



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 A  
Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel after Mass  
Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00-12:50 PM

**\*\*\*Upcoming Gathering on September 2, 2017\*\*\***

Assisi: What does it mean to be PROFESSED in the OFS?  
We will be hearing from Carol OFS about being a professed member of the OFS. Sent in email to the members of the Fraternity was an article by Fr. Felice Congelosi OFM Cap. Please read and reflect.

**Council Meeting to follow, in Luisano room, 3:15-5:00ish**

**Future Meetings:**

Sept. 2, 2018 Oct, 3, Transitus, and Oct. 7, 2018, regular monthly gathering, Nov. 4, 2018, dates subject to change.

**Life as a Professed member of the SFO/OFS.**

**Secularity:**

Since our desire is to get to heaven, it stands to reason that the way to get there will be through what is familiar to us here on earth – other people, friends, our daily routine, the illnesses we bear, etc. this is the special way given to the Secular Franciscan to realize and to give witness to salvation. There are still a few people who are upset with the term “secular” Franciscan thinking that it denotes something flawed – having come in contact with the wicked world. But this is all we have to work with. Fr. Felice reminded his listeners *that “you can only be a Secular Franciscan in the world... to wish anything else would be a betrayal of your Profession.”*

## Minister's Note

### “In a Family Spirit” - Our Fair Share Pays it Backward and Forward



*Blessed is the servant who would love his brother as much when he is sick and cannot repay him as he would when he is well and can repay him.*

Francis of Assisi, Admonition XXIV

Dear brothers and sisters,

This is simply a note of thanks to each one of you. Thank you for all you do to build up the body of Christ in our little fraternity. Thank you for taking seriously that “sense of co-responsibility” called for by our life in this Order (see General Constitutions, article 30).

We rarely speak about the monthly fair share donations we make, but I want to thank you for your Franciscan generosity in this area. I also give thanks to God for our Treasurer, Eileen, who oversees our resources with such diligent care.

Reflecting beautifully on article 25 of our Rule, our Constitutions state:

In a family spirit, each brother and sister should make a contribution to the fraternity fund, according to each one's means, to provide the financial means needed for the life of the fraternity and for its religious, apostolic, and charitable works (article 30,3).

This support for the life of the fraternity is a way of **paying it backward**. By paying for the spaces we use each month, we help support the incredibly hard-working, skilled retreat center staff who maintain these old buildings and beautiful grounds. In choosing charities to support, we are just giving back to God what was always His anyway.

The same article in the Constitutions goes on to say:

The brothers and sisters ought to provide the means necessary for supporting the activities and the operations of the fraternities at higher levels, both by their financial assistance and by their contributions in other areas as well.

Supporting our regional, national and international fraternities (remember, you belong to all!) is a way of **paying it forward**. From our regional council who sacrifice almost every weekend for years at a time visiting fraternities throughout Southern California, to the Secular Franciscans giving witness in the most troubled places on the planet – your donation helps make Franciscan life possible. Thank you.

- Donna OFS, Minister



## September Franciscan Calendar

### September – Month of the Holy Cross Updated after Vatican II

Bl Joachim de Albocacer, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936

[2. Bl. Martyrs de Carmes, d. 1792](#)

--3. [St. Pius X, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1914](#)

--4. [St. Rose of Viterbo, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1252 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers](#)

[5. Bl. Gentil de Matelica, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1340](#)

[6. Bl. Liberatus of Lauro, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1258](#)

7. Bl. Eugenie Picco, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1921

8. Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

[9. Bl. Seraphina Sforza, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1478](#)

--10. Bl. Martyrs of Japan, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Seculars, d. 1622-1632

[11. Bl. Bonaventure of Barcelona, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1684](#)

12. Feast of the Name of Holy Mary

[13. Bl. Apollinaire Franco, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyr 1622](#)

14. Exaltation of the Holy Cross

15. Feast of Our Lady of the Seven Sorrows

--16. Bl. Roland de Medicis, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1386

### **Prayer for Priests**

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest. Amen

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***For, I am sure that you know that the kingdom of heaven is promised and given by the Lord only to the poor, because as long as something temporal is the object of love, the fruit of charity is lost. (Amen. Editor)***

*~St. Clare of Assisi, First Letter to Agnes of Prague*

Just look at the poor and homeless as they give away to others food and items that they can't use immediately to other homeless persons who are hungry, or in need of clothing.

And as we know from this modern age that there are people that are more interested in possessions than helping the hungry, thirsty, homeless, naked, sick, victims of war, prisoners, migrant workers ... and others with other with specific needs.

Just ask Jesus Mary, and St. Francis, and they will lead you to those in real need.

## **September Franciscan Calendar (cont.)**

[\\*\\*17. Feast of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi](#)

[18. St. Joseph de Cupertino, Priest, Conventual, d. 1664](#)

--19. Bl. Louis Alleman, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1450

[20. St. Francis Mary of Campososso, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1866](#)

--21. Bl. Elizabeth Amodei, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1498

[22. St. Ignatius of Santhia, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1773](#)

23. St. Pio of Peitrelcina, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1968

[24. St. Pacific of San Severino, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1721](#)

--25. St. Nicholas de Flue, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1487

[26. Bl. Lucy of Caltagirone, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular \[living in community, under a Rule\], d. 1400](#)

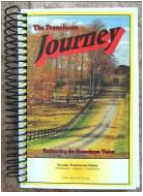
--27. [St. Elzear of Sabran, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1323](#)

[28. Bl. Bernadin of Feltre, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1494](#)

29. Feast of Saint Michael the Archangel

--30. [Bl. Charles of Blois, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1364](#)

## 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



**Anyone who would like to order a new or replacement fraternity Name Tag, contact Sandy Baden**

## Anniversaries of Profession



No Professions recorded in the records for September, might just be a good time to review what you professed when you were professed.

## Memorials



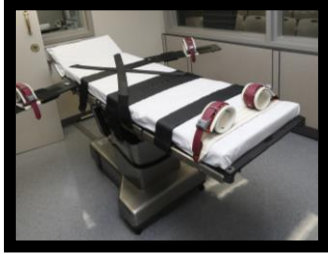
August 7, 2013  
August 13, 2003  
August 20, 1996  
August 26, 2016

[Alice Pritchard](#)  
[Julia Nick Dexter](#)  
Irving Sussman  
[William 'Bill' Haynes](#)

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



- ❖ For the safety of Donna our Minister in her endeavors.
- ❖ 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.



## 5<sup>th</sup> Thou shalt not kill.



### **Catechism of the Catholic Church: “the death penalty is inadmissible”**

*After an audience with Pope Francis earlier this year, and following his approval, the Vatican’s CDF says it has made changes to the CCC on the death penalty according to which capital punishment is inadmissible. Franciscans everywhere have good reason to celebrate and ponder this.*

ROME (Vatican News) - According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the death penalty now is no longer admissible under any circumstances. The Vatican announced on August 2 (the Feast of the Portiuncula!) that Pope Francis approved changes to the compendium of Catholic teaching published under Pope John Paul II.

The Catechism now reads:

**2267.** Recourse to the death penalty on the part of legitimate authority, following a fair trial, was long considered an appropriate response to the gravity of certain crimes and an acceptable, albeit extreme, means of safeguarding the common good.

Today, however, there is an increasing awareness that the dignity of the person is not lost even after the commission of very serious crimes. In addition, a new understanding has emerged of the significance of penal sanctions imposed by the state. Lastly, more effective systems of detention have been developed, which ensure the due protection of citizens but, at the same time, do not definitively deprive the guilty of the possibility of redemption.

Consequently, the Church teaches, in the light of the Gospel, that “the death penalty is inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person”, and she works with determination for its abolition worldwide”.

See [www.vaticannews.va/en/](http://www.vaticannews.va/en/) note: this link may not be viewable on some machines.



This was brought to our attention by Winnie OFS, our [JPIC](#) (Justice, Peace, & the Integrity of Creation) chairman.



## Holy Gospel for 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time, cycle B

### **Gospel** [MK 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands.

—For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders.

And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves.

And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. —

So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him,

**"Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?"**

He responded,

"Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

***This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;***

*in vain do they worship me,*

*teaching as doctrines human precepts.*

You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

He summoned the crowd again and said to them,

"Hear me, all of you, and understand.

**Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile.**

**"From within people, from their hearts,  
come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder,  
adultery, greed, malice, deceit,  
licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly.**

**All these evils come from within and they defile."**

Just think, do you eat with clean or unclean hands, that is in the eyes of Jesus? (Editor)

**May we be clean as the Lord Jesus teaches us to be clean. May we follow His teachings, and not the unholy traditions from men.**

# Summer Seminar for Secular Franciscans

Saint Francis University, July 2018, Loretto, Pennsylvania  
Sandy Baden, OFS, San Luis Rey Fraternity

My first impression was one of welcome in the small town of Loretto in which the University of Saint Francis resides. Entering Loretto is peaceful with its winding roads and beautiful homes – often with statues of Mary and St. Francis in the front yards. The lawns are all neatly mowed and cared for; there are no fences between neighbors.

Loretto is a small Catholic community founded in 1799 by [Demetrius Augustine Gallitzin](#), a [Servant of God](#). He was a Roman Catholic priest serving as a missionary to the European immigrants in the United States. He had renamed the original [McGuire Settlement](#) to 'Loretto' in honor of the [Marian shrine](#) in Italy. The [town of Loretto](#) has one main street, named after Our Lady: St. Mary Street. On it are several stately homes, one of which now contains the Friars Catholic Book Store. There's a fire station across the street in addition to small shops including a little grocery store and a deli.

This charming little town is surprising – after passing an exquisite [Carmelite Monastery](#) crafted from stone, you are greeted by a large sign announcing '[St. Francis University](#)' which offers the [OFS Summer Seminar](#). Directly across the street is the friars' residence, Mt. Assisi Friary, originally the country home of American steel magnate [Charles M. Schwab](#). The residence overlooks the opulent [Sunken Gardens](#). The gardens are beyond beautiful; you can spend several hours here immersed in these sacred surroundings.



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Our first day of the seminar was spent at the Friars' residence and gardens. There were approximately fifty Secular Franciscans attending and I was blessed with opportunity to speak with many. [Br. Bob Herrick](#), OFM Cap. Gave a presentation on *Troubadour of the Great King, Knighthood, and music in the Life of Francis*. We, the Secular Franciscan participants, also shared insights on the life of St. Francis. The next three days were held at the University of Saint Francis.

*We prayed Morning and Evening Liturgy of the Hours and celebrated Mass each day in the beautiful [Immaculate Conception chapel](#).*



The second day I forgot my badge and I was told not to worry because everyone already *knew* who I was since I had shared so much the previous day about our Fraternity and Formation program. An especially valuable part of the seminar was the social time each day; I learned so much from all the different fraternities! Many were also interested in our Fraternity and our Formation process, seeking to learn what might be relevant from our experience that they might be able to implement in their own fraternities. This interaction and learning from each other was such an incredible part of this wonderful gathering of Secular Franciscans.



In the final session, Br. Bob spoke on *the Canticle of the Sun: Making the Spirituality of Francis Our Own*. Br. Bob's talk inspired a great deal of conversation on Francis and creation where I shared that I had written a poem that resonated with the theme of his talk. Br. Bob invited me to come forward and read my poem on "[Flowers and Soil of God's Creation](#)," to all the conference participants. I shared how I was inspired to write this poem following our Council's retreat this past winter at the [Prince of Peace Benedictine Abbey](#).

I met many new friends and would recommend anyone from our Fraternity to attend a future year's seminar, if it is at all possible for you to do so.  
God Bless! Sandy B. OFS

# *District Picnic at OMSLR, 2018*

## *FOOD, FUN, FRATERNITY*



Let's see, what is in the 'crockpot' or what is in the 'Graniteware' as It all looks so delicious. Thank you to all who contributed the delicious potluck dishes.

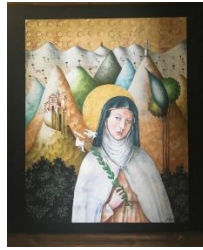




# Answers to the "Scavenger Hunt"



Station of the Cross



St Clare from "Clare" Chapel



Oldest pepper tree



Well House



BVM in Rose Garden Mission



Welcome Center



Museum/Gift Shop



Oldest artwork in Mission Church, pic from "Art. Walk" book

This beautiful painting is out for restoration, thus the little sign.



Pic of St. Francis



Actual gates that were created by Disney for the Zorro episodes that were cast at OMSLR. These gates are on display in the Museum. This archway was used in the movies, but made decades before the movies were even dreamed up.



Monument to Native Americans



Lavanderia



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

## *Fraternity Council*



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**Peace and All Good!**