



## THE CORD

San Luis Rey Fraternity of the  
Secular Franciscan Order  
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.  
[www.slr-ofs.org](http://www.slr-ofs.org)



- ❖ Mass in the Parish Serra Center at 10:00am
- ❖ Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel after Mass
- ❖ Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from ~ Noon – 12:50pm
- ❖ General Meeting in the Luiseño Room from 1:00pm – 3pm

## Upcoming Gathering on June 3, 2018

The topic for our June gathering is **Franciscan Vision**, with Eileen Costa, OFS. A look back, a look at the present, and a look towards the future shows us clearly that the Franciscan vision brings us closer to The Kingdom of God.

Future Meetings:

July 1, 2018, August 5, 2018, Sept 2, 2018, dates subject to change.

### News from the Friars



Our much beloved **Fr. Larry Dolan, OFM** passed away on May 15 after a long illness. We will miss our beloved Retreat Master and confessor - but he is now with Jesus, Mary, St. Francis, and all the saints of God for all eternity. His funeral and Mass of Resurrection will be Thursday May 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 2pm in the Mission San Luis Rey Parish located at 4070 Mission Ave, Oceanside, CA 92057. Fr. Larry's Mass will be in the **Serra Center**. The Serra Center is the building directly east of the Old Mission. Map & Directions [here](#). There will be a reception following the Mass.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to:

The Fraternal Care Trust  
Provincial Office  
1500 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. Oakland, CA 94601

May eternal rest be granted unto him, O Lord, and may he rest in peace.

## A Note from Our Minister

Dear sisters and brothers,

The Lord give you peace in this wondrous time of Pentecost! Francis of Assisi exhorted his friars and all Franciscan penitents to have “the Spirit of the Lord and His holy manner of working (*sancta operatio*).” Where is the Spirit’s *sancta operatio* in your life today?

This month we look forward to spirit-filled ongoing formation on Franciscan Vision with Eileen C. (blessings as she receives her Master of Divinity) We will also learn a bit about the Region’s leadership training program with Dick and Diane H. And of course, we’ll have prayer and fellowship to renew ourselves.

Please see the reminder about the remarkable retreat with Sr. Margaret Carney. It’s not too late to register!

And mark your calendars for Saturday August 4. Our District Picnic here at San Luis Rey will be a great time to meet other Franciscans!

May you have joy in all the *sancta operatio*.

Donna

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### Secular Franciscan Order Regional Retreat

There is still some space available. Take advantage of this opportunity to experience a weekend retreat in a beautiful inspiring space with a world-renowned scholar and retreat master. We will celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a Region.

MAY 25 – 27, 2018 (Friday – Sunday)

**A Lover's Quarrel with the World:** The Mission of the First Franciscan - and Ours.

Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F. will be the retreat master. To register call the office at **(310) 456-6631**

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### San Luis Rey Fraternity is Hosting a Picnic – You Won’t Want to Miss It!

WHEN: Saturday August 4, 10:00 – 3:00 (day before our monthly gathering)

WHERE: The Pavilion (where we had the Profession reception)

WHO: All of us - plus brothers and sisters from these fraternities:

Immaculate Conception

Nuestra Señora de los Angeles

St. Anthony of Padua

St. Diego

More information is on the way! In the gathering, the laughing, the eating and the praying, we become the Franciscans God calls us to be ...

Donna, Minister

## SAINT FRANCIS REGION – LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM

What is this leadership we are called to all about? Why is it important to our fraternity? Should I consider going? Diane and I have been participating in the current program. Participants were recently asked by the Region to share our experience with our local fraternities. Donna has agreed to this request and thus we will be spending a little time at our meetings over the next few months to share about our experience at the leadership program. In June we will share an overview of the program. We hope that this will answer some of the above questions and spark your interest in participating in future opportunities as well.



First of all, at our recent profession last month we were all reminded that each of us at our own profession asked to be admitted to profession of the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order and to live a Gospel life in the footsteps of Saint Francis. If we take a close look at Rule 21 to which we professed it states “Each fraternity is animated by a council and minister marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a **duty** of responsibility to each member and to the community. Article 32 of the General Constitution further clarifies that “The ministers’ and counselors’ task to lead is temporary.”

Therefore, it is the **duty** and responsibility of each member of the fraternity to be open to leadership within the fraternity as guided by the Holy Spirit. You might be thinking but I am not qualified! Remember though, the Holy Spirit does not only select the “qualified” the Holy Spirit qualifies those He selects. It is our responsibility to do our part however, to prepare ourselves via ongoing formation and opportunities like the leadership training program to more fully understand the current Rule and direction of our Order so that if called by the Holy Spirit to leadership we can in fact be servant leaders with His guidance.

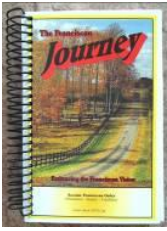
We are trusting that with the Holy Spirit’s guidance our sharing will be a blessing both for us and the fraternity.

Dick and Diane Holdren



Dick & Diane with furry friend

## 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



|               |                        |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Jun. 06, 2004 | Donna F. (14 years)    |
| Jun. 14, 1990 | Prudence H. (28 years) |
| Jun. 21, 1991 | Karron E. (27 years)   |
| Jun. 25, 1978 | Eileen C. (40 years)   |

## Memorials



|               |                                  |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| June 1, 2000  | <a href="#">Raphael Brown</a>    |
| June 2, 1997  | Ruth Gallagher                   |
| June 8, 2009  | <a href="#">Betty Lou Carson</a> |
| June 18, 2017 | <a href="#">Anna M. Day</a>      |
| June 28, 1964 | <a href="#">Edna May Knox</a>    |

## Birthdays



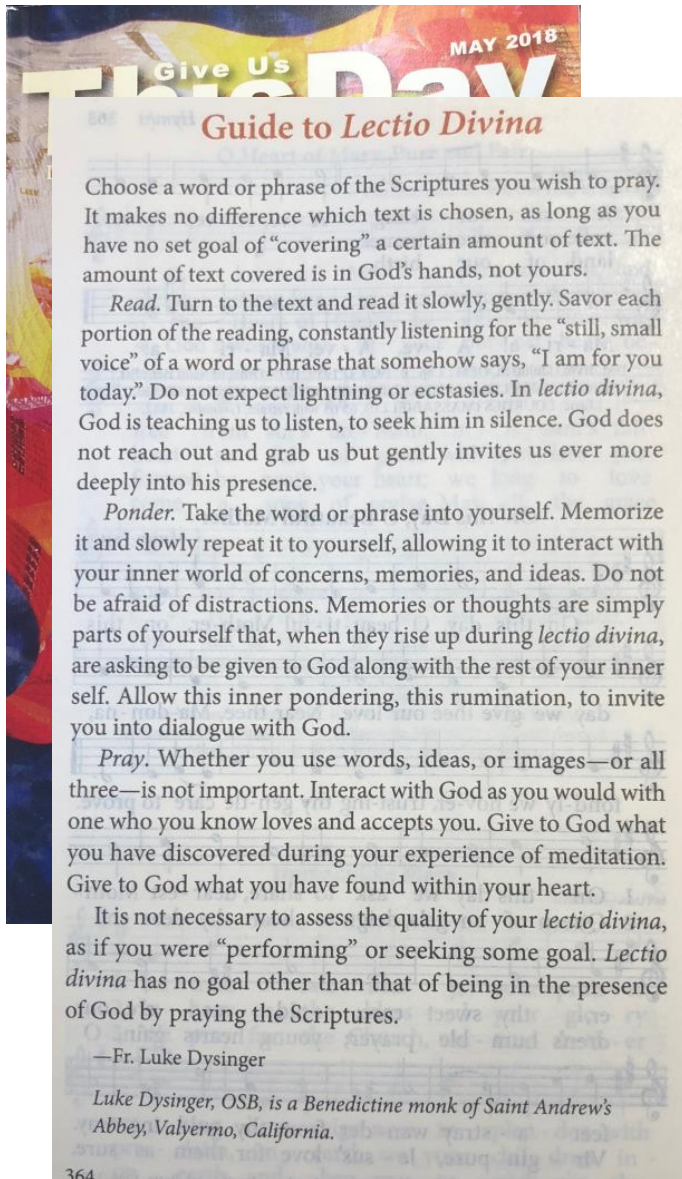
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| June 6  | Barbara U. |
| June 10 | Luis G.    |
| June 13 | Eileen C.  |
| June 14 | David Y.   |
| June 17 | Laura C.   |

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

- ❖ For the safety of Donna our Minister in all her journeys and ministries.
- ❖ For Pope Francis, Bishops McElroy, Dolan, 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.



## Scripture Reflections



### Gospel: **Feast of Corpus Christi** Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of the Feast of Unleavened Bread, when they sacrificed the Passover lamb, Jesus' disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and prepare for you to eat the Passover?" He sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city and a man will meet you, carrying a jar of water. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Teacher says, "Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"' Then he will show you a large upper room furnished and ready. Make the preparations for us there." The disciples then went off, entered the city, and found it just as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover.

While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body." Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it

Fr. Vincent Mesi, OFM and Fr. Francisco Alejo, OFM of Mission San Luis Rey Parish concelebrating Mass while on pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi... "Lord I am not worthy that Thou should come under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."



# Profession - April 6, 2018



**Connie and Joe, our newest  
Professed fraternity members.**

Welcome to the  
Franciscan Family!

(Left) Connie and Joe, with their respective sponsors Penny and Jack at their Profession at the Mission San Luis Rey Serra Center.

(Right) Fr. Vince Mesi, OFM, pastor of Mission San Luis Rey Parish with (from Left to Right), Donna our Minister, Penny, Connie, Sandy, Joe, and Jack during the Profession in the MSLR Serra Center at the Sunday 10am Mass.



(Left) A beautiful day! Outside in the Old Mission Retreat Center garden following Connie & Joe's Profession. Pictured from left to right are Joe, Kelly, Sandy, Connie, Liz, and Sam.

Many thanks to Kelly and Liz for their efforts in organizing the wonderful reception that followed the Profession.

# The Reception





Remember your donation envelope for the Common Fund.  
The box will be waiting for you – or mail to Eileen C.

## *San Luis Rey - Fraternity Council*



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