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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.
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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 Ibarra Room from 1:00-3:00 PM

Upcoming Gathering on November 5, 2017

Council Meeting after general gathering at 3:15 - ? pm

Future Meetings:

Dec. 3, 2017, Jan. 8, 2018, Feb. 4, 2018, yes we know; Super Bowl Sunday..., Mar. 4, 2018
dates subject to change.

Minister's Note:

All Saints and All Souls

Dear sisters and brothers,

May the Lord give you peace!

In his Admonition VI, St. Francis reminds us that it is not enough merely to talk about saints. He suggests that we are called to be saints ourselves. He writes "it is a shame for us, servants of God, that while the saints actually did such things, we wish to receive glory and honor by merely recounting their deeds."

But what does it mean to do "such things" as the saints did? We can perhaps say it does not mean copying the saints, or engaging in heroic practices that are not ours to do. But surely we 21st century Franciscans are called to *do* things in God's good world. This is what Franciscans mean by justice, peace and integrity of creation – JPIC.

Our call to holiness/sainthood will be the topic of our November meeting. We'll spend a bit of time looking at some Franciscan saints who might be new to us, and we'll reflect on how we are called to act. We'll discuss work done at Brother Benno's and by Catholic Charities as we continue to discern - as individuals and as fraternity - what is ours to do.

Pax et bonum, dear servants of God.

Donna OFS

Formation Reminders from our Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting, Please call Sandy for more information

God Bless,
Sandy Baden, OFS
Director of Formation

Anniversaries of Profession



We have nobody on the List, so we should look into our own Franciscan life, and ask ourselves, are we living as Jesus and St. Francis would have taught us to live?

Memorials



Nov. 4, 1998 Catherine Wagner
Nov. 6, 2006 Rose Rita Langen

Birthdays



Nov. 02	Karen W.
Nov. 09	Connie H.
Nov. 15	Carol I.
Nov. 25	Samuel D.

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- For our Minister, Donna, for blessings in all her endeavors.
- For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, and all Diocesan Bishops for all of our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, including those in lay orders and institutes.

- For the victims of war and terrorism throughout the world.
- For all of our brothers and sisters served by our fraternity's outreach program.
- All of our Fraternity members, especially: our council, our brothers and sisters who are in formation, our elderly and or homebound who aren't able come to our fraternity gatherings.
- Members of all three Orders of the Franciscan Family who need our prayers.



Minister: What do you now ask of God...?

Candidates: We ask to be admitted to profession...

Minister: "I as minister of San Luis Rey Fraternity do accept your profession..."

This was an awesome and beautiful celebration of Kelly F's, Sam D's and Elizabeth's M. Profession and acceptance as full members of the Secular Franciscan Order, (OFS). After the Mass and profession we moved to the Serra room of the Mission's "Retreat Center" and had an awesome lunch that was, I believe catered by the Old Mission's own dining room personal. It was a delicious meal... and everything was eaten...



Pictures of the profession taken by Tuan C. and of Mission arches by Editor.



Profession of Sister Elizabeth Mavis

On October 1st, Sister Elizabeth Mavis was professed at the 10:00 am Mass, at Mission San Luis Rey, in Oceanside, California.

The officers and members of Fr. Solanus Casey Fraternity in Venice Florida congratulate Liz—who is a favorite in our fraternity. We await Liz's return to Florida so we can welcome her as a professed Secular Franciscan.

1 Oct. 2017 **Cord Newsflyer** in brief... We had the Profession of Kelly F., Sam D., and Elizabeth M. that will be remembered for all posterity in the following photos...



Our celebration was held at the 10:00AM parish Mass in the Serra Center at OMSLR on October 1, 2017, with Fr. Vince (the Pastor) presiding at the Mass. It was a beautiful celebration... Editor

Memento Mori: a Reminder of Sister Death

'What is it with all these morbid skulls?' I'd ask myself, especially this time of year surrounded with all the Halloween decorations and the rich traditions of the Mexican 'Day of the Dead' – complete with candy [sugar skulls](#). Even when just strolling through at an art museum... have you ever noticed how often medieval saints are portrayed with *skulls*?



St. Francis Meditating
by El Greco c. 1595
Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

In this image by El Greco (left), we see Francis praying in a cave that could be his hermitage of La Verna. And there it is again... a *skull*. The skull is a [Memento Mori](#), Latin for "Remember that you will die." St. Francis even once signed a blessing to Brother Leo with the tau cross and a small drawing of a skull.

A Memento Mori is a reminder that this earthly life is transient; that eternal life awaits us. It's a reminder for us not to put off the things that are important each day – our relationships with God and each other. That death is part of life. My husband and very recently purchased our burial plots in the beautiful Old Mission [cemetery](#); after finalizing our paperwork we walked out to our little chunk of newly acquired real estate. I looked at the little plot of manicured lawn, imagining the headstone that will one day be there. I uttered in that poignant moment, 'Wow, what a powerful *memento mori* this is.' My husband of nearly 30 years gazed at the same plot, considered our future joint interment and said, 'hmmm... guess this means that now we're *really* in a long-term relationship!'

Francis live this idea of 'Memento Mori' with his embrace of the beautifully personified 'Sister Death.' As we hear in the Catholic funeral rite, we believe that with the arrival of Sister Death, for God's faithful people [life is changed](#), not ended. Sadness gives way to the bright promise of immortality.

As we celebrate All Saint's Day, All Souls Day (and Halloween and Día de Los Muertos), let us remember all those who have gone before us who are still part of our community. We remember all those in our own Secular Franciscan Fraternity on our '[Sister Death](#)' memorial webpage. Go to the site, pray for and with our Secular brothers and sisters remembered there. Francis embraced Sister Death at the Transitus; Each month we too pray for our Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters who have entered into eternal life – and in doing so, experience our own *Memento Mori*.



THANKSGIVING POTLUCK WITH IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FRATERNITY

Your fraternities are invited to join us at our Thanksgiving celebration and feast on Sunday, November 12th, and St. Patrick's Parish Hall, at 1:30 pm. We will have a pot-luck feast, and enjoy each other's company. The St. Diego Fraternity will not be able to join us this year since they will be having their elections that day. But we will remember them in our prayers, and look forward to seeing them again at next year's picnic.

It is our hope that the rest of your fraternities will be able to come on the 12th of November. Please RSVP by Nov. 1st to let me know if your members will be joining us.

Last but definitely not least the address is;

3585 30th Street - in North Park, San Diego, 92104. Parking is sometimes a challenge, depending on arrival time and Mass times. There is a parking lot with the entrance on 30th St. It has three gates - the center one is the entrance, the other two are exits. If the lot is full, there is parking on the side streets around the block.

Blessings to you all!
Pax,
Caroline Y., OFS
Immaculate Conception Fraternity

I can offer free rides to up to 3 Tertiaries, to include one with a walker or wheelchair. Call 760-717-7608 (Message) for instructions... Editor.



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FALL 2017 LECTURES

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 9, 7:00 PM

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Can a Franciscan be Angry? Emotional Range in Franciscan Life with Darleen Pryds, PhD

Francis of Assisi is often depicted in movies as soft spoken and meek, and yet texts point to a range of emotion experienced and expressed by Francis and other members of the Franciscan family. This talk works with the emotional range of Franciscans to explore how we in the Franciscan family express emotions and accept a full range of emotions from one another.

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