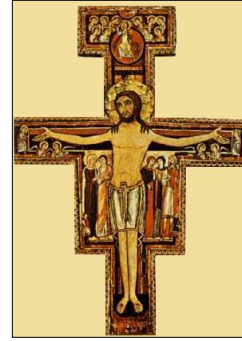


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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.



May 2010

Next Meeting: May 2, 2010

NO INITIAL FORMATION MEETING IN MAY

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

General Meeting – Clare Room

FRANCISCAN SAINTS IN MAY

May 3 - Bl. Thomas Bullaker, Henry Heath,
John Woodcock, Arthur Bell &
Charles Meehan (I)
May 4 – Bl. Ceferino Gimenez Malla (III)
May 6 – Mother Ignatius Hayes (III)
May 9 – St. Catharine of Bologna (II)
May 10- St. Ivo of Brittany (III)
May 11 -St. Ignatius of Laconi (I)

May 12- Mother Teresa O’Neil (III)
May 16- St. Margaret of Cortona (III)
May 17- St. Paschal Baylon (I)
May 18- St. Felix of Cantalice (I)
May 19- St. Theophilus of Corte (I)
May 20–St. Bernardine of Siena (I)
May 21- St. Crispin of Viterbo (I)
May 28- St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

Our April Meeting

At our April meeting, we became acquainted with the work that two of our fellow Franciscans have undertaken as their apostolate.

Jack S. talked about his work as a volunteer chaplain among the aged and dying in San Diego. Jack explained how he got into the work and why it continues to be so rewarding and interesting for him.

At the start of life’s journey, Joe C. works with teens as the religious educator at Cathedral High School. He explained how he manages to share his faith, teach religion classes, and respond to the million questions of kids who are growing up in a world where money and expediency are highly valued.

These presenters shared but two of the many inspiring stories living in the minds

and hearts of our fraternity members. We will continue to bring more of these stories forward in months to come, as we learn about the work we do for God and for one another.

Our May Gathering

In May, we will be sharing our experience of fraternity at Mission San Luis Rey with representatives of the Regional council.

Similarly, Father Steve G., along with all three Spiritual Assistants, will share their insights on the Franciscan life, and bring us information, developments and insights on initial and on-going Formation gleaned from visits to other fraternities and language groups in the Region.

Karron's Korner –

May is a paradoxical month in the Church. In May, we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, followed ten days later by the miracle of Pentecost. So May is about God's glory, and all the miracles and wonderful gifts of his glory.

Yet May highlights the more familiar, comfortable and everyday miracles of our lives. On Mother's Day, we honor our mothers for bringing us into the world and providing all the nurturing, love and guidance it took to raise and educate us. The Church dedicates the entire month to our Blessed Mother, whose life in first century Palestine appeared neither grandiose nor glorious to her neighbors, who were also poor. Mary cooked, washed, cleaned and mended like everyone else. Her neighbors didn't know she would become Queen of Heaven.

And on May 1st, we honor St. Joseph the Worker, the saint who worked with wood while raising the Messiah and Son of God.

The lesson I draw from May is God does great things in humble places, and that things are not always as they appear. I think St. Francis would agree, based on his experience.

Of course, this means we can't be counted out; we are much too important and precious in God's eyes. We can't count ourselves out, either. Just because we aren't preaching at the Vatican, working miracles or – I don't know – walking on water doesn't mean we cannot hope for union with God, as we seek to do his work here and now. It is first and always about

loving Jesus, being with Jesus, calling him in to every situation and circumstance. He will show us how to become very intimate with him. All we need to do is ask.

St. Mary Ann of Jesus of Paredes

Born at Quito, Ecuador, 31 Oct. 1618; died at Quito, 26 May, 1645. On both sides of her family, she had illustrious ancestors; her father was a Toledo nobleman, her mother from a prominent Spanish family. From early childhood, Mary Ann had an attraction to prayer and mortification, a great love of God and a devotion to the Blessed Virgin. She miraculously escaped death several times in childhood. At the age of ten, she made the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. As a young woman, Mary Ann became a solitary in her own home and practiced strict corporal austerities, eating an ounce of dry bread every eight or ten days. The Eucharist she received each morning was her principle food.

She possessed an ecstatic gift of prayer, predicted the future, saw distant events as if they were passing before her, read the secrets of hearts, cured diseases with a sign of the Cross, or by sprinkling the sufferer with holy water, and restored at least one dead person to life. Immediately after her death, a pure white lily sprang up from her blood, a prodigy giving her the title "The Lily of Quito".

She was beatified on 10 Nov., 1853. Many miracles have been attributed to her, especially in America.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Penny J. is on the 4th; Pat D.' birthday is on the 7th Elaine S. celebrates hers on the 13th, and Ed U. will be celebrating on the 18th.

Anniversary of Profession

On May 4th, 2003 Roger A., Jack S. and Frances G. were professed, while Scott & Connie H. became SFOs on **May 16, 1999**. Congratulations to all!

Memorials

On May 12, 1995, Gerard M., SFO departed this life.

Prayer Requests & Offerings

- For the repose of the soul of Gerry W., who died in a car crash. Karron's friend
- For special blessings and health for Francis T.'s daughter, Kathleen.
- For the continued restoration of Barbara U., who is in rehab
- For the health and prosperity of Scott & Connie H. and their family
- For Carol I.'s son-in-law Lester, who is in the military
- Praise God for healing David Y.
's sister-in-law, Kathleen, who had a healthy baby.
- Praise God for His work in the SFO, and for the blessings He gives our fraternity

Scriptures that Bless Our Households

Revelation 1:6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever!

Joshua 24:15

But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

Ephesians 1:3 NIV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Mathew 18:19-20

Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.

2 Peter 1:3-4

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.

Psalms 112:1-3

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in his commands.
His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.

Isaiah 33:2, 6

Please, Lord, be kind to us! We depend on you.
Make us strong each morning, and come to save us when we are in trouble.
You are the foundation on which we stand today.
You always save us and give true wisdom and knowledge. Nothing means more to us than obeying you.

REMINDER:

Please send your May contribution to Francis G. by mail, or bring it with you to our fraternity meeting on May 2nd

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 2nd (1st Sunday)

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

May 6th (Thursday)

San Luis Rey Council Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi parish, Vista.

June 6th (1st Sunday)

San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting on the first Sunday of the month

Thursdays: July 15, 22, 29 & August 5, 12 & 19; Sessions at 10:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Tom Study Series, "Medieval Church History"

Mondays: August 9, 16, 23 & 30th; Sessions at 10:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Tom Study Series, "Franciscan Theology"

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

Masses have been scheduled at the St. Francis of Assisi Church, as follows:

Saturday May 8, 8:00 am
Sunday, June 13, 5:00 pm

Saturday, July 10, 8:00 am