



## **THE CORD**

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



**Holy Mass in Serra Center at 10:00AM**  
**Liturgy of the Hours in St. Clair Chapel after Mass**

**Lunch in the Snack/Social room**  
**from 12:00-12:50PM.**

**General Meeting will be held in the**  
**O'Keefe Room from 1:00-2:30pm.**

**Meeting room may change due to Visitation. So keep eyes on email, ty Editor.**

**Future Meetings:**

**September 7, 2014, October 5, 2014, November 2, 2014, December 7 2014...**

### **Thought for September: St. Francis' Stigmata. Feast, Sept. 17**

#### **From the Legenda Minor of St. Bonaventure**

(de Stigmatibus sacris, 1-4; ed. Quaracchi, 1941; pgg. 202-204)

Two years before Francis, the faithful servant of Christ, gave his soul back to God, he was alone on the top of Mt. Alverna. There he had begun a fast of forty days in honor of the archangel Michael and was immersed more deeply than usual in the delights of heavenly contemplation. His soul became aglow with the ardor of fervent longing for heaven as he experienced within himself the operations of grace.

As he was drawn aloft through ardent longing for God one morning near the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, and was praying on the mountainside, he saw what appeared as a seraph with six bright wings gleaming like a fire descending from the heights of heaven. As this figure approached in swift flight and came near the man of God it appeared not only winged but also crucified. The sight of it amazed Francis and his soul experienced joy mingled with pain. He was delighted with the sight of Christ appearing to him so graciously and intimately and yet the awe-inspiring vision of Christ nailed to the cross aroused in his soul a joy of compassionate love.

When the vision vanished after a mysterious and intimate conversation it left Francis aglow with seraphic love in his soul. Externally, however, it left marks on his body like those of the Crucified as if the impression of a seal had been left on heated wax. The figures of the nails appeared immediately on his hands and feet. The heads of the nails were inside his hands but on top of his feet with their points extending through to the opposite side. His right side too showed a blood-red wound as if it had been pierced by a lance, and blood flowed frequently from it.

Because of this new and astounding miracle unheard of in times past, Francis came down from the mountain a new man adorned with the sacred stigmata, bearing in his body the image of the Crucified not made by a craftsman in wood or stone, but fashioned in his members by the hand of the living God.

## Formation Reminders from Sandy, Formation Director



Formation Classes: September 6, 2014, Sandy Baden's home

10:00 am Inquiry and 1:00 pm Candidacy

**INQUIRY:** Brenda D., Luis G. and Karen W.

We have explored the lives of St. Francis and Clare in Chapter Six of The Franciscan Journey Book, and have begun an understanding of Franciscan spirituality. On September 6, 2014 we will discuss Chapter Seven, "History of SFO and Development of the Rule." This will help in determining the nature of commitment to live the SFO Rule as we come closer to Candidacy.

**CANDIDACY:** Laura C., Dorothy M. and Michael P.

In our discussion of Chapter eleven "The SFO Rule," we spent time reflecting on perfect charity in a secular state and fraternity life. On September 6<sup>th</sup> we will explore Chapter Twelve, "A Focus on Christ" Chapter two, SFO Rule Four, (From Gospel to Life and Life to the Gospel) seeking to encounter the living and active person of Christ.

### FORMATION FOR ALL:

Prayer before the Crucifix  
Francis of Assisi – The Saint  
Most High, glorious God,  
enlighten the darkness  
of my heart  
and give me true faith,  
certain hope,  
and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge,  
Lord,  
that I may carry out  
Your holy and true command.

God Bless,  
**Sandy B., OFS**  
Director of Formation

### Anniversaries of Profession



Sep. 9, 2007 Timothy C.  
Barbara U.  
(All 7 years) Edward U.

## Memorials



We have no memorials this month, so let's remember all the faithfully departed with some special prayers.

## Birthdays



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

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



- Ongoing, Our brothers and sisters who are in formation. We also need to pray that we will get some new inquirers.
- Ongoing, All of our Fraternity members, especially the elderly and homebound who can't come to our fraternity gatherings.



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

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