



## *THE CORD*

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 10AM  
Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel after Mass  
Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00-1PM  
General Meeting in the Ibarra Room 1PM-3PM

### **Upcoming Gathering on June 4, 2017**

**Council Meeting after meeting at 3:00 – 4:00 pm**

**Future Meetings:**

**July 2, 2017 August, and September, dates subject to change.**

### **Holy Gospel for Pentecost Sunday 2017 cycle A**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

#### **GOSPEL JN 7:37-39**

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Jesus stood up and exclaimed,  
"Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink.  
As Scripture says:

***Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me.***"

He said this in reference to the Spirit  
that those who came to believe in him were to receive.  
There was, of course, no Spirit yet,  
because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

## Advice from St. Anthony of Padua to the Laity on Contemplation

(Image: Maso di Banco, *St. Anthony of Padua*, first half of the 14th century)

St. Anthony of Padua (1195-1231), a Doctor of the Church, carries the nickname “the ark of the covenant” for his deep knowledge of sacred Scripture. His preaching was known for its beauty and sweetness. But in his humility, he declined offers to teach until he received written permission from St. Francis himself. St. Francis happily gave that permission!

At our May gathering, we enjoyed an inspiring, challenging talk by Fr. Barnabas Hughes, OFM. We continue to learn that the great Franciscan theologian, St. Anthony, offers much more than help in finding things!

Among the insights of St. Anthony to us are these gems:

- ❖ “The just person passes through the transitory love of this world with the cross of Jesus and thus reaches the promised land with two gifts: the fruits of the active and of the contemplative life.”
  - ❖ “When the mind of a person stands face to face with God and contemplates His beauty and tastes its sweetness, then he is truly in the garden of delights... The sweetness of contemplation . . . arises from the Creator’s love.”
  - ❖ Having entered my home I will rest with her (Wisdom), because being in her company there is no bitterness nor bother in our living together, only happiness and joy. Spiritual persons leave aside mundane concerns and disturbing thoughts to enter into the home of their consciences, closing the door upon the five senses. They relax with Wisdom, leaving themselves empty for the divine contemplation, in which one savors the quiet of spiritual sweetness.
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## From Our Minister -

Dear sisters and brothers,

May the Lord give you peace! We look forward to seeing our District Liaison, Tuan Cao, at our June gathering. Tuan will join us to remind us of the process for the Fraternal Visitation which we anticipate in August.

I know we will all give him a warm welcome as we prepare together for this significant event. Our life as a canonically-established fraternity depends on the relationship we have with the larger Order.

At the June gathering, we will also hold a vote on the proposed “Emeritus” status for home-bound members. We did not hold the vote in May as a number folks were unable to attend that month.

Please keep our Excused members, our Inquirers, and our Candidates in your prayers each month. (If you have any prayers to spare for the Council, those will also be appreciated!) You each remain in my prayers.

Pax et bonum,  
Donna

## Summary of Laura and Carol experience at the Regional Day of Reflection on St. Bonaventure on 5/7/17

While the SLR Fraternity was enjoying our May Fraternity meeting, Carol and Laura were in San Diego engaged with our larger Franciscan family. Carol and Laura met brother and sister Franciscans from across our District at the Nuestra Senora De Los Angeles church. The Nuestra Senora Fraternity provided a very warm welcome including wonderful refreshments and a beautiful 'environment' table to complement the parish hall where we met. Two of our Regional Spiritual Assistants, Sylvia Paoli, OFS and Margie Rodriguez, OFS were scheduled to speak on 'an Understanding St. Francis through the Eyes of St. Bonaventure.' It was a delightful surprise to arrive and learn that they were specifically focusing on Bonaventure's work, a 'Soul's Journey Into God.'

Sylvia and Margie shared that several years ago they had been on a week-long residential retreat focused on this incredible work of St. Bonaventure. That experience was transformative for each of them, really changing their spiritual lives. It helped them to see all creation with a new perspective – with all creation being a gateway into God. They provided some brief highlights of this great spiritual work, primarily in seeing the 'vestiges' of God, or 'footprints' of God in all of creation and how that connected with the central theme of Franciscan spirituality, the Incarnation.

The day was a wonderful reminder that we would all benefit from a deep dive into Bonaventure's work. For the brave, you can access a full written online translation online. Or if you'd like, how about listening to the work accompanied by music? See our website under 'Resources, then 'Books, Lectures, & Audio.' Better yet, consider taking a guided course in spiritual classic with a professor to lead you along the way... you can take a course given by Br. Bill Short, OFM on the Soul's Journey through 'Now You Know Media. The message is timeless – and is an integral part of our Franciscan DNA.

Helpful links to learn more about 'The Soul's Journey Into God:'

- Full PDF copy of 'The Soul's Journey Into God':  
<http://faculty.uml.edu/rinnis/45.304%20God%20and%20Philosophy/ITINERARIUM.pdf>
- Audio version of the 'Soul's Journey' with music:  
[http://www.assisijourney.com/public\\_ftp/journey%20text.htm](http://www.assisijourney.com/public_ftp/journey%20text.htm)
- Br. Bill Short's full course on the 'Soul's Journey' though Know You Know Media:  
<https://www.nowyouknowmedia.com/saint-bonaventure-the-soul-s-journey-into-god.html>

**Photos from the Regional Day of Reflection on St. Bonaventure on 5/7/17**



Above, the Seculars from the San Diego District that attended the Day of Reflection on St. Bonaventure provided by our Regional Spiritual Assistants. Below, everybody attentively listening to Sylvia and Margie, our Spiritual Assistants.



## Wonderful Things to Find on our Website:

As Secular Franciscans, we are *called like Saint Francis to rebuild the Church and inspired by his example, devote ourselves to living in full communion with the pope, bishops, and priests, fostering an open and trusting dialog of apostolic effectiveness and creativity.* That's a LOT for one sentence, and it comes directly from the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order. So how do we even begin to do that? One first step is knowing what the pope, bishops, and priests are **communicating** to us. There's an easy way for us to do that, on our own website ([www.slr-ofs.org](http://www.slr-ofs.org)). Go to the 'News' heading, and then down to 'From Pope Francis & the Vatican.'

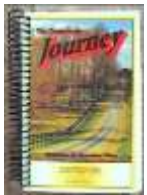
## News from Pope Francis & the Vatican



- News from Pope Francis & the Vatican in English
- Pope Francis's General Audiences & Homilies
- The Pope's Monthly Prayer Video
- Pope Francis's Daily Tweets

Not on Twitter? No problem. Get your daily Tweet from Pope Francis right on our website. What about watching Pope Francis's monthly inspiring prayer video? We got that too. Scroll through the entire page, you'll also find daily headlines from the Catholic News Service from the Vatican and the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). It's all here for us, updated every day.

## Formation Reminders from our Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting, Please call Sandy for more information  
God Bless,  
Sandy, OFS  
Director of Formation

## Anniversaries of Profession



Jun. 06, 2004	Donna
Jun. 14, 1990	Prudence
Jun. 21, 1991	Karron
Jun. 25, 1978	Eileen

## Memorials



June 28, 1964	Edna May Knox (One of the Fraternity's early members)
June 2, 1997	Ruth Gallagher
June 14, 2000	Beverly Raphael Brown

## Birthdays



6	Barbara
10	Luis
13	Eileen
14	David
17	Laura
20	Elizabeth
26	Scott
28	Mary Rose

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



- For the safety of Donna our Minister in her journeys during this busy time of year.
- 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.

### EYE HALVE A SPELLING CHECKER

I halve a spelling checker  
It came with my pea sea  
It plainly marcs four my revue  
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.  
Eye strike a key and type a word  
And weight four it two say  
Weather eye am wrong oar write  
It shows me strait a weigh.  
As soon as a mist ache is maid  
It nose bee fore two long  
And eye can put the error rite  
Its rare lea ever wrong.  
Eye have run this poem threw it  
I am shore your pleased to no  
Its letter perfect awl the weigh  
My checker tolled me sew.

Just a reminder, that the next time you catch a spelling error, that it is either my Spelling Checker, or a word that was so badly spelt that the checker on my "pea sea" just couldn't, or didn't dare try to offer a correct spelling. You have to have at least 50% of the word reasonably correct, or the checker can't/won't offer a correction. It took me nearly fifty years to get a decent enough grade in English to get my AA, but when I finally did, I was so excited... General confession about not being able to spell over... Jesus, will you please forgive me. Amen. Now grammar, that is a different situation.

Photo citations,  
Newborn Nathaniel - Icon of St. Anthony,  
*And the Lord said "Let there be life."*



**Carol, our Cord Editor, has a new grandson!** And this sweet baby boy, Nathaniel was born to this beautiful couple of Lester and Frances. Carol now has 6 grandchildren, 3 girls to her sons, and 3 boys to her daughter. I bet the happy parents are singing the theme to "My Three Sons" by now.

**And to continue the theme of 'Celebrating Life' – Our fellow Franciscan, Ana, celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday!!!**



*Anna's 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration.*

Anna D. with cake, Karron E. and friends.

Anna D. with Margo and friends.



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