



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 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

****Upcoming Gathering and Fraternal Visitation on August 9, 2017 ****
Please do your best to attend.

Council Meeting after General meeting from ~ 3:00 – 4:30 pm

Future Meetings:

Regional Picnic August 12, 2017, Day of Reconciliation August 27, 2017,
September General Gathering September 3, 2017. Transitus and Professions in
October, keep your eyes peeled, dates and times next month... October Gathering on
October 1, 2017

Beautiful Prayers and thoughts from our General Minister, Tibor Kausar OFS

I invite you all to open our eyes, our ears and our hearts, so that we can receive the Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, who is to fill us, to console us, and to lead us individually, in our families and in the fraternities. It is the Holy Spirit, who fills us with life, without Him we would not have life. Because of Him we can live our vocation, can live our family lives, and our lives in the fraternity. Let us always be fully aware of this and live “the dignity and freedom of the sons of God, in whose hearts the Holy Spirit dwells as in His temple.” Page 1, General Minister’s letter of June 4, 2017

This letter has many beautiful gems in it, to include:

“It is not good for the man to be alone.” “No man is an island.” (T. Merton) we seculars live in our families, our fraternities, our working teams, in our parish communities... to celebrate and to spread his love.

Family Life: The most important community, ... is our family. Our families, as being domestic churches, have to be places of prayer, ... (our children learn from our example...Editor).

Fraternities: Our fraternities – particularly our local fraternities – are the places, where we can live our vocation, where we can find the source of life, by accepting, living and giving the love of God. ... We have to take the risk of being opened, we have to take the risk of the conflicts. ... There is no real fraternity without reconciliation. ... He wants us to life (live) a vivid life, that brings (bears) fruits.

In the ecclesial community: It is particularly our duty, as secular Franciscans, to bring our spirituality into the parish communities, ... with an attitude that respects and strives for the care of creation in all our activities, with an intention to focus the parish life on the poorest and the most needy inside, but also outside the members of its community.

In the society:

Each secular Franciscan is a citizen of a certain country. ... It is our responsibility, and a part of our vocation to strive to form part of our society always in a better way, in the spirit of service, ... We have to seek the good of all, particularly in the service of the smallest, the poorest, the most marginalized, ... it is also a part of our vocation to bring the Holy Spirit where civil liberty or religious freedom is misunderstood, ... for the care of creation or for the protection of life, ...

2. How to manage an order

Here are some questions that we all should look at closely... remember that our General Minister is talking to everybody, not just the leadership of the fraternities.

What is the Order, who is the Order? We are the Order, we all, sisters and brothers, all over the world, who want to live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis. (Holy Rule para. 2)

Management has to be a common management at all levels. ...

We have to learn from God and from each other, how to deal not only with the 'heavenly' things, like prayer life, sacramental life, devotions, but also with the 'earthly' things, like organizing meetings, give(ing) proper formation, improve(ing) communication.

Each and every one of us will be the instrument of God towards the others.

..." the General Minister of the Order is the Holy Spirit." (St. Francis)

Next year we celebrate the 40th anniversary of the renewed Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order. ... We have to make it a living thing. ... "Study, love and live your Rule, because its values are truly evangelical ones." (St. JP II, sept 27, 1982)
It has to be a part of our formation, to read often and to study the basic document of our life. It has to be a part of our life, a daily nutrition.

3. "... filled day by day with the comfort and grace of the Holy Spirit" (1Cel XI 26)

What does it mean to be filled with the comfort and grace of the Holy Spirit? Do we really recognize, how much less we could live (do) without Him?

My dear sisters and brothers, we need to be filled by the Holy Spirit.

"By that Spirit, whom Jesus gave to the disciples when they were gathered.

By that Spirit, who filled the disciples when they were together with they were together with many and proclaimed the good news.

By that Spirit, who has made the Church form a group of weak and uneducated persons.

By that Spirit, that likewise makes of us what we can call 'fraternity', and makes of us an Order.

Let us open us to the Holy Spirit so that He can fill us and make of us a true fraternity!

Let Him fill our assembly, too, when we celebrate our General Chapter!"

Come, Holy Spirit, come! Fill us, day by day, with your comfort and your grace!

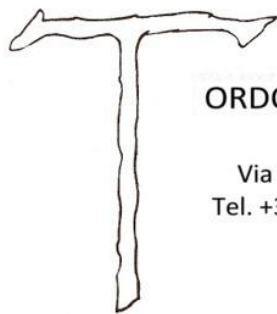
This all over our General Minister's signature and seal.
Pentecost, 2017

Please excuse the 'typos, corrections...', as Tibor OFS, is a Hungarian gentleman and thus not familiar with English, and much less American English... I tried not to edit too much, but some places I had to, to make it readable.

God bless our General Minister.
[See the PDF of his letter attached.](#)



Tibor Kauser our Minister General
Image borrowed from a
Fraternity in Spain, I believe.
Couldn't find the www site, after
my machine had a fit.



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Notes from our minister

The San Luis Rey Fraternal Visit – a Moment of Communion

The fraternal visit is a moment of communion, an expression of the service and concrete interest of the secular leaders at the various levels, so that the fraternity may grow and be faithful to its vocation. (*General Constitutions, 94*)



Dear sisters and brothers,

At our August gathering, we will welcome our brother Frank Miller, OFS. Frank is Vice Minister of our Regional Executive Council and will be our Visitor - or Visitor, as we now sometimes say.



It is the wise practice of Franciscan (and other Catholic) communities to have this graced time with a representative from the next level of our Order. This time of prayer, conversation and questions is time for our fraternity to “grow and be faithful” to its vocation.

Yes – San Luis Rey Fraternity has its own vocation! A Franciscan fraternity is much, much more than a collection of individual callings. A Franciscan fraternity is like a person in the Church’s eyes.

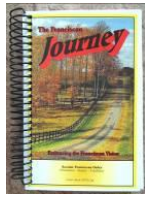
So ... which part of this person, San Luis Rey Fraternity, are you?

Last month, we began a conversation about mission, charity, service and engagement. We learned that all Franciscan Orders include the category of “Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation.” You are a beloved part of this vocation. As we pray and discern about how best to use the fraternity’s time, talent and treasure, I offer my prayer to St. Louis, King. May he who strove who to do good be our guide and inspiration.

San Luis, Rey, ora pro nobis!

Donna OFS
Minister
SLR Fraternity

Formation Reminders 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

Leadership Training Reflections

From Dick:

What drew you to take the class?

Initially I thought the class was for people interested in learning about being a spiritual assistant and I didn't think that was my calling. At the Malibu retreat in May, Sylvia presented the class as leadership training and challenged everyone there, that as Secular Franciscans we are all called to be open to leadership within our fraternities. So even though I think the leadership of our fraternity is excellent and I don't harbor any aspirations to be in leadership, I realized I need to be open and thus I should consider this opportunity to learn more about our order.

Name one new idea, concept, or term you learned in your first class.

The key takeaway for me was re-emphasizing the need for ongoing formation for all seculars. It doesn't end at profession and this focus has really been a key part of the recent revisions since the Second Vatican Council and our new rule in 1978. Lay people are being challenged to take a more active role in our Church and as Seculars we should be leading the way!

From Diane:

What drew you to take the class?

During the years we were snowbirds in Oxnard we attended Bonaventure Fraternity in Ventura, The Journey and SA Formats were introduced in those months. At that time it was a Saturday for many months in LA. We were not able to ask admittance. When this series once again appeared we asked permission. I participated in the correspondence Course with Fr. John dePaemelare using Family Connection shortly after my profession as a means of on going formation with the intention of one day serving my community. It was clear to me that this program would fill in gaps that might have existed in a correspondence course and would put me in alignment with this regions form of formation for its leaders.

Name one new idea, concept, or term you learned in your first class.

I found my learning and internalizing information is greatly enhanced by the format used on the June weekend. A brief intro to the topic with having copies of information being present given for us to follow. We were then paired off for sharing. I found this way of internalizing information met many area of learning using all my senses. I learned things about the person I was paired with, another perspective of information shared, and opportunity to

share points we found important in the presentation. We were all given advance information to assist us in being prepared for what was on the lesson plan as well.

From Carol:

What drew you to take the class?

I also thought it was about fraternity leadership, and wanted to learn more about being a servant leader in our Fraternity..., but found out that it is about leadership in our holy church through our parish ministries, and assisting our pastor(s) in their duties in the parish and the world, not just in our Fraternities. Our primary job is to lead others to Jesus through our lifestyle and example as viewed by other Christians and non-Christians in the world. When we lead our "Gospel to Life, and Life to Gospel," life, we are "preaching without using words unless absolutely necessary," as our Holy Founder taught his followers. (Our Minister General, Tibor Kauser OFS, stated this in the first paragraph on page 3 of his letter. See attachment.) Guess we are on the same 'sheet of music,' or at least having similar thoughts.

Name one new idea, concept, or term you learned in your first class.

I learned a new word, "mystagogia," (Greek for, to lead through the mysteries) It is a beautiful term for a beautiful process of 'continued,' learning for the newly initiated Catholics after they receive their Easter Sacraments. And it can be applied to newly professed OFS's who are hungering for more spiritual food after the 'formal' initial formation classes are completed.



Awaiting the ceremonial foot washing on Holy Thursday, know that it is a little late, but had to find it on MSLR's new photo server, once it was put up. Thank the Lord, the floor wasn't cold, lol.

Anniversaries of Profession



None are listed, so it would be a good time to spend a few hours contemplating on the meaning of our own profession, or talking to the candidates that will be being professed in October about our feelings about our particular profession.

Memorials



- [William Haynes, OFS - 08/26/2016](#)
- [Alice Pritchard, OFS - 08/07/2013](#)
- [Julia Dexter, OFS - 08/13/2003](#)

Birthdays

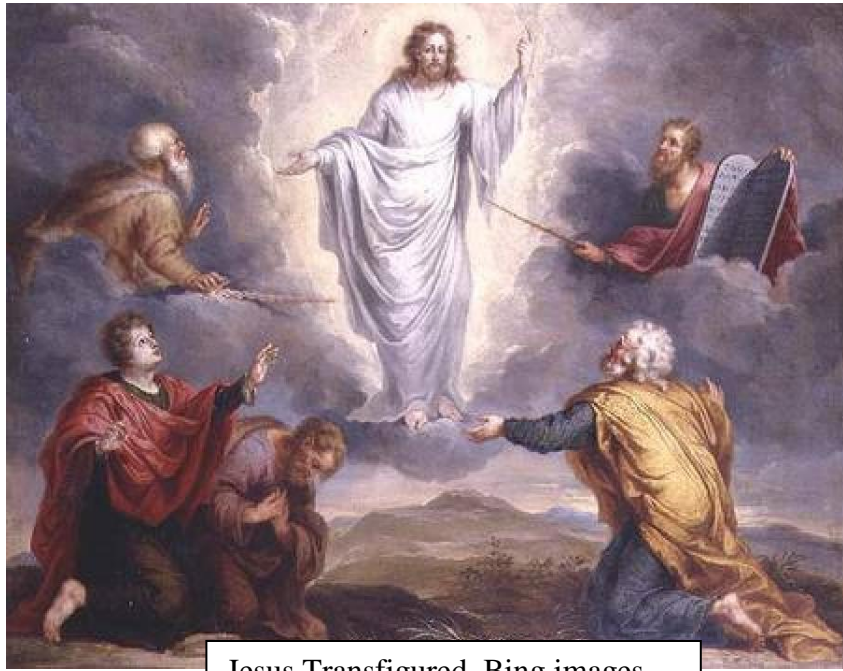


We don't have any listed, but I am sure that there is somebody out there that is celebrating, and hasn't told us. We do have St. Clare 'birthday' into Heaven on the 11th of August, and St. Kolbe on the 14th of August and several more...

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- For the safety & blessings of Donna our Minister in all her journeys and good works on our behalf.
- 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.



Jesus Transfigured, Bing images

Gospel for the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL MT 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But

Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Justice, Peace, & the Integrity of Creation

We have a new page on our website to highlight a renewed emphasis in our Fraternity – [JPIC](#): Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation. Winnie is our new JPIC Animator and will be nurturing us in this very Franciscan perspective that flows from our Secular Franciscan Rule (see articles 15, 16, 17, 18, 19). You can find our new JPIC page [here](#):

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HOME FORMATION NEWS PRAYER & CONTEMPLATION **JPIC** CONTACT RESOURCES

Our new JPIC page highlights the global Franciscan JPIC movement. Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation are as part of the Franciscan message now as when St. Francis wrote the [Canticle of the Creatures](#) 800 years ago. Francis invites us on path to holiness, promoting peace, justice, and kinship with all of creation. Pope Francis, in [Laudato Si](#) quotes St. Francis when he begins his beautiful letter with the same words St. Francis used to begin his Canticle, “*Praise be to you, my Lord*”. Pope Francis then says, 'In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us.'



Monthly Fraternity gatherings are the ordinary place for Ongoing Formation and will be a place for us to learn about JPIC initiatives. Winnie (above) is discussing the state proposition to prohibit the death penalty in California.

As we grow and evolve as a Fraternity in our embrace of JPIC, this will likely be reflected in discussions in our Fraternity gatherings, articles in our newsletter, The Cord, and new pages on our website. All will help us all to support this very Franciscan life perspective: a great love and support for Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation.

Submitted by Laura Chun, OFS

A Franciscan Perspective on Death & Dying - 9/30/17



Join Darleen Pryds, PhD, in this [day of reflection](#) at the Mission San Luis Rey Retreat Center. She'll be sharing the story of Lady Jacoba's visit with her good friend St. Francis as he lay on his deathbed at 44 years old. Using this story, we will explore the Franciscan approach to death and dying through:

- Spirituality of Presence
- Talks & experiential meditations
- Personal reflection & discussions

You will also receive concrete tools for preparing for this sacred time of life by facing issues such as fear, faith, and curiosity.

You will leave with materials for preparing your own Advance Directive and with concrete tips to initiate serious and joy-filled conversations about this inevitable subject with your loved ones. Register by visiting the Retreat Center website at www.sanluisrey.org or by calling (760) 757-3651.



In Memory of

Mrs. Anna Mae Day

Obituary

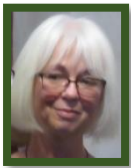
Anna M. (Tremblay), of Encinitas, passed away on June 18th at age 95. Wife of the late John P. Day, Sr. Loving mother of John P. Day, Jr and his wife Renee of Sacramento, CA, Wilfrid J. Day and his wife Toni of Pomona, NY, Kevin Day and his wife Maria Lourdes of Springfield, VA, and late son Terence J. Day. Preceded in death by her devoted sister Lillian G. Crane of Randolph, MA and Theresa B. Tremblay her infant sister. Also, survived by Patti Day of Las Vegas, NV and Sharon Sarvent of Tomkins Cove, NY, 7 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. A funeral Mass was held at St. James Catholic Church at 625 S. Nardo, Solana Beach, CA 92075 at 11am on July 5th. Burial has taken place at Rockland Cemetery in Sparkill, NY. Anna grew up in Somerville, MA and was long-time resident of Encinitas, CA. She was member of the Secular Franciscan Order since the 1940's and most recently active in the San Luis Rey Secular Franciscan fraternity, Oceanside, CA. She was active in civic and parish life and received the highest female award given by the Boy Scouts of America the "Silver Fawn". She worked for the New York Telephone Co. and was a AT&T retiree. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Franciscan Mission Service (<https://franciscanmissionservice.org/>) .



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 Costa

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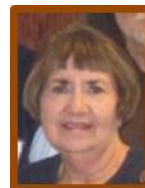
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