



## THE CORD

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



Mass in the Serra Center at 10:00 A  
Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel after Mass  
Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00-12  
General Meeting in the Luiseño Room from 12:30-3:00 PM

**\*\*\*January 8, 2017 \*NOTE 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday!!!\*\*\***

Council Meeting before meeting at 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Future Meetings:

Feb. 5, 2017, Mar. 5, 2017, April 2, 2017

**MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND  
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2017**



## Frances Peacock and Saint Bonaventure

Dear sisters and brothers,

As we ponder the meaning of the Feast of Epiphany, here are two good Franciscans to guide our reflection: Francis Peacock, a Secular Franciscan writing in 1942, and St. Bonaventure, theologian, writing in the 1200's. Like us, neither of them ever met Francis of Assisi. Yet like us, they followed his example and lived the Gospel of Christ Jesus as best they could.

Francis Peacock was a Tertiary of St. Elizabeth Fraternity in Oakland, CA. She wrote a little article for *The Western Tertiary* on praying the Franciscan Crown in church. She wrote of the great joy and peace she found in this. Here are her thoughts on the Fourth Joy:

... I begin the thoughts on the Adoration of the Magi. If we could adore as they adored, and become so filled with Him that no longer would we ever follow our old ways. One of the most unique things about the Franciscan Crown, is the commemoration of the coming of the Magi. Popular devotion rarely thinks about those Wise Men. The Feast of the Epiphany, commemorating it, is great in the scale of the Liturgy, but half forgotten in popular esteem. I like to think of them coming through the night on camel-back, so solemn and so silent, straight to the place where the Star stood still. They find only a Baby there, lying on some straw, and a tired, quiet man, and a sweet, young mother. ... They fall down and worship Him and offer gifts ... Here am I, also adoring Him. But what do I bring, coming to Mass with an empty soul, empty heart, and vacant mind?

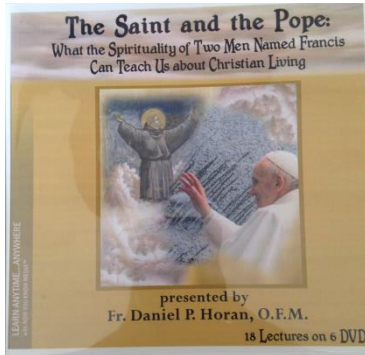
What our sister Frances Peacock experienced has been described before, by St. Bonaventure in his meditations on spiritual motherhood in *Bringing Forth Christ: Five Feasts of the Child Jesus*. Here the saint shares his own feelings about this scene where Jesus is found by the Magi:

We find the Child Jesus with Mary (cf Matt. 2:11) when we taste the sweetness of divine contemplation, sometimes accompanied by abundant tears of consolation, after we have shed tears of sorrow and made fruitful confession of our sins. We find the Child when prayer, which at the outset saw us almost despairing, leaves us rejoicing and assured of forgiveness. How happy such a 'Mary' by whom Jesus is conceived, from whom he is born and with whom he is found in tenderness and delight.

Wise men and wise women are all around us. Let us notice their examples – but let us each find a unique way to adore Him. May we bring Him full, joyful souls, hearts and minds.

Peace,  
Donna, OFS

## Notes on the upcoming gathering:

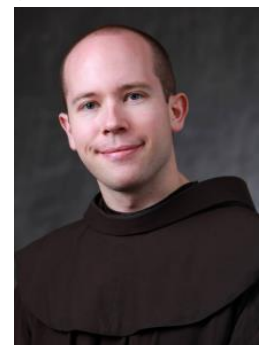


When we gather Karron our Vice Minister will be sharing a talk from Fr. Horan, OFM's DVD, "The Saint and the Pope", she will also share an Epiphany activity on the Virtues leading the Fraternity into the New Year...

### Just who is Fr. Horan OFM?

**Daniel P. Horan, OFM**, is a Franciscan friar of [Holy Name Province](#), Visiting Assistant Professor of Systematic Theology at the [Catholic Theological Union](#) (Chicago), a columnist for [America](#) magazine, and the author of several books including, most recently, [The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton: A New Look at the Spiritual Influence on his Life, Thought, and Writing](#) (Ave Maria Press, 2014) and [Postmodernity and Univocity: A Critical Account of Radical Orthodoxy and John Duns Scotus](#) (Fortress Press, 2014). In addition, he is the author of [The Last Words of Jesus: A Meditation on Love and Suffering](#) (Franciscan Media, 2013); [Francis of Assisi and the Future of Faith: Exploring Franciscan Spirituality and Theology in the Modern World](#) (Tau Publishing, 2012); and [Dating God: Live and Love in the Way of St. Francis](#) (Franciscan Media, 2012). His next book is titled *God is Not Fair and Other Reasons for Gratitude* (Franciscan Media, 2016). He is the author of more than 120 scholarly and popular articles and book chapters published in journals including *Theological Studies*, *New Blackfriars*, *The Heythrop Journal*, *Worship*, *Cistercian Studies Quarterly*, among others, and is a regular contributor to the publication [Give Us This Day](#). He is a frequent lecturer and retreat director around the United States, Canada, and Europe. He has previously taught in the Department of Religious Studies at Siena College and in the Department of Theology at St. Bonaventure University. Fr. Dan earned his Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Boston College, is the former Catholic Chaplain at [Babson College](#) in Wellesley, Mass., and serves on the Board of Directors of the [International Thomas Merton Society](#). In addition to several awards and recognitions for his books and articles, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by Felician University in 2015.

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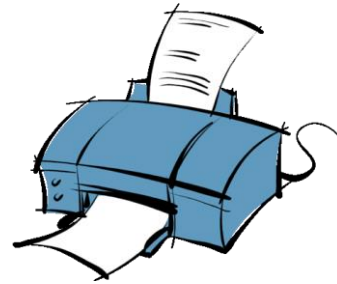


## Editor's Note

Starting next month, you will no longer see 'last/sir' names, phone numbers, or email addresses in our newsletter, as you have all of this information in the Membership List that I recently attached to the newsletter. This is being done in an attempt to protect everybody's identities.



These changes have been necessary due to the fact that we will be rolling out in January 2017. It will just be a few minor changes, but you will have to keep the membership roster "pinned" to your desktop, and or print it out with your personal printer and paper.



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Those that do not use computers, you were mailed a paper copy a few months ago...

I have had people ask why I do everything in PDF, it is simply so that you won't accidentally delete/erase something by accident and not be able to get it back. This prevents you from losing or accidentally changing information, as I have done myself, and then spent hours trying to get it right again.

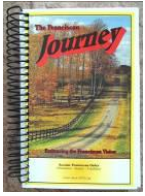
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I am here to serve you, do you know how to communicate with me?

I am a computer, and can bring the internet to you, not all on the internet is bad, try [www.SLR-ofs.org](http://www.SLR-ofs.org) after it is published at the beginning of 2017.

## Formation Reminders from our Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting.

God Bless,  
Sandy, OFS  
Director of Formation

## Anniversaries of Profession



12-10-2006 Penny J (10 years)

## Memorials



December 4, 2002  
December 29, 1998

Mary P. Ryan Molnar  
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## Birthdays



This month, we will think of the most important 'Birthday' Feast on the Church calendar, that of the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ as we celebrate Christmas on Dec. 25, as we have no known member birthdays this month.

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



- For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, for our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, including those in lay orders and institutes.
- For the victims of the atrocities of ISIS throughout the world.
- For all the other Secular Franciscans served by the fraternity's outreach

program.

- All of our Fraternity members, especially: our council members, 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.

St Thomas More Church is offering a program on St. Francis on Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 2017, at 6:30PM looks to be a good one... Marianne, [mgrisezmp@gmail.com](mailto:mgrisezmp@gmail.com), for more info.

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Unity Productions Foundation In Partnership with St Thomas More Catholic Church and North County Islamic Foundation

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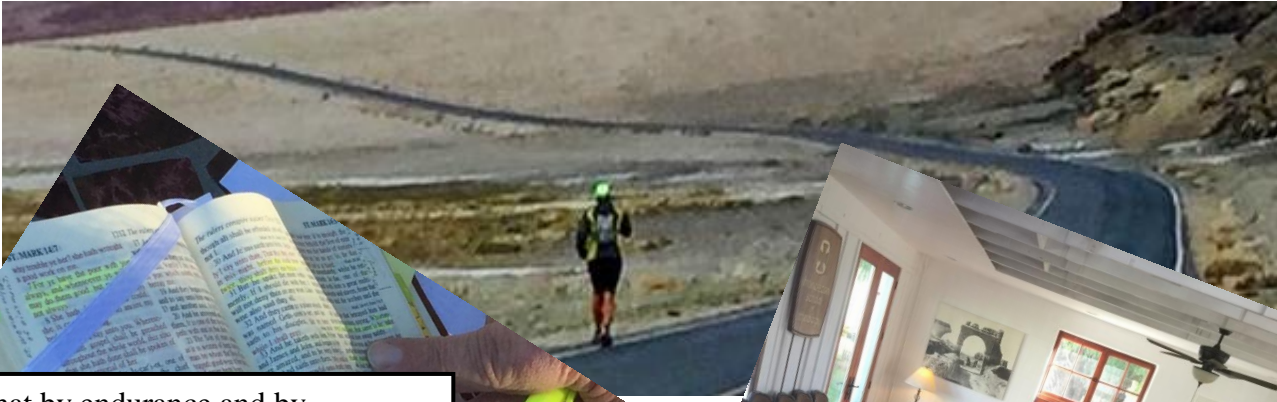
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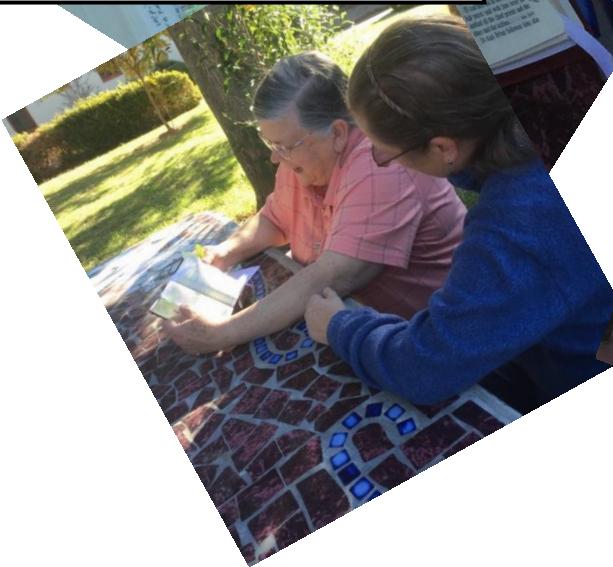


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# *Just what did the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sun. of Advent's Scriptures say to you?*



...That by endurance and by encouragement of the Scriptures... (Romans 15:4).



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

Or mail to: Eileen

## FRATERNITY COUNCIL



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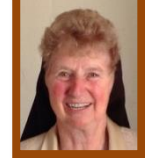
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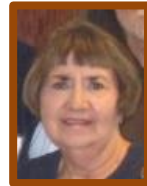
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