

*St. Bonaventure*

*July 15, 2021*

[Franciscan](#), [scholastic theologian](#) and [philosopher](#).  
The seventh [Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor](#)



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# *The Cord*

*July, 2021*

*Newsletter of the San Luis Rey  
Secular Franciscan Fraternity*

*Our Monthly Gatherings are on the  
2nd Sundays of the month*

***Upcoming Gatherings on Zoom:***

- **July Monthly General Gathering ~**  
Sunday, July 11th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm
- **July Vespers Evening Prayer ~**  
Tuesday, July 20th, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
- **August Vespers in Honor of St. Clare ~**  
Wednesday, August 11th, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

**Login Link:** [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)

Click on: **Join a Meeting**

Meeting ID: **760 726 2486**

Password: **1798**

***In-Person at Mission San Luis Rey:***

- **August Monthly General Gathering ~**  
Sunday, August 8th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

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Mission San Luis Rey  
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Oceanside, CA 92057

## Minister's Note for July

How beautiful it is to enter into summer – still with Coronavirus concerns, but also with hope. It will take years to understand the many ways in which the Coronavirus has impacted our communities and culture, likely across generations. As we continue to pray for those impacted by the pandemic, especially globally – *there is hope*. Francis was a man of hope and could find it in each situation, even experiencing difficult situations as *perfect joy*. We benefit by his example and in his way of so beautifully following in the footsteps of Christ. We feel his positive influence even today.



**Julia Greeley OFS** was a powerful Franciscan influence in the world. Julia was an enslaved person who after obtaining her freedom chose to become an angel of mercy to others. She was an enthusiastic parishioner, a daily communicant, and became an active member of the Secular Franciscan Order starting in 1901. She was a promoter of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Some called Julia a 'one person St. Vincent de Paul Society.' Virginia Haddad OFS, will be our guest speaker at our July Zoom gathering to share Julia's story.

**St. Ignatius Loyola** did so many amazing things as he responded to God's call. No, he's not a Franciscan, but was very much influenced by Franciscan spirituality, including by several Franciscan women in his own family. His feast day is July 27<sup>th</sup>. Jesuits can point to St. Francis as being an inspiration – after all, we do have a Jesuit pope named '*Francis*.'



**Transitus of St. Clare on August 11<sup>th</sup>** – A person who was most powerfully influenced by the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi – was St. Clare of Assisi. Please reserve her feast day, Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, for a 'Transitus of Clare' vespers at 7pm via Zoom. She was the 'little plant' that helped to seed a forest of goodness in the world.

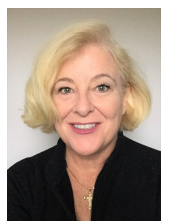


**Please mark your calendars for August 27<sup>th</sup>.** St. Louis the King of France, the patron saint of the Secular Franciscan Order was another such person influenced by St. Francis. Mission San Luis Rey Parish will be honoring his feast day on Friday evening August 27<sup>th</sup> with an outdoor Mass in front of the Old Mission and a great deal of celebration. We, as a Secular Franciscan Fraternity, will be hosting a booth and fundraising with calligraphy that Fr. Franklin Fong OFM had gifted to us for such a cause. Please mark your calendars – it would be good for us to be a part in bringing this joyful Franciscan influence into the world.

These incredible people are just a few who have had amazing and positive impact on our community and culture across generations. In their time, could not have understood how much of a difference they have made to future generations. Like these good Franciscan minded people, may we do what is ours to do to make a difference in the here and now. Please also continue to pray for all those impacted by the pandemic, here and across the globe. *And may we all be blessed with hope.*

Pace e Bene +

Laura Chun, OFS  
Minister, SLR Fraternity



## The Face of Charity



For many of us, the name St. Vincent de Paul brings to mind charitable organizations, including thrift shops, shelters, and emergency services. St. Vincent is, after all, the patron saint of charitable societies.

Vincent was born in 1581 in Pouy, France, and although he was not a Franciscan himself, his earliest education was by Franciscans. Perhaps that is where the seeds of charity were planted. Vincent's life was far from boring. He was ordained in 1600, educated at the University of Toulouse, captured by pirates, and sold as a slave. He eventually escaped his captors, finished his studies in Rome, and then settled in Paris, where he served as a village priest. Vincent founded the Confraternities of Charity, the Congregation of the Mission, and the Daughters of Charity.

The first Vincentian organization was the original Confraternity of Charity, which was comprised of laywomen who were dedicated to performing works of charity, including caring for sick babies. In 1620 a similar Confraternity was established for laymen. The men's religious order, the Congregation of the Missions, also called the Vincentians or Lazarists, was founded in 1625, with a mission to evangelize to the poor. Their values are "Vincentian personalism, radical hospitality, integrity, and a belief in the dignity of every individual."



The women's religious order, the Company of the Daughters of Charity, was founded in 1633 by St. Vincent and Louise de Marillac. Their mission was to serve the poorest of the poor. They were to minister to the world, rather than to remain cloistered. We are familiar with the Sisters' traditional habit with its distinctive cornette. The American Sisters of Charity, founded by Elizabeth Ann Seton in 1809, was modeled after the French order, adapting their Rule to suit American life.

St. Vincent de Paul died in 1660 and was canonized in 1737. He is known for his compassion for the poor, his dedication to charity, and his efforts to reform the clergy. Trivia: The "de Paul" of Vincent's name was originally "Depaul," and was likely related to a local stream named the "Paul."

We as Franciscans can certainly relate to Vincentian values and compassion for the poor. As we move through this phase of a very tough couple of years, we can begin to look forward to resuming our in-person ministries to the poor and disenfranchised, such as serving at Brother Benno's and visiting the imprisoned. What other ministries and activities do we perform, or plan to engage in, as followers of Francis?

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Daughters of Charity (2021). Retrieved from <https://docarchivesblog.org/2013/01/05/faq-sisters-of-charity-and-daughters-of-charity/>

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*Connie Collins, OFS  
Vice Minister  
San Luis Rey Fraternity*





## Julia Greeley, OFS - Servant of God



Meet a beautiful fellow Secular Franciscan, Julia Greeley. Julia was born into slavery and was freed under the Emancipation Proclamation in 1865. Born in Missouri, she moved west and became a cook and nanny in Colorado. Her employers introduced her to the Catholic faith and she was baptized in 1880. In 1901 she joined the Third Order of St. Francis and was active the rest of her life.

Julia, also devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, spent many hours each month visiting the firehouses in the Denver area bringing them literature and friendship to aid them in their

dangerous vocation. It was remarked by one that she was a "one person St. Vincent de Paul Society." Julia is fondly honored even today as 'Denver's Angel of Charity.'

Just as our Holy Father takes the love of God outside the walls of the Church, for instance his Holy Thursday tradition of washing the feet of those in such places such as prisons, refugee camps, and juvenile detention centers, Julia dramatically took her love of God outside the walls of the Church and into the world. As Secular Franciscans, we are called to do the same.

What an amazing sister and exemplar we have in Julia Greeley! As fellow Secular Franciscans let us ask how we might serve others in the ways Our Lord challenges us in our families, fraternity, Church, and the world. Julia's story inspired Fr. Regis Scanlon, OFM, Cap. to found the [Julia Greeley Home](#) in Denver for homeless women. Another beautiful place to engage with Julia's story is the very prayerful website of the [Julia Greeley Guild](#). Please also check out a [book by Fr. Blaine Burkey, OFM Cap.](#) whose proceeds support her cause for canonization.

I would like to close with a prayer composed when the Julia Greeley Home was founded. It has been approved for used in non-liturgical gatherings by Rev. James D. Conley, S.T.L. Apostolic Administrator (2011-2012) for Archdiocese of Denver.

*Dear Julia Greeley,*

*Friend of the homeless, pray for us to Jesus, who suffered so much and for our sake had no where to lay his head.*

*Julia, devoted servant of the Sacred Heart, implore the powerful intercession of the Blessed Mother and ask for her help in all our needs, especially the needs of those who have no one to pray for them.*

*Julia, Gentle champion of the lonely and powerless, please ask for the protection dear St. Joseph, guardian of the Holy Family.*

*And please pray, dear Julia, for our urgent request, that the Eternal God, defender of the weak, will grant us the blessing of a shelter for all single homeless women in the Denver area, that they may find a suitable refuge in keeping with their human and moral dignity. AMEN.*

Jan DeSpain, OFS, Director of Formation



## *Coming Together in Person, August 8<sup>th</sup>*

### *Fraternity Mass with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM*



Wow. We have come so far together. Our Fraternity has done an amazing job during the pandemic remaining connected as a community via the Cord Newsletter and Zoom. *It's finally time to go home.* Please join us as we come together in person for the first time since the pandemic on Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup>: Share the joy as we celebrate Mass together with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM in the St. Clare Chapel as part of our day together. Here's our schedule for August 8<sup>th</sup>:

- 10am – 11am: Reconnect Time - Coffee in the O'Keefe Refreshment Lounge
- 11am – Noon: Celebrating Mass as a Community with Fr. Tom Herbst OFM, in the St. Clare Chapel
- Noon – 1pm: Brown-bag lunch in the O'Keefe Refreshment Lounge
- 1pm – 3pm: General gathering in the Guadalupe Room of the Old Mission (also on Zoom)

If you're unable to attend, *you'll still be connected*: we will share the General Gathering between 1pm-3pm on our usual Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>

### *Virginia Haddad OFS, our Guest Speaker for July*



We will be welcoming a fellow Secular Franciscan, Virginia Haddad, to our July 11<sup>th</sup> Gathering via Zoom. Virginia will be sharing the story of Julia Greeley, an extraordinary Franciscan. Virginia was professed as a Secular Franciscan in 2008. Virginia lives in East County, and has joined our Fraternity's virtual Zoom gatherings on occasion this past year. Virginia is an elementary school teacher near the Salton Sea serving primarily children of Mexican immigrants. Living her Franciscan calling, Virginia shared that in 2015 her students succeeded in convincing state legislators to declare the California Red Legged Frog our official state amphibian. I can imagine dear St. Francis "jumping" for joy. 😊

This is the only known photograph of Julia Greeley, from when she was working as a Nanny in Colorado. The little girl in the photo is Virginia Haddad's great aunt.

### *Mark your calendars for Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> for Vespers!*



Lit your candle and join us on Zoom on **July 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** for praying the psalms together with our fraternity brothers and sisters. Bring you favorite psalm to share.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>

## [News from the Fraternity Council](#)

### *From our Director of Formation:*

#### **July Formation News**

**Sessions:** Saturday July 10th Zoom at 11:00 and 2:00pm

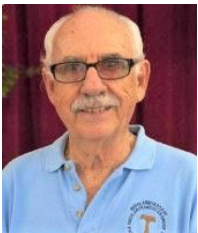
**Inquiry:** 11:00am Chapter 10 Candidacy Introduction / Prologue / Rite of Admission discussion. We are looking at September as the month we officially accept our Inquirers in the Rite of Admission at the Mission.

**Candidacy:** 2:00pm Chapter 28 Fraternities: Gathering as One and Chapter 20 Servant Leadership.

**Retreat:** Both Inquirers and Candidates will have a retreat on August 7th from 10:00am to 6:00 pm in preparation for Candidacy for the Inquirers and Profession for Heidi. We are planning to join with other fraternities on October 2nd at the Parish Chapel here to celebrate this joyous event of Profession with other fraternities in our area. More details to come.

*Jan DeSpain, OFS*  
*Director of Formation*

### *From our Treasurer*



You can mail your OFS fraternity contributions to:

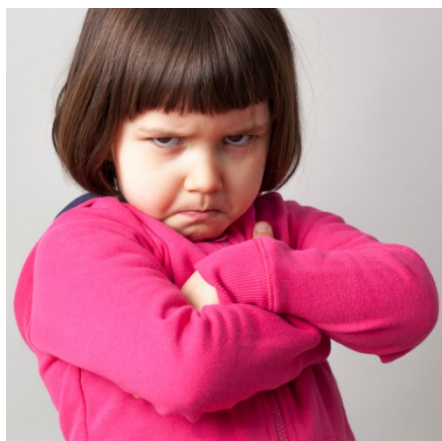
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**1257 Lodgepole Drive,**  
**Hemet CA, 92545**



### *JPIC Thoughts for July*

Karron Esmonde is our Fraternity JPIC Animator and has been doing an *amazing* job of sharing with us the reverberations of Laudato Si combating the devastating impact of climate change. You may recall Karron shared a video called [Three Seconds](#) on this subject. I was thinking of this great, big, problem the other day and was wondering how to take a little piece of it – something I could do and share with others... and I think I found it... I found the fourth ‘R.’

Did you even realize you were missing an ‘R?’ I didn’t ... until I found it – R. **REFUSE**. You’ve heard of *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle*. Add ‘Refuse’ to the beginning of that litany. **Refuse**... If we are offered a ‘Two for the Price of One...’ Do we need two of that thing? A ‘free’ water bottle at the store... a ‘free’ promotional anything? a ‘free’ plastic toothbrush at the dentist... plastic knives and forks. Another serving platter? A new cell phone just now? Just **Refuse** that stuff. I was impressed to learn how the DeSpain’s do Christmas gifts – they usually chose charitable donations for each family member and use the selection of charities and causes as a teaching moment for the family. No extraneous ‘stuff.’ Although I’m not *there* yet, it is aspirational. (One Christmas when the kids were little, we chose a



[goat out of a catalog](#) for an impoverished family. I thought I was totally super-mom teaching all the right things... until Christmas morning... when the kids were disappointed they couldn't find **their** goat bleating under the tree!).

**To refuse is powerful.** Often times I'll tell myself, if I don't use something I'll donate it – but really, how many people avoid a purchase in the store and buy a water bottle from Goodwill instead? Unleash your inner toddler: **commit to Refuse.** Each time before we purchase... Let's turn to God and ask – '*Do I really need this extraneous thing?*' If not... Cross your emotional arms... and **Refuse.**

Laura Chun, OFS

## *Prayer Requests from our Fraternity*



### *Please pray for:*

- ❖ Marian Elizabeth 'Buffy' Bree, sister of Sam DeSantis, who passed away June 28. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.
- ❖ Robert Stuart, the boyfriend of Carol Imhoff's granddaughter, who died by suicide in June.
- ❖ Linda Ochwat that she soon find satisfactory housing, and regain her physical health.
- ❖ Dénes Kassai, brother of Marta Kassai, that he'll have a speedy recovery after hip surgery.
- ❖ Bob Costa, Eileen Costa's husband, that his serious spinal cord condition will be healed.
- ❖ Karron Esmonde's husband Gary, and Connie Collins's grandson Gabriel.
- ❖ Kathy Burns, a long time close friend of Karen Willson, who passed away in June unexpectedly.
- ❖ Judith Illingsby, former Fraternity member, who suffered an attack of Bell's Palsy in June that left lingering paralysis on the right side of her face.
- ❖ Former Fraternity member Linda Menser's brother Rick and her father Richard who is in hospice.
- ❖ Fr. Mike Ratajczak, pastor of St Thomas More in Oceanside who had brain surgery.
- ❖ The daughter of Corinne Helen



## *Secular Franciscan Regional & National News*

*Dear Ministers and JPIC Animators,*

I think that I shall never see  
A poem as lovely as a tree.

A tree that looks at God all day  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray.

A tree that will in summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair.

Poems are made by fools like me  
But only God can make a tree.

“Trees” (in part)  
By Joyce Kilmer

I remember so fondly this poem I learned in first grade, now many years ago. It was “Trees” by Joyce Kilmer, and I am happy to note that I carry in my memory these four of the six verses and recite them often when I am walking or hiking with grandsons.

In this consumer driven world, it is wise to remind our young ones that our Loving Lord makes the earth and all that is in it. And it is wise for us to remember that the Lord created the world with exquisite balances, to keep it healthy and sustained. It is we, as humans, who have been called to safeguard it. It is we, as Franciscans, who are called to be in universal kinship with it and invite others to do the same.

The San Diego Union-Tribune, our local newspaper, ran an article by Greg Moran on June 27 reminding us of the importance of trees. He said and I quote,

Summer has just arrived and already temperatures are soaring as residents prepare for the inevitable “July Fry.” At least we have one tool to fight the warming climate — trees, which provide shade, soak up carbon and can reduce heat-related illnesses like heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

Mr. Moran went on to detail the inequitable distribution of trees within our community, with the poorer sections having less trees when, in fact, more are needed.

Our Care for Creation Team for the Diocese of San Diego is sponsoring a tree planting in September. I personally have learned that it requires some special love and care to plant and grow a tree but there are resources available to teach those of us who want to endeavor on this project to do so. Perhaps your Franciscan fraternity would want to consider taking on such a project. Let us continue to pray for our earth and all that is within it.

*Peace and All Good,*

*Patricia Grace, OFS  
Regional JPIC Animator*





## *Fr. Tom Herbst OFM - The Life and Legacy of St. Augustine*



Fr. Tom is back in town and WOW. There are three ways to participate in his class this summer – the Life and Legacy of St. Augustine: in person in either live in person or via Zoom the morning (09:30 – 11:30am) or in the evening (7pm – 9pm). The class is each Tuesday between July 27<sup>th</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>. You can learn more at the Retreat Center website: <https://www.sanluisrey.org/> . As a Secular Franciscan, to register please call the Retreat Center directly at [\(760\) 757-3651](tel:7607573651) , ask to register for your preferred course, and **identify yourself as a Secular Franciscan from the San Luis Rey Fraternity to qualify for a discount.** Due to Social Distancing, there is a limit to 35 in-person participants. Please check out the Retreat Center website for all their wonderful new offerings!

For the Augustine course, each week Fr. Tom will share new insights on the lasting impact of St. Augustine's life, writings, theology, and spirituality. Fr. Tom's teaching style is accessible to all, relatable, and easy to understand. No experience necessary!

### *Tom Herbst, OFM*

Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM is a scholar, teacher, chaplain, storyteller, artist and friar of the Province of Saint Barbara. He has a BA in History, M.Div and MA in Theology from Franciscan School of Theology, and D.Phil in Theology from University of Oxford. Fields of interest include Franciscan studies, historical and systemic theology, Christian iconography, and scripture with special reference to the Gospel of John. His newest publication, Pocket Bonaventure, includes original artwork and is a whimsical and refreshingly accessible presentation of the theology, philosophy, and spiritual anthropology of St. Bonaventure.



## *Franciscan School of Theology Summer Programs*



FST is offering several online programs this summer as a part of their Summer 2021 Continuing Education as a part of their Franciscan Spiritual and Social Vision series.

- July 6-9: Dr. William Short, OFM - Francis and Clare of Assisi: Writing and Charism
- July 12-16: Dr. Garrett Galvin, OFM - The Book of Psalms: A Franciscan Approach

To learn more, you can download their summer program flyer [here](#). You can register online [here](#).

If you wish to do a manual registration, please send your request to Sharmeen Enayat at [ContinuingStudents@fst.edu](mailto:ContinuingStudents@fst.edu) or fax: (619) 849-8431. The registration deadline is June 11, 2021.

## Laura Chun's Zoom Meeting Room



**To join by Computer**, Laptop, Tablet, SmartPhone App:

- Click or Go to this [link](#) (full link is below):
- If prompted use: Meeting ID: 760 726 2486
- Then use Password: 1798

**To join by landline or audio-only Phone** (no video):

- Dial this number (it's in San Jose): 1-669-900-6833
- Meeting ID: 760 726 2486
- Then use Password: 1798

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>



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



❖ For those who died in the month of July~~~✝

- July 1, 2013
- July 19, 2017
- July 23, 1990

**Dn. Dustin Miller, OFS**  
**Anna Day, OFS**  
**George Wagner, OFS**

❖ For those who were professed in the month of July:

- Jul. 7, 2013
- Jul. 11, 2004
- Jul. 13, 2014
- Jul. 21, 1996
- Jul. 10, 2016
- Jul. 10, 2016
- Jul 10, 2016

**Dorothia Hoskins, OFS**  
**Irene Edwards, OFS**  
**Haynes Mary, OFS**  
**Denise Scalzo, OFS**  
**Brinda Dunkelman, OFS**  
**Karen Wilson, OFS**  
**Luis Guzman, OFS**

- ❖ For the sister of Sam DeSantis, OFS, Marian Elizabeth Bree (Buffy).
- ❖ For the brother of Dr. Marta Kassai, OFS, Dénes Kassai.
- ❖ For husband of Karron Esmonde, OFS, Gary.
- ❖ For grandson of Connie Collins, OFS, Gabriel.
- ❖ For husband of Eileen Costa, OFS, Bob and Linda Ochwat, OFS.

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**From the Editor:** Thank you all for your contributions to this month issue of The Cord. Due to change in our monthly general gathering date to second Sundays, please submit your articles, reports or adds by the 25th of the month to publish in next month issue. Send your Word or Pages files (font Arial 12 pt, if possible) and any photos (jpg or png) via email to: [mksfo@me.com](mailto:mksfo@me.com). Thanks, Marta

*Dr. Marta M. Kassai, OFS*

