



THE CORD

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



Next Gathering

**August 2, 2015 (Pastoral Visit from
Rock DeS, OFS)**

Mass in the Serra Center at 10:00 AM
Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel after Mass
Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00-12:50 PM
General Meeting in the Luiseño Room from 1:00-3:00 PM
Council Meeting will follow at 3:00 PM

**This schedule is subject to change due to Pastoral Visit.
Keep your eyes open for changes!!!**

Future Gatherings:
Sept 6, 2014, Oct. 3rd Transitus, Oct. 4th Regular Gathering.

*** * Our Franciscan Crown Rosary * ***

Or the "Rosary of the Seven Joys of The B.V.M."

This rosary dates back to 1422 when a very pious young man who had been admitted to the Franciscan Order. This young man had been in the habit of adorning the statue of Our Lady with beautiful flowers to show his love for Her. Due to not being able to continue this pious practice he was going to leave the order until he was visited by an apparition of the BVM while he was at prayer where she told him that he would "...weave for me a crown from the flowers of your prayers..."

Recite one Our Father and ten Hail Marys in honor of each of the following events.

1st. My Joy I experienced at the Annunciation of the conception of Jesus.

2nd. My Joy that I felt when visiting my cousin Elizabeth.

3rd. My Joy when Jesus our Lord was born on Christmas Day.

4th. My Joy when Jesus was adored by the wise men.

5th. My Joy when Finding Jesus in the temple after looking for him for 3 days.

6th. My Joy at seeing Jesus risen from the dead on Easter Sunday.

7th. My Joy in honor of my most glorious Assumption into Heaven.

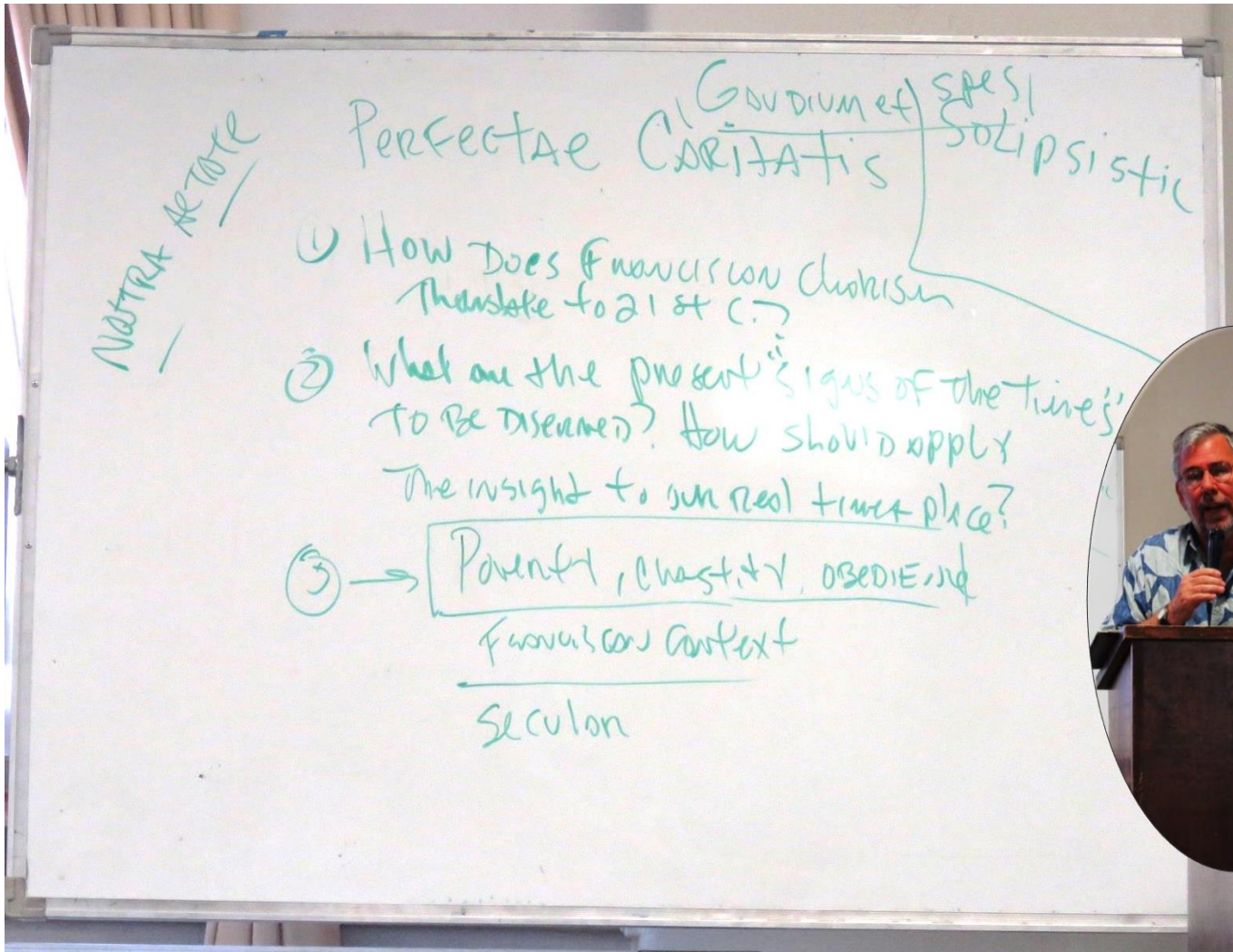
If you recite these prayers as I have directed, rest assured, dear son, you will weave for me a most beautiful and acceptable crown and will merit for yourself innumerable graces." Quote adapted from the card I received 50 years ago when I got my 1st Crown rosary.

We as Franciscans have this beautiful prayer that was taught to us by Our Lady herself.

Fr. Tom's visit.

Fr. Tom H. comes to SLR every summer from England to visit OMSLR and during his visit will generally come to our Fraternity gathering and give a spiritual talk to the gathered members.

This year he spoke on the consecrated life, and reminded us that we, 'seculars' are consecrated through our profession of our rule. We have to remember that we are members of one of only a very few actual 'orders,' of laity.



Towards the end, he mentioned Obedience as one of the Evangelical Councils, to which one of the members made the comment, that will be difficult with all that the 'U.S. Supreme Court' has been doing lately. To which he answered, "That will take some thought."

We will just have to do a lot of praying, having Masses offered, doing special penances, fasting... Giving the example to the under educated so that they can learn what is God's plan. We just have to remember the stories about Sodom and Gomorrah in the Biblical book of Genesis. God will win in the end. [Editor]



This beautiful icon of Christ, that appears to be based on the San Domino Crucifix just says so much. I can't stop finding things to think of as I look at it. I can just sit and ponder this image.

Does anybody that attends FST know anything about this artwork; is there a catalogue of the mission's paintings/statuary anywhere?

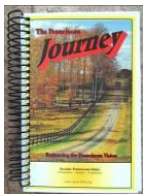
Enough art, though the mission has an immense collection...

This beautiful icon is on the east wall of the 'Serra' room.



This is a shot of the group of three paintings on the west wall of the "Serra" room.

Formation Reminders from Sandy, Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting.

This month's 'Ongoing Formation,' for all members.

FORMATION FOR SAN LUIS REY FRATERNITY

This article will be devoted entirely to our Rule as presented in The Franciscan Journey Book. It will be a way to become familiar with our Rule and its Constitutions. We as Franciscans make a public Profession proclaiming our commitment to follow our Rule and a continual conversion of life in the Spirit of St. Francis. Our SFO Constitutions contain comments on the Rule and give insights to understanding it.

Next month we will begin with Rule Four, the heart of our way of life, and see how we encounter Jesus and grow in union with Him and our Community at San Luis Rey Fraternity.

Luke 4:18-19, 21

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year
of the Lord's favor.

Then he began to say to them,
"Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

God Bless,

Sandy B., OFS
Director of Formation

Anniversaries of Profession



Jul. 7, 2013 Dorothia H.
Jul. 11, 2004 Irene E.
Robert P.
Jul. 18, 2010 Joseph C.
Jul. 21, 1996 Denise S.

Memorials



July 1, 2013 Dn. Dustin M.
July 21, 1995 Roberta Reynolds S.
July 23, 1990 George W.

Birthdays



July 22, Alice P.

Let us pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- Our brothers and sisters who are in formation.
 - All of our Fraternity members, especially the elderly and homebound who can't come to our fraternity gatherings.
 - Members of all the Orders of the Franciscan Family that need our prayers.
 - Denise S., for a return to good health.
 - David and Juliet Y.'s families.
 - The new St. Francis Region council, that they will reflect for us what it means to be a family in the Franciscan spirit.
 - For Bishop Robert McElroy, for our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, including those in secular orders and institutes.
 - For the women and children all over the world who are being coerced into abusive situations, and who are the victims of war in the Middle East and Africa.
 - All others who want/need prayers but were too shy to ask.
 - For Carol I's daughter in law who has been diagnosed with Crones disease and Joe her husband who is in poor health.
 - For all the people who have asked for prayers, but my computer's HDD has eaten or stuffed it in a file that I can't find as I have 2 TB of space to search through.
- For all Catholics who aren't practicing their faith as they should



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