life**, and the man became a living being.

### Genesis 2:9

And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground--trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were **the tree of life** and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

### Genesis 9:5-6

.And for your **lifeblood** I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the **life** of his fellow man.

"Whoever sheds the blood of man,  
by man shall his blood be shed;  
for in the image of God  
has God made man.

### Job 12:10-12

In his hand is the **life** of every creature  
and the breath of all mankind.  
Does not the ear test words  
as the tongue tastes food?  
Is not wisdom found among the aged?  
Does not long **life** bring understanding?

### Psalms 16:9-11

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,  
because you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.  
You have made known to me **the path of life**;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday)**

**San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting**

**June 18<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)**

**Meeting of San Luis Rey Fraternity Council** at 12:00 pm. St. Francis of Assisi parish, Vista.

**Wednesday, June 17 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

**RETREAT: Celebration of Fathers Living and Deceased**

An evening Mass and family dinner will our fathers and all men who have acted as fathers in our lives. The Retreat begins with Mass at 6:00pm in the Mission Church, then a Family Celebration dinner at 6:45pm. \$15.00 per adult; \$8.00 children under 12 years old; free to children under 4 years old. Please pre-register.

**Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> 9:30am –**

**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 9:00pm**

**FR. TOM HERBST STUDY SERIES: "Early Christian Doctrines"**

Seminars are mornings at 9:30am or evenings 7:00pm. Free will offering.