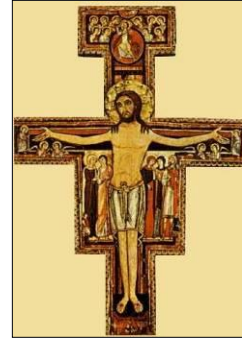


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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis (OFS/SFO)
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.

May 6, 2012 at 2:00pm
In Peryi Hall On the grounds of OMSLR

Our Future Meetings will be on:
June 3, 2012, & July 1, 2012



Inquirers and Candidates Classes

May ??, 2012
12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Sandy's Home

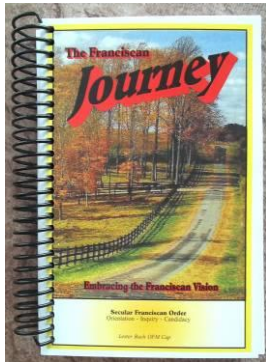
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
General Meeting – Peryi Hall

FRANCISCAN SAINT FOR MAY

Ivo of Brittany (III)

St. Ives, born at Kermartin, near Tréguier, Brittany, 17 October, 1253; died at Louannee, 19 May, 1303, was the son of Helori, lord of Kermartin, and Azo du Kenquis. In 1267 Ives was sent to the University of Paris, where he graduated in civil law. He went to Orléans in 1277 to study canon law. On his return to Brittany having received minor orders he was appointed "official", or ecclesiastical judge, of the archdeanery of Rennes (1280); meanwhile he studied Scripture, and there are strong reasons for holding that he joined the Franciscan Tertiaries (OFS) sometime later at Guingamp. He was soon invited by the Bishop of Tréguier to become his "official", and accepted the offer (1284). He displayed great zeal and rectitude in the discharge of his duty and did not hesitate to resist the unjust taxation of the king, which he considered an encroachment on the rights of the Church; by his charity he gained the title of advocate and patron of the poor. Having been ordained he was appointed to the parish of Tredrez in 1285 and eight years later to Louannee, where he died. He was buried in Tréguier, and was canonized in 1347 by Clement VI, his feast being kept on 19 May. He is the patron of lawyers, though not, it is said, their model, for — "Sanctus Ivo erat Brito, Advocatus et non latro, Res miranda populo." (from Catholic Encyclopedia Online Edition © 2003 by K. Knight)

FORMATION



Please call or email sandy at,

Director of Formation
Sandy OFS

Inquiry and Candidacy Class
Sandy's home, Sunday April 29, 2012 12:30 p.m.

The General Meeting will be on May 6th at 2 p.m. Everyone should attend.

Our meeting on March 25th went well and we pray April 29th will be even more inspiring. The next Chapter for the Inquiry Class will be Chapter Five of The Franciscan Journey book. We will explore the differences between other Secular Lay Orders, revisit the Sacrament of Baptism, touch on the Trinity, and our ability to relate to people at the heart of Franciscan life.

Jack S. will be presenting Chapter Eleven with our one Candidate, Dorothea H., concerning SFO Rule #1, #2, and #3. We have two people currently in Orientation. As a Community, we pray for our group going through formal formation of Orientation, Inquiry and Candidacy for the inspiration of St. Francis and St. Clare, for the love of our Community and the Gospel.

During this time of Lent and entering into Easter we have lost loving members of our Community. This has brought to mind, for me, a story I would like to share when I was Director of RCIA in Placerville, California. I was reminded of this story when Sr. Madeline was having the recent RCIA Class, at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Vista, share their experiences with the Easter Vigil, which was a moving experience. It is just a reminder of what our life here on earth is all about.

I remember one of the most gratifying experiences in one of our RCIA Classes at St. Patrick's Church in Placerville, California, was in 2004. The last RCIA class, before everyone would be receiving the Sacraments of the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil, I asked, "What did everyone learn during the last eight months?" This young man, who would always ask the most interesting questions and gave the best comments, was David. David was only fourteen years old and was attending RCIA for Confirmation. He raised his hand and said, "I have learned not to be afraid of death." I was stunned at his answer and said to the rest of the class, "He gets it!"

God Bless,

Sandy B., OFS
Director of Formation

Common Fund



For those not attending meetings, please mail your Common Fund envelope to:

ONGOING FORMATION



Jack S and Barbra U presented a Video by Fr Groeschel on the Virtues

A virtue is, "Good individual traits of character.

A virtue is "Good natural traits of a person.

How can I love my enemies, when I can't even love my relatives?

The Psalms (particularly Psalm 1,) and the Beatitudes from Jesus' "Sermon on The Mount," are awesome sources of meditation on the virtues.

"We, as Christians, are the "salt," of the earth, and when salt loses its savor, it is worthless."

Jack S.

PROFESSION ANIVERSARIES



May 4, 2003 Roger A.
Jack S.
Frances T. G.

May 16, 1999 Connie & Scott H.

BIRTHDAYS



May 4 Penny J.
May 4 Anna D.
May 7 Patricia D.
May 18 Edward U.

Prayer Requests:



Dorothy J. that her legs will continue to heal,

Our brothers and sisters who are in formation.

All of our Fraternity members, especially the elderly and homebound.

Hector, a fifth grader, who has a very difficult home life and who has troubling behavior issues in school.

Preston, the 7 yr. old grandson of Scott and Connie, who has been on the list for a heart transplant for several years. His family prays that he will move up the list more quickly.

Irene E.'s son, Mark, has a special intention for which he is requesting your prayers. Thank you.

Your prayers have been asked for Louise M., whom many of you know. She had a heart attack, followed by a stroke apparently caused by a brain tumor. She is a 50-year member of Queen of Angeles parish in Riverside and a long time Secular Franciscan.

Note: all Prayer requests may be emailed to Carol

MEMORIALS



April 2, 2012 Elane S.

May 12, 1995 Gerard M.

With sadness we must inform you of the sudden death of Elaine Smith on Monday, April 2, 2012. Cynthia Mattacheck, Elaine's friend, found her body sitting in her chair at home, apparently only a few hours after death. It seems she died very peacefully, a great gift of God's love. A lingering death in a hospital or nursing home would have been extremely painful for Elaine. Cynthia runs a home for the elderly near Elaine's house and for about the last 13 years or so, except for the last year, Elaine came over to eat dinner daily with Cynthia's residents. Those of you who knew Elaine, knew that she was very independent, and when Cynthia was not able to allow Elaine to keep her dog under the table when she ate with the others, Elaine stopped coming, except occasionally. Because Elaine got to know Cynthia's children, though, she always came over to celebrate holidays and feast days with Cynthia's family.



Elaine and her dog, Aragon

We all knew that Elaine loved animals, especially Aragon, her beloved German Shepherd Companion Dog, 'Aragon' who accompanied Elaine to our meetings. We thought Elaine called him Eric, but perhaps we were interpreting that for Arag, a shortened version of his registered name. What we didn't know is that Therapy Dogs International (<http://tdi-dog.org>) was founded by Elaine in New Jersey in 1976. Elaine has remained in contact with the organization all through the years. We knew that Elaine took care of many animals at her home, but she never shared with us how many there were. When Elaine died, Animal Control had to come over to take charge of 5 goats, 10 chickens, 6 cats, 3 dogs, 15 birds, and several rabbits. Elaine fed and cared for her animals first, before she bothered to take care of herself and the animals were in very good health and condition when she died.

Elaine was born on May 13, 1930, (almost 83) in Newark, New Jersey. Her parents, though not Catholic, sent Elaine to Catholic schools. Sometime during her youth, she became a Catholic, and then a Secular Franciscan. She made her profession on November 23, 1947, at St Francis of Assisi Church in New York City. She became a nurse, but her real passion was animals. We don't know when she moved to California, but she came to the San Luis Rey Fraternity in 1995. Because she had no living relatives, being an only child, and left no written instructions as far as is known, the state has to step in and take care of her estate. She'd always told Cynthia that she wanted to be cremated and her ashes buried with her parents in New Jersey. The state will do that, and the officials at Therapy Dogs International will take care of arrangements in New Jersey. St. Peter's Community in Fallbrook was quite active in Elaine's care through the years, even though she was very resistant to cutting down on the number of animals in her home. Cynthia will arrange for a Memorial Mass at St. Peter's when she receives the ashes, and will let us know when it will be so we can participate in saying good-bye.

May the souls of the faithfully departed, and especially Elane's, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Litany of Humility

O Jesus! meek and humble of heart,

Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,
From the desire of being loved,
From the desire of being extolled,
From the desire of being honored,
From the desire of being praised,
From the desire of being preferred to others,
From the desire of being consulted,
From the desire of being approved,
From the fear of being humiliated,
From the fear of being despised,
From the fear of suffering rebukes,
From the fear of being calumniated,
From the fear of being forgotten,
From the fear of being ridiculed,
From the fear of being wronged,
From the fear of being suspected,
That others may be loved more than I,

Deliver me, Jesus.
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This Litany, is attributed to **Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val** (1865-1930), secretary of state for Pope Pius X. He belonged to one of the most prominent families in England and Spain, was highly educated, knew the main languages of Europe perfectly, and was at home in the embassies of every European capital. His prayer is Franciscan in spirit.

That others may be esteemed more than I.

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That in the opinion of the world, others may increase and I may decrease.

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be chosen and I set aside.

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be praised and I unnoticed.

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may be preferred to me in everything.

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should.

Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.

Courtesy of EWTN.com

<http://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/prayers/humility.htm#ixzz1qXeoSLTb>

The above has been sized to fit in your Missal or Brevery, Carol OFS

FROM OUR MINISTER



Our Library is "up and running." Irene E, OFS, is our librarian. And, our book check out procedures in place.

If anyone has an issue with Mission San Luis Rey, please inform me first. We want a friendly Franciscan relationship with Mission San Luis Rey. Fr. David G. has been most generous with his offer to use Peyri Hall, and the Mission staff has helped us to move and store our Library in Peyri Hall.

As we experience the season of Lent, let us all remember our Franciscan vocations, in preparation for celebration the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior.

Pax et bonum,
Tim C
Minister

*Our Photo Gallery.
How many of us can you name?*



We had an awesome meeting in April!!

Just something to think about. What ministries do you participate in? Here are some examples:

Eucharistic Minister to the sick and homebound

Eucharistic Minister at Mass

Conservation of our Planet's resources'

Ecology

1 on 1 ministry

Visiting/calling the sick

Migrant Ministry

Graveside Ministry

PTSD Counseling

Birth Choice, Lector/Reader at Mass

Usher/Greeter at Church

Feeding the Poor

Prayer Ministry

Prison Ministry

and Hospice

just to mention a 'few,' can you think of any more that our members participate in?