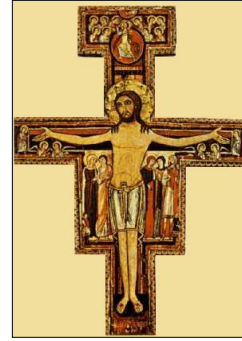


## **THE CORD**

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

**March 2010**

**Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Regional Formation Meeting**  
**St. Patrick's in San Diego**



**(No Sunday Meeting in March)**

### **FRANCISCAN SAINTS in MARCH**

**2nd – St. Agnes Bohemia (II)**  
**3rd – Bld. Liberatus Weiss, Samuel**  
**Marzorati & Michele Fasoli (I)**  
**5th – St. John Joseph of the Cross (I)**  
**12th – Blessed. Angela Salawa (III)**

**18th – St. Salvator of Horta (I)**  
**23rd – St. Catherine of Genoa (III)**  
**29th – Bld. Ludovico of Casoria (I)**  
**30th – St. Peter Regaldo (I)**

#### **February's Meeting**

At our February meeting, our Minister shared "THE DREAM", a presentation about the roots of St. Francis' spirituality and what his vision means in the SFO today. The presentation, originally given at January's Regional Ministers' Meeting by Bob ('Fitz') F. SFO, our National Formation Chair, prompted lengthy and very stimulating discussion about our role as lay religious today and what we each envision in our Secular Franciscan vocation.

Tim C. gave a presentation on our saints in March, St. Peter Baptist and his companions.

**Fraternity Outreach** On February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, our fraternity will again be hosting "Ladder for Life", a program for Marines with PTSD and their families. Anyone who is able to help at Mission San Luis Rey Parish on Wednesday or Thursday evening between 5:00 and 8:00 pm, please call Eileen at....

As a fraternity, we have decided to attend the Regional Formation Meeting on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, at St. Patrick's Church in San Diego. This will be in place of the regular meeting, which would have been on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup>.

The address is:

St. Patrick's Church  
3585 30th Street, San Diego 92104-4142  
(619) 295-2157  
[www.stpatrickschurchsd.com](http://www.stpatrickschurchsd.com)

Tim Corrigan is coordinating rides to St. Patrick's. If you need a ride to San Diego or can take a passenger in your car, please call Tim at...

#### **March Regional Formation Meeting**

This Regional Formation Meeting is the third of a series specially designed to inform and inspire all SFOs. San Diego is the first to get this third installment, which will later be presented in Orange and Los Angeles counties. This third session will focus on the founding documents of our Order.

The workshop will begin at 9:00 a.m. following continental breakfast. There will be Mass at 8:00am if you can attend. Please bring a sack lunch. The day will end about 3:30 pm. I look forward to seeing you.

### **Karron's Korner –**

As we discussed "The Dream" presentation at February's fraternity meeting and reflected on role as Franciscans, as well as our hopes and aspirations for the Order, some ideas came to the fore.

One was a desire that the fraternity as a group do more work among the poor. We spoke of Eileen Costa's "Ladder to Life" program, and the Hermans' establishing a soup kitchen. Several of us wanted to propose more outreach activities, and all were enthusiastic.

I asked all members to work both *inside* and *outside* the fraternity, and mentioned a 'Laundry List' of worthy projects that Council doesn't have the bandwidth to address. I was asked to circulate that list, as there was a lot of interest in it.

Having obtained the approval of Council, I've put our "Laundry List" at the end of this newsletter. I invite you to take a look and see if any one project speaks to you. Ideally, each of them is undertaken by a small group, working together.

In the months to come, we will be examining our Franciscan life and mission in greater depth, as we take the opportunity to share our journey and what it's meant for us.

### **March: – St. Catherine of Genoa (III)**

Catherine was born in 1447, the daughter of Giacomo Fiesca, Viceroy of Naples. She was the grand niece of Pope Innocent IV.

At thirteen she asked to enter the convent, but was refused because of her

age. In 1463, the lovely 16-year old wed Giuliano Adorno in a political match. Adorno was unfaithful and squandered his money. Lonely and disappointed in her marriage, Catherine wanted solitude.

In 1474, while visiting her older sister, a nun, she experienced a profound conversion. From that time on, her life was devoted to prayer and penance. She had deep mystical experiences and many private revelations.

She worked with the sick poor, tending and clothing them. For twenty-three years, she fasted completely during Lent and Advent, with no adverse effects on her health. Eventually, Catherine supervised patient care at the Genoa hospital, and was appointed the hospital rector.

In the last years of her life, her confessor and several close friends wrote down Catherine's teachings, compiling them in two works: the "Purgation and Purgatory" and the "Dialogues," now spiritual classics.

The only spiritual genius of her time, she affected both Catholics and Protestants with her teaching on the Pure Love of God, acceptance of the divine will, and the teaching on purgatory in this life and next.

Her life circumstances are significant: she was a lay person, a married woman, a mystic devoted to the care of others while involved in daily life, and a good Christian who experienced a second conversion.

Catherine died on the 15th of September 1510, at sixty-three and was canonized on April 30th, 1737.

### **REMINDERS:**

**Please send your March contribution check to Frances G. by mail, or bring it with you to the Formation Workshop on March 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Since the first Sunday in April is Easter, our fraternity will meet on the 11<sup>th</sup>, the second Sunday of the month.**

### Birthdays

**Virginia V.** birthday is on March **2<sup>nd</sup>**. **Edna P.** celebrates her birthday on the **9<sup>th</sup>**, while **Karron E.** is March **26<sup>th</sup>**. A very Happy Birthday to all!

### Anniversaries of Profession

On the **8<sup>th</sup>**, **David Y.** marks his first anniversary as a Franciscan. On the **9<sup>th</sup>**, **Mary B. & Pat D.** celebrate their 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On the **12<sup>th</sup>**, **Mary G.** celebrates 15 years in the Order; on the **20<sup>th</sup>**, **Marjo G.** will celebrate 16 years as an SFO and **Joanne T.** will be 18 years in the order on the **22<sup>nd</sup>**.

### Memorials

Amanda M.	March 2, 1995	Gertrude B.	March 16, 1989
Robert W.	March 15, 1995	Katherine K.	March 28, 2001

### Prayer Requests

- For San Luis Rey Fraternity: may the Holy Spirit guide us, direct our decisions, and bless us with a spirit of Praise, Love, Joy and Prosperity, in the Name of Jesus, Amen.
- For Mary & Bob G. daughter, Mary Carol B., who is having surgery for breast cancer. Mary has 3 children.
- For Barbara U., who underwent emergency surgery due to a brain aneurysm. Though her prognosis is still uncertain, Barbara is progressively more responsive.
- For the complete restoration of Scott H. health
- For Sandy B. who will have more surgery on Feb. 24th.
- For the repose of the soul of Frances W., long-time editor of *THE TAU*.

### **Scriptures on REPENTANCE**

#### Isaiah 30:15

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:  
"In repentance and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your strength,

#### Luke 5:32

I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

#### Acts 19:5-6

Paul said, "John's baptism was a baptism of repentance. He told the people to believe in the one coming after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied.

#### Acts 26:20

First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

### **Lenten Mondays**

**February 22 thru March 29: 10:30am and 7:00pm**

Sessions are on each Monday beginning at 10:30am-noon OR from 7:00pm-8:30pm  
With Fr. Philip Garcia, OFM and Brother Kelly Cullen, OFM. Free will offering.

### **March 6<sup>th</sup> (Saturday)**

**SFO Formation Seminar** 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

St. Patrick's in San Diego  
3585 30<sup>th</sup> Street, San Diego 92104

### **April 11<sup>th</sup> (Sunday)**

**San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting** on the Sunday after Easter

### **May 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sunday)**

**San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting** on the Sunday before Mother's Day

### **Masses will be offered for San Luis Rey Fraternity Members, Living & Deceased:**

Masses have been scheduled at the San Luis Rey Parish Church, as follows:

Saturday March 13, 8:00 am

Sunday, June 13, 5:00 pm

Saturday April 10, 8:00 am

Saturday, July 10, 8:00 am

Saturday May 8, 8:00 am

## The Laundry List

### **Fraternity Intercessors**

- Pray for Guidance of the Holy Spirit in Fraternity matters
- Pray for wise Leadership
- Pray for new Vocations and new Members
- Pray God's Provision and Protection on the Fraternity
- Other intentions, on request

### **Outreach Team for Dispensed Members**

- Regular phone contact
- News sharing with shut-ins
- Periodic visits
- Inform Fraternity

### **Fraternity Marketing Team**

- Reprint and/or re-design flyers
- Oversee placement of flyers in parishes, Mission, etc.
- Speaking opportunities to popularize the SFO
- Media opportunities – newspapers, bulletins, Diocesan
- Mission web site?

### **Mission Liaison Team**

- Liaise with Mission Parish & Retreat House
- Keep informed about events / speakers / courses / retreats
- Make contacts & friendships among Mission staff, etc.
- Coordinate joint projects with parish or retreat center

### **Fraternity Events Team**

- Special Events, Regional Gatherings, Outings & Visits
- Coordination with District Liaison when appropriate
- Create a Calendar of events
- Organize Transportation, meals, lodging, etc.
- Estimate, Track & Allocate expenses

### **Charitable Activities Team**

- Suggest charitable outreach projects (Homeless, Hungry, etc.)
- Identify Needs & what role the SFO can play
- Apply to the Region for Grant money?
- Organize SFOs and others to participate
- Liaison with charitable organization
- Evaluate and Report Results of the effort

### **Education Team**

- Identify Certificate Programs & Franciscan Courses of interest, both online, correspondence, books on tape, etc.
- Contact schools involved to obtain credit info, syllabus, etc.
- Check cost of tuition and books, as well as time involved
- Check availability of Regional Scholarship money
- Identify one or more members to study, share information
- Research a study plan for the fraternity

### **Library Team**

- Make & Circulate a list of religious books in Clare Room Library
- Develop lending program using library cards, computer, whatever
- Acquire donations of new Franciscan books & media
- Continue to publicize
- Develop a book review resource

### **The H2O Project Team**

- For Youth (See <http://franciscanyouthusa.com/>)
- Organize
- Evangelize
- Report Results