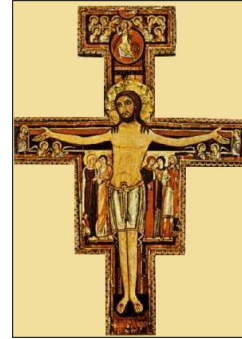


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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the  
Secular Franciscan Order  
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.



**Coming Meeting**  
**SUNDAY**  
**September 8 2013**

**No Formation Gathering in September**  
**General Meeting – Serra Room**  
in the OMSLR's quadrangle.  
**2:00 – 4:00 PM**

**Future Meetings:**

**SUNDAY** October 2013 Meeting Pending due to Transitus Celebration  
**SUNDAY** November 3, 2013 O'Keefe Room  
**SUNDAY** December 1, 2013

**ELECTIONS!!! ELECTIONS!!! ELECTIONS!!!**

## Prayer for our Coming Fraternity Elections

I thank you, Lord for making me a Secular Franciscan.

Pardon my shortcomings, weaknesses and failures as I seek to lead a Gospel life according to our Holy Rule. Please make me the Franciscan you want me to be

Jesus, just as I have a body, and my body has several parts, and each part has a separate function, so all of us in this fraternity, in union with you, Lord, from one body. As parts of that body, we belong to each other. Each of us has gifts that you have given us.

If my gift is administration, let me use it for administration; if teaching, let me use it for teaching. If I be a preacher, let me deliver sermons, if an alms giver, let me give freely, if an officer let me be diligent, and if I am to do works of mercy, let me do them cheerfully. Whatever my gifts, Lord let me use them to serve you as you see fit.

Do not let my love be a pretense, but let me love others as brother or sister should, and give me a profound respect for each of them.

Let me work for you and with you, Lord.

Let me recognize in myself and others the gifts we need to enliven and guide the group. Let us encourage and assist one another in your work. Lord, we give thanks for all your gifts, especially wisdom, knowledge, strength, discernment, kindness and generosity of spirit.

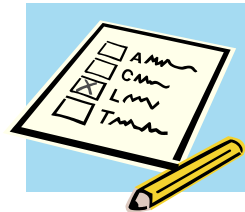
Lord, give me right faith, firm hope and perfect charity, and give me the wisdom and perseverance to accomplish your will. I trust in you and ask for your light.

Jesus, grant that your Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis be alive in our community.

Jesus, grant that we know what you want us to do, that we want what pleases you and will to do what you want for your sake alone.

I(we) ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

I believe this was composed by our own **Karron E. OFS** when she was our Minister.



## A few words from our Minister

We have many frail members in our Fraternity, so I thought you might enjoy this prayer for yourself or for others. A parishioner at morning Mass gave this to me.

### PRAYER TO OUR BLESSED MOTHER

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother  
Hold me firmly lest I fall.  
I grow nervous while walking,  
And on you, I humbly call.  
Guide me during every crossing,  
Watch me when I'm on the stairs.  
Let me know that you're beside me,  
Listen to my fervent prayer.  
Bring me safely to my destination.  
Bless my every undertaking,  
and my duties for the day.  
And when evening creeps upon me,  
I'll never fear to be alone.  
Once again, O Blessed Mother,  
Take my hand and lead me home.

*It is said that you will not fall if you pray this prayer every day.*

Barbara U. OFS  
Minister

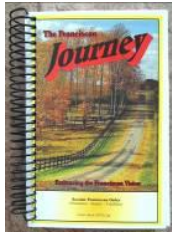
## Editor's Gem

Here are a few things to think about when marking your ballots on Sunday. When thinking of people to elect as "Servant Leaders" you should look at the following points:

- Secular Franciscans who demonstrate spiritual and psychological maturity
- Secular Franciscans who show respect for every member of the fraternity
- Secular Franciscans who demonstrate the Franciscan charism by their actions
- Secular Franciscans who are compassionate and just – both ends of the spectrum
- Secular Franciscans who are humble and open to the wisdom of others
- Secular Franciscans who are willing to collaborate with and empower others
- Secular Franciscans who possess good communication skills and a willingness to share information – except that of a confidential nature – with the entire fraternity.

This list was taken from the article, "Servant Leadership," under the 'Formation,' Commission logo, page 8 of the 'TAU-USA' Spring 2013 magazine/newsletter' from NAFRA.

## Formation Reminders from Sandy, Formation Director



**No Formation meeting will be held in September. After the elections the new director of formation will get ahold of those in formation.**



### NATIONAL PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS to the SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

O, Good and Gracious God,  
God of mercy, compassion, generosity, and love,  
As we live our lives today in the model of St. Francis,  
choosing daily to live the Gospel life,  
Help us to help others hear Your call.  
Help us to help others to recognize  
their vocation as a Secular Franciscan  
that You have already planted in their heart.  
Help us, so that together we all may work  
to bring the Gospel to life.  
Amen!

*Marian R. Crosby, SFO  
NAFRA Chapter 2010  
Scottsdale AZ  
<http://www.nafraformation.org/>*

In the spirit of St. Francis and Clare, God Bless,

Sandy B.  
Director of Formation

## Anniversaries of Profession



September 9, 2007  
September 9, 2007

Timothy C.  
Barbara U.  
Edward U.

## Memorials



September has no fraternity memorials, so we will pray for all of the faithfully departed, especially those in our families and the Franciscan family.

### Birthdays



September 1	Winnie B.
September 14	Freeda P.
September 27	Marjo G.

### Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



-We just received a phone call from a very devout lady who is asking for our fraternity to pray for Bill N., a man of the Catholic faith, who has just been diagnosed with a rare form of melanoma.

-Edna P. asks for prayers for her great-grandson Dennis, a former Navy seal, who was run over by a truck. He has a broken neck as well as head and shoulder injuries.

-Marta K.i asks prayers for her mother who had a relapse July 14, and is worse than before. Her speech is difficult to understand as her stroke has extended. She could use a lot of prayer.

-Please pray for Joseph I., our editor’s husband who has been having what appears to be ‘TIAs’ (mini strokes) Carol also asks for prayers for some special intentions.

-Dorothea H.'s brother, Edward B., who is in poor health.

-Our brothers and sisters who are in formation.

-All of our Fraternity members, especially the elderly and homebound who can’t come to our gatherings.

-Kevin D., Anna D., OFS, son asks for prayers for his mother, one of our Fraternity members. Anna has been in the hospital, and is now in a rehab center.

Please remember to bring your “Bio Sheet” with the information for the monthly member mini bio. These biographies will be used to create the section about a different member every month. For you who submit your form, it would be nice if you could include a digital photo of yourself or a family group with you and your spouse, if you have one. Thank you, The Editor.

### NOTE: NOTE: NOTE:

All newly elected Council members please check with the Editor!!!!

Memorial Service for Deacon Dustin M. OFS at OMSLR Cemetery Jul. 20, 2013



Deacon's friend and classmate, who presided at the memorial service. (Left)



Deacon's remains prepared for interment in the crypt. (Right)



Deacon's remains being interred in his crypt at OMSLR's Cemetery. (Left)



His friends and members of our fraternity in attendance at the service. (Right and below)





Oh, last but definitely not least, remember your donation envelope for the Common Fund. The box will be waiting for you.