



THE CORD

San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.
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10:00 Mass in the Serra Center
11:30 ish Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel
12:00-12:50 PM Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from
1:45-3:45 PM General Meeting in the Luiseño Room from

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

Future Meetings:
Mar. 5, 2017, April 2, 2017, May 7, 2017



Old Mission arches and gate in the 'quadrangle' area. I remember taking these photos, and thinking, "It smells to nice and clean out here after it rains, and how refreshing it is when we come out here and spend a few moments in prayer and relaxation with our Lord in his Sacred Garden that the Friars have so graciously opened to visitors to the Mission." The statue in distance is of Our Lady or Jesus, I don't remember which, but it is so beautiful in or near the rose garden.

Just what goes through your mind when you come out to the Mission for a Fraternity gathering or a class/retreat/day of recollection? I know when I come out to the Mission there is such a sense of peace and contemplation that it is hard for me to go into the Chapel, Lunchroom or classroom to do the business of the day... It is just such a relaxing place...

A Prayer for Hope and Gratitude from the New to the Old

Holy Spirit you gave the world the Franciscan spirituality through the loving and willing heart of St. Francis. You are the loving force between the father and son that continues to grow our community. We thank you dear counselor, and ask that you continue to bless our Fraternity. For indeed something great is at work here. Your work is never in vain, and your plan is ever perfect. In this truth we come together to learn from the experienced generation, and put to work that which continues to be handed down through generations. For their guidance, reward them with the grace that we understand to be complete and ever fulfilling. Let us give them hope by continuing their work.

For truly something great is at work here. For the time for us to act will surely come to be. Let us be ready. Let us be willing. Let us be true to the way of our father Francis by observing those before us.

Holy Spirit who is the hope in us, continue to grow our Fraternity. Let us always honor and remember in our fraternity the brothers and sisters before us. We ask this in *Jesus'* Name. Amen.

Note: Italic added.

Luis, OFS

The spiritual father of Steubenville Franciscan University's **Father Scanlan TOR remembered for burnishing Catholic identity, holy simplicity [Paul Senz OSV Newsweekly](#)**

1/13/2017

Franciscan Father Michael Scanlan, retired president of Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio, died Jan. 7 after a long illness. He is pictured in a 2009 photo. (CNS photo/Kevin R. Cooke, Franciscan University)

On the morning of Jan. 7, Father Michael Scanlan, TOR, former president of the Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio, and a man often credited with reinvigorating the concept of Catholic identity in institutions of higher learning in the United States, died after an extended illness.

The legacy left by Father Scanlan will take years to truly appreciate. He was one of the giants of U.S. Catholicism in the second half of the 20th century.

A priest of the Franciscan Third Order Regular, in the Province of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, Father Scanlan served the Church as a pastor and university president, seminary rector, spiritual adviser and educator, writer and television host.

Educational missionary

Born Vincent Michael Scanlan in 1931 in Cedarhurst, Long Island, New York, he attended Harvard Law School, graduating in 1956. Following graduation, he served as staff judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force. In 1957 he entered the Franciscan Third Order Regular, with which order he made his first profession of vows in 1959, and was ordained a priest in 1964.

Father Scanlan at a glance

Father Scanlan wanted to work as a missionary. However, his superiors had other plans, and sent him to the tiny College of Steubenville, where he was dean of faculty from 1964-69. In 1974, he was selected as the college's new president.

- Born 1931, Cedarhurst, Long Island
- Entered Franciscan Third Order Regular 1957
- First profession of vows 1959
- Ordained a priest 1964
- Faculty, College of Steubenville, 1964-69
- Rector, St. Francis Seminary, Loretto, Pa., 1969-74
- President, Franciscan University of Steubenville, 1974-2000
- Chancellor, Franciscan University, 2000-11

It was in this role as president that the unique approach of Father Scanlan to university life emerged. The college was struggling financially, and many of those in consideration for the post explicitly saw it as their task to oversee the closing of the school. Father Scanlan, however, saw the school's problems as fundamentally spiritual. The campus had grown increasingly indifferent or hostile to the Catholic faith, and the orientation of the college needed to be redirected toward theology.

Father Scanlan got the job, and immediately set to turning the school around.

Forging an identity

In order to truly be a part of the university community, Father Scanlan reportedly spent all the time he could with students in his first several months as president. He played sports with them, attended parties, ate with them in the cafeteria. This personal touch became a hallmark of his tenure as president, and his style as a pastor.

By the early 1980s, Father Scanlan had guided the College of Steubenville out of debt, and in 1985 the name of the school was officially changed to the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

The university said in a statement following his death, “His success helped spark a restoration of authentic Catholic education in the United States and beyond, with many colleges and universities renewing their Catholic identity and new schools imitating his emphasis on Catholic Church teaching.”

In 1989, the university, under his guidance, began to require theology professors to publicly pledge an oath of fidelity to the magisterium. This preceded by more than a decade the mandatum of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, a requirement for theology faculty at Catholic institutions. It is through efforts such as this that Franciscan University attained its reputation as a bulwark of what Father Scanlan called “dynamic orthodoxy.”

Far reaching legacy

Father Scanlan was president of Franciscan University of Steubenville from 1974-2000, and then served as chancellor of the university from 2000-11. He was president emeritus from 2011 till his death.

In 2011, he retired to the Third Order Regular Sacred Heart Province’s motherhouse in Loretto, Pennsylvania, and in December 2013 he moved to Garvey Manor, a Catholic nursing home in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, where he died.

In a statement released following the death of Father Scanlan, the current president of Franciscan University, Father Sean Sheridan, TOR, said Father Scanlan “is rightfully credited with revitalizing the Catholic and Franciscan mission of the University.”

He also spent time with the students, listened to their concerns, and prayed how he might help them,” Father Sheridan continued. “He emphasized the importance of academics, particularly theology — now, by far our largest major — and stressed the role of campus ministry and student life in the daily lives of the students.”

Father Scanlan accomplished a great deal as an administrator and educator, but it is as a shepherd of souls, a pastor, a simple priest, that he will be most fondly remembered.

“As a priest,” said Father Sheridan, “he administered the sacraments with full confidence in their power to restore all things in Christ and generously exercised his considerable gifts of prayer, teaching, preaching, and healing both on campus and around the world.

“It is, perhaps, most of all for his spiritual fatherhood that so many will remember him with gratitude.”

Paul Senz writes from Oregon. Awesome Franciscan Friar (Editor)



Images from 'Bing images.'



Holy Gospel, 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle "A"

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket: it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." – The Gospel of the Lord.

R/ Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

FRANCISCAN VISION SERIES

**Struggling for
The Gospel**

**FST presents
free talk on
Thursday, Feb. 16
St. Clare Chapel
7 pm**



Fr. Joe Chinnici, OFM

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 16, 7:00 PM

Struggling for the Gospel: Peter John Olivi's Advice to the Laity with Joseph Chinnici, OFM

The Franciscan Peter John Olivi, a follower of Bonaventure and master of the spiritual life, taught a practical theology designed to encourage the laity in the midst of their struggles for reform in the Church and for justice in society. Come and learn his rules for survival and how they might guide us today! **Flyer attached.**

Secular Franciscan Order Retreat MAY 26 – 28, 2017

St. Clare of Assisi: Franciscan Woman, Leader, Healer and Friend. Considered to be the “First Franciscan Woman”, Clare is true to her name, which means Light. We will explore the times in which she lived, her life as a follower of Francis, her feminine approach to leading her Sisters, her relationship within and beyond the Franciscan Order, and her miraculous healing which led to her canonization as a Saint. **Flyer attached.**

Dear sisters and brothers,

May the Lord give you peace in this Ordinary Time. On the weekend of January 13-15, it was my privilege to represent our fraternity at Regional Chapter, along with Sister Madeline. Please know that each one of you was held in my prayers during this gathering. This was a Visitation from the National Fraternity Council, which in turn receives Visitation from our International Fraternity Council. See how large your family really is!

Those of you who have been professed for some time – have you ever connected a fraternal visitation with THE Visitation of the Blessed Virgin to St. Elizabeth? I never had, until the beautiful reflection given by visitor Joan Geiger, OFS. I wish I could share all her points, but here are the “Gifts of the Visitation” she offered:

- Openness to the Spirit
- A Spirit of Spontaneity
- A Spirit of Courage
- A Spirit of Joy
- A Spirit of Readiness
- A Spirit of Humility
- A Spirit of Adventure
- A Spirit of Hospitality
- A Spirit of Wonder and Awe
- A Spirit of Thanksgiving

It seems to me these are gifts we should pray to give and receive at every San Luis Rey fraternity meeting. When you pray Mary's Magnificat, you hear them all. They are very like the *Admonitions* St. Francis gave to his followers. Which of these gifts are for you to share?

God willing, I will see you at February's gathering. Till then, His peace be yours. Don't forget to visit our new website www.slr-ofs.org and see the attached flyers!

Donna OFS

Formation Reminders from our Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before our Sunday meeting
God Bless,
Sandy, OFS
Director of Formation

Anniversaries of Profession



Feb. 6, 2011 Sandra (6 years)
Feb. 10, 2002 Edna (15 years)
Feb. 14, 1965 Carol (52 years)

Memorials



Feb. 2, 1996 Gertrude Weaver
Feb. 9, 2007 Charles Dotson
Feb. 21, 1996 Florence Collins

Birthdays



Feb. 6 Jack
Feb. 17 Kelly
Feb. 14 Marta
Feb. 28 Mary

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- For the safety of Donna our Minister in his journeys during this busy time of year for her.
- 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 our Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters 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.



Now we need someone to share with us just who these people are, maybe you Donna?

We thank our brother Twan for these beautiful pictures, as well as the large group on next page.



Yes, please turn sideways, as that way you might be able to recognize people, and also enlarge to a high percentage



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

Or mail to: Eileen

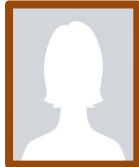
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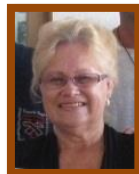
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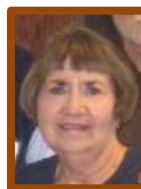
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