

# Stigmata

September 17



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[Giotto di Bondone](#): Stigmatization of St Francis. 1295-1300. Louvre, Paris

# The Cord

September, 2021

Newsletter of the San Luis Rey  
Secular Franciscan Fraternity

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

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

- **September 12: Monthly General Gathering**  
10:00 am Mass @ Serra Ctr.  
11:30 am Social: lunch in O'Keefe Lounge  
12:30 pm Prayer, Adoration in St. Clare Chapel  
1:00 – 3:00 pm: General gathering in a room of the Old Mission ([also on Zoom](#))
- **October 2: Profession - RSVP to [Jan DeSpain](#)**  
2:30 pm Mission San Luis Rey Chapel
- **October 10: Monthly General Gathering**

**Upcoming Gatherings on Zoom:**

- **September 15: Vespers at 7:00 pm**
- **October 3: Transitus at 5:00 pm**

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

Click on: **Join a Meeting**

**Meeting ID: 760 726 2486**

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## Minister's Note for September

My kids are young adults and all out of college, but this time of year still feels like 'back to school.' Our August gathering with Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM was a JOY and truly a 'homecoming.' A time of new beginnings. We had the Formation retreat on Saturday, 8/7 and our gathering on 8/8. We'll have to work on making the hybrid Live/Zoom experience a better one, but we will find a way! It was just so good to be back together, *to begin again*.

As you know, we've been saddened that five of our beloved Fraternity members renounced their vocations to Secular Franciscan Order over the last year. Although each has left our community, my understanding is that each remains a deeply committed, loving, practicing Catholic – and also deeply immersed in Franciscan spirituality. As a Secular Franciscan community, we keep them lovingly in *our* prayers, wish them well on their journey, and pray that each is blessed. Pace e bene!



We also appreciate that the life of the fraternity is filled with the Holy Spirit and we have so much to look forward to! We've been given the opportunity of sharing our Franciscan charism with five wonderful people that have been so committed to their Franciscan callings that they persevered in their initial Formation amidst a pandemic and an entirely online. At our September gathering, these five will be undertaking the Rite of Admission as they become Candidates into the Secular Franciscan Order. We will also be 're-welcoming' Dottie Hansen OFS, as she Renews her commitment to the Secular Franciscan Order. In October, we will be celebrating the Profession of Heidi Madden.

There is so much to celebrate!

In the pages of this September Cord, we will be reflecting particularly on the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi. I love this image of the Stigmata by Domenico Ghirlandaio. There's so much going on with it – including featuring the place of La Verna in the background, one of the many places of hermitages to which Francis and his brothers regularly spent extended time in prayer. Francis was so open to God in deep and regular prayer and so emulated the life and teachings of Jesus Christ that he was granted this most sacred gift.



*1Domenico Ghirlandaio, painted 1483-1485, The Stigmata of St. Francis, Florence*

Br. Bill Short OFM, recorded a brief video for us on the Stigmata and Franciscan Spirituality that we will be sharing at our September gathering, online via Zoom, and on our website.

Pace e bene +

Laura Chun, OFS  
Minister, San Luis Rey



## The Stigmata of St. Francis

Last year I wrote an article on the Stigmata of St. Francis for the Cord. Researching the topic brought me closer to Francis and gave me a deeper appreciation for his relationship with Jesus and his identification and experience of “oneness” with the Crucified Christ.



*St. Francis of Assisi Receiving the Stigmata, fresco attributed to Giotto di Bondone, c. 1300; in the upper church of San Francesco, Assisi, Italy. Scala/Art Resource, New York.*

In the year since that article, I have thought about how it is that great suffering and great joy can co-exist. Tremendous losses have been incurred this year to individuals, to humanity, and to the natural world. Many individuals and groups have experienced acute suffering, and the Earth itself is now suffering, as well, with wildfires, drought, and elevated temperatures. Where, in the midst of all this suffering, is joy to be found? I find the example of Francis’s stigmata to be relevant here. According to Celano, Francis’s joy came from “the kind and gracious look that he saw the Seraph gave him” (Armstrong, Hellman, & Short, 2001). It seems to me that the joy Francis experienced was the kind of joy that can only come from deep love.

When our loved ones suffer, we suffer, too. We would do anything to take away their pain. We know that the word, “compassion” means “to suffer with.” We almost automatically feel this compassion for family members, as well as others. When we are able to experience true compassion for people, creatures, or the environment, we feel a

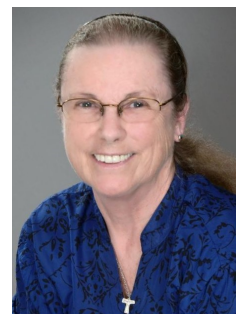
sense of oneness, and what is oneness, but love?

By leaning into compassion, we are invited into love ... and into the joy of oneness with our fellows and our world.

### Resources:

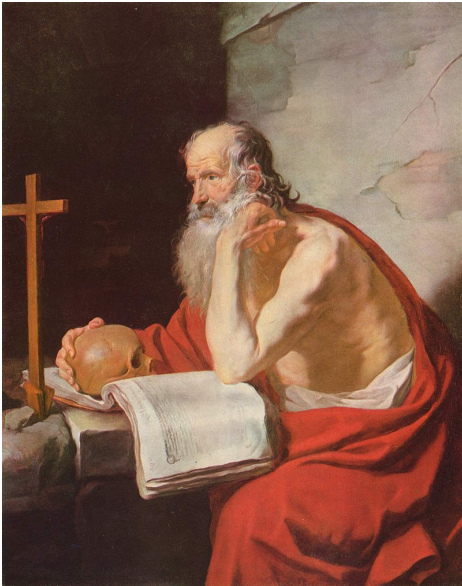
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*Connie Collins, OFS  
Vice Minister  
San Luis Rey Fraternity*



## *St. Jerome: "Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ"*

*Feast Day: September 30*



Painting of Saint Jerome by [Jacques Blanchard](#)

One of the pivotal figures in the preservation and transmission of the Bible was a brilliant, temperamental, dedicated scholar named Jerome. He was born in 331 AD in northeast Italy and became the most learned man of the 4th century, Latin speaking church.

His parents were well-to-do Christians who sent Jerome to Rome to be educated when he was about ten. In Rome, Jerome became an accomplished classical scholar with an insatiable passion for learning. After completing his schooling, Jerome travelled throughout the Roman empire, from Gaul (France) to Palestine. He studied Christian theology in Trier, Germany and became part of an ascetic community in Aquilea, Italy and then moved on to Antioch.

From 374 to 377 Jerome lived as a hermit in the desert east of Antioch, fasting and studying. He found a Jewish Christian nearby from whom he learned Hebrew, eventually mastering Hebrew as no other Christian of his day had. He also had to battle with desires of the flesh. When he dreamed of dancing girls in Rome, he simply fasted and studied more than before. Jerome stated his own principle in studying was to read the ancients, to study everything, to hold fast to the good, and never to depart from the Christian faith. When he returned to Antioch from the desert, he was ordained a presbyter. However, he never ministered in a church, preferring the monastic life.

Jerome returned to Rome when he was about fifty and became the theological advisor and Secretary to Pope Damasus. In Rome, he began his great service of translating the Bible into common Latin. His knowledge of languages and his travels throughout the west and east made him perfectly equipped for this gigantic task.

Latin was the common language of the western Roman Empire, and there were already many Latin versions of the Scriptures in circulation. These, however, varied greatly in accuracy and readability. Pope Damasus wanted Jerome to revise the translation of the Gospels and the Psalms. In revising the Psalms, Jerome used the Septuagint text. The Septuagint was the Greek translation of the Hebrew Old Testament which had been made in Alexandria, Egypt. Many thought that the Septuagint (or LXX for the 70 elders) was divinely inspired. Early translations of the Old Testament, including Jerome's work in Rome, were all from the Septuagint.

While in Rome, Jerome also lashed out against the immorality and corruption of the Imperial city. He protested that the clerics and the monks were worldly and self-seeking; the language he used towards them was often harsh and venomous. When Pope Damasus died in 384, Jerome went to Bethlehem, accompanied by



*Saint Jerome* by [Matthias Stom](#), 1635

some loyal followers, including several wealthy Roman ladies who had taken vows of chastity.

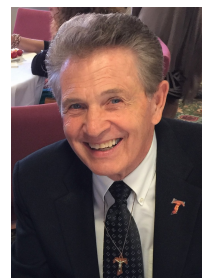
In Bethlehem, Jerome and a wealthy woman named Paulina established two monastic communities, one for men and another for women. Paulina also established a hospice for pilgrims, since Joseph and Mary had not found lodging in the town! Away from the politics and turmoil of Roman life, Jerome could live the ascetic, monastic life he so desired and devote himself to study. For the next fifteen years, Jerome went behind the Greek Septuagint and translated the books of the Old Testament Bible from the Hebrew into Latin. These translations of individual books were often done for his friends. Jerome believed that the knowledge of scripture was the riches of Christ; ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ. He repeatedly exhorted others to saturate their minds with the Scriptures. Make knowledge of the Scriptures your love and you will not love the views of the flesh...I beg you dear brother, live with them, meditate on them, make them the sole object of your knowledge and inquiries. His work was accompanied by the prayer that his Latin translation might speak the truth of God as clearly and powerfully as the original Hebrew or Greek.



*Francesco St Jerome* by [Jacopo Palma il Giovane](#), c. 1595

Jerome's translation steadily increased in importance in the following centuries. He had stood at the twilight of the ancient world and had prepared the Scriptures which would be used throughout the dawning Middle Ages. Latin was the universal language of Europe during these years, and Jerome's translation of the Scriptures into the common tongue became the Vulgate (common) Bible. For ten centuries the phrases of the Vulgate shaped the liturgy of the church as well as Europe's theology, literature, and law. When Wycliffe translated the Bible into English and Luther translated it into German, they translated from Jerome's Latin Vulgate. Though Martin Luther disliked Jerome's monastic ideals, he had to admit that St. Jerome has personally done more and greater in translation than any man will imitate. Jerome was often criticized for using Hebrew text rather than the Septuagint (Greek) as the basis for his translation, but he rightly argued that the Septuagint was not inspired and that a better translation could be made from the Hebrew, the original language of the Old Testament.

*Sam De Santis, OFS  
Councilor & Formator*



## *Being Open to the Spirit – Prayer & Hermitage*

We think of Francis as being ‘out in the world’ and of Clare as being our example of a contemplative life. It was not until I studied Franciscan Spirituality more closely with Br. Bill Short, OFM that I realized that Francis himself was very much himself a contemplative. Francis, in fact, devoted himself to prayer and fasting for 40-day periods *four or five times a year!* One of those times was from the Assumption of Mary (August 15), to Michaelmas (September 29). It was during this particular time, immersed in his deep and regular prayer, that Francis received the Stigmata. What could happen in our lives and the life of the world if we emulated Francis’s example of intense prayer? Here are some thoughts condensed from and inspired by an article from *Aleteia* (<https://aleteia.org/2021/02/17/saintly-retreat-this-is-how-st-francis-observed-lent/>) that describe well Francis’s time in hermitages.

### **Francis regularly headed for the Hills; Retreating to the hermitages**



*Hermitage of Carceri near Assisi*

During these times of prayer and fasting throughout the year, Francis would put his apostolic ministries on hold and head for remote hermitages. The hermitages were simple, austere places up in the hills and mountains, away from the towns and cities. Thomas of Celano, St. Francis’ first biographer, wrote: “In the clefts of the rock he would build his nest and in the hollow places of the wall his dwelling.”

The most well-known Franciscan hermitage near Assisi is [Carceri](#). Founded by St. Francis, friars still pray here today. To me, one of the most beautiful images of Carceri and just shows the nature of the place, both physical and spiritual) was photographed by Corinne Helena OFS of Br. Bill Short, OFM.

Throughout his life, St. Francis founded some 20 other hermitages in central Italy. Hermitages were so important to St. Francis that he wrote a Rule for the Hermitages, describing how the friars should pray and conduct themselves while living as hermits.

### **St. Francis and prayer**

Thomas of Celano tells us how these ‘Lents’ affected Francis. Celano wrote: “His whole soul thirsted after Christ, and he dedicated not only his whole heart, but his whole body as well, to him.” He also wrote about Francis and prayer: “For his safest haven was prayer; not prayer of a single moment, or idle or presumptuous prayer, but prayer of long duration; full of devotion, serene in humility. If he began late, he would scarcely finish before morning. Walking, sitting, eating, or drinking, he was always intent upon prayer. He would go alone to pray at night in churches abandoned and located in deserted places, where, under the protection of divine grace,



*Br. Bill Short OFM, photographed by Corinne Helena OFS*

he overcame many fears and many disturbances of mind.”

It becomes apparent that through prayer, Francis became more and more a channel of God’s grace and love. These deep, intense periods of prayer transformed St. Francis. Thomas of Celano said of Francis: “Thus he would direct all his attention and affection toward the one thing he asked of the Lord, not so much praying as becoming totally prayer.” Celano said that after praying, Francis was changed almost into another man – another Christ.



It was during a time of prayer from the Assumption of Mary (August 15), to Michaelmas (September 29) that Francis was praying at the mountain retreat of La Verna.

La Verna is located in the Tuscan Apennines, but we can visit this sacred space virtually courtesy of their website (<https://www.laverna.it/en>). The friars describe La Verna as being covered in forest and stunning sheer summits.

The friars also share the stunning story of the stigmata with us. They write that in the summer of 1224, St. Francis withdrew on the mountain for his regular time of prayer and reflection. During his stay, he asked God to be able to take part, from the very deep of his heart, of the Passion of Christ, mystery of both love and pain. The Lord paid attention to his words and appeared to him in the guise of a crucified seraph who gave him as a gift the seals of the Passion. 'Francesco' turned into a visible and concrete image of Christ, not only in his heart, mind and soul, which already were, but even in his exterior body.

An image of La Verna - [www.laverna.it/en](http://www.laverna.it/en) La Verna

## The Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi: September 17th

Pope Paul V declared September 17<sup>th</sup> as the Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi. This feast is celebrated within all Franciscan communities. Francis was the first person that history records as bearing the marks of the crucified Christ in his hands, his feet, and in his side. The feast is a reminder of the power of love, as seen in the opening prayer for the Feast Day mass:

*“Lord Jesus Christ, who reproduced in the flesh of the most blessed Francis, the sacred marks of your own sufferings, so that in a world grown cold our hearts might be filled with burning love of you, graciously enable us by his merits and prayers to bear the cross without faltering and to bring forth worthy fruits of penitence: You who are God, living and reigning with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.”*

I share with you these beautiful thoughts taken directly from the referenced sources as each was a gift and I invite you to visit each. Their links are below.

### Sources:

<https://www.laverna.it/en>

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## Franciscans' Walk for Water Campaign

*Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward. - Mark 9:41*

Secular Franciscans USA (NAFRA) is asking all Seculars to participate in our new "Walk for Water" campaign.

We all know that clean, drinkable water is necessary to sustain life. "Walk for Water" will provide access to safe water for drinking and farming to some of the four billion people experiencing severe water scarcity. Without access to water, farming in many warming regions of the world is untenable, causing starvation and the mass migration of millions from their homes.



The campaign is twofold:

- First, to pray for those who suffer from water shortages and for the earth.
- And second, to raise money by asking friends and family to support our walk with their contribution.



Here in southern California, we can certainly relate to water shortages and drought. Fortunately, our local government can invest in technologies for water recycling and de-salinization. Through "Walk for Water," Secular Franciscans will provide ways for to purify, collect and store water for people, plants and animals in many thirsty places on earth.

### How Will "Walk for Water" Work?

Each Fraternity decides how they will "Walk for Water" – the walk's location, its distance, the numbers in each group. Ideally, members of several fraternities could plan to join together at a specified place and time, while meantime members collected donations.

Some members of our fraternity may "Walk for Water" at the Mission at a time yet to be arranged. Others may choose to walk alone or in pairs, in solidarity and prayer for all who thirst on the planet. Our Fraternity council will work out the details. In the meantime, we will be asking our neighbors and fellow-parishioners, friends and family for their support. All the monies collected will be collected by our National Fraternity.



Remember: those dollar donations really do add up!

Peace and Blessings to All!

*Karron Esmonde, OFS  
JPIC Animator*



## *Companions on the Journey - AKA Sponsors*

September 12th will be a day of joy as we admit Pam, Carolyn, Gina, Caroline, and Linda into our OFS Family as Candidates. These new sisters will need to find a companion (sponsor) on their continuing journey through Candidacy. That just might be YOU!! You have heard me repeat many times.... As a Professed member you are privileged to be an agent of formation for new people. Consider it a very blessed opportunity!

### *So just what is a Sponsor in the OFS?*

I looked back at an insightful article written in 2005 by Teresa V. Baker OFS (National Formation Director). In it she reminded us that Francis sent out the brothers two by two to preach. In his wisdom he probably would have paired a newer brother with a more seasoned one. I think we can safely assume they prayed together, discussed their decision to join Francis, shared Sacred Scripture, their struggles, etc. What an opportunity to form bonds of unity with each other and the community.

What might this mean for us today? I really like the concept of being a journey companion rather than the word sponsor, but that is the language given us in our documents. I see the commitment more as being a chosen spiritual brother or sister traveling with you.



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### *So what are the qualifications?*

- Professed
- Love of your vocation and desire to share it
- A listening and prayerful spirit
- Availability to build relationship
- Creativeness in finding times and ways to connect (calls, Mass, coffee, visiting a class occasionally, joining an on-line or in person lecture together... I'm sure you can think of other ways.

Remember to let the Holy Spirit guide the process. Be open to this tradition that harkens back to the beginnings of the Order. I'm sure there have been many adaptations depending on the culture and time.

In formation I will be encouraging our new sisters to take their time in choosing someone prayerfully. Because of Covid and being on Zoom the entire time it was difficult for them to connect on a personal level. Interaction is key in making a choice. We hope now that we are meeting in person you will all reach out to them so they can know you all better.

One of my favorite Capuchin Franciscans is Bl. Fr. Solanus Casey. He was such a humble servant of God. As your Formation Director, I use his words to close. **"Thank God ahead of time."** I thank you in advance for your yes to being a Journey Companion.

Gratefully,

*Jan DeSpain, OFS  
Director of Formation*

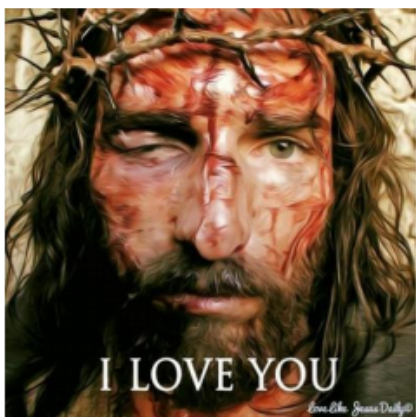


## September Vespers, Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm



I remember once Carol Imhoff OFS, our previous Cord editor, prior to Holy Week shared an image of a beaten, suffering Jesus – I believe in a full-page format, explaining, something like, ‘I know people may not want to see this, but this is what Jesus did for us.’ I cringed at the brutal image. I recalled this reaction of mine at a recent retreat with Fr. Tom Herbst on the feast day of St. Clare and his admonition that it is the *suffering* Christ that is most Franciscan. Carol’s image sprung into my mind and the thoughts... ‘Carol was *right*.’

In a time of so much suffering for so many, we are going to pause on September 15<sup>th</sup>, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, to reflect on Jesus’s suffering for us – and for all those suffering in the world. From the <https://www.franciscantradition.org/blog/22-our-lady-of-sorrows> website:



The Cross of Christ was central to Francis and Clare, as we know from the impact of the image of San Damiano and from Francis’s prayer, “We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, in all your churches throughout the whole world and we bless you, because my your holy cross you have redeemed the world.” In their preaching of penance, Franciscans promoted devotion to the suffering humanity of Jesus to draw people to conversion. It was important for them not simply that people should understand with their minds that Christ died on the cross for their sins, but that they convert their lives as a result. Therefore, Franciscan preachers wanted to touch peoples’ affections so that their hearts might be transformed and they would be motivated to choose the good.

Please join us for September Vespers, Wednesday September 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm on our regular Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>

## Our September Gathering Timeline - Sunday, 9/12



Our September Gathering will be both in person and on Zoom. We'll be at the Old Mission and back on our [traditional itinerary](#). **Masks are required in all indoor spaces.** Please help in kindly reminding each other of this. Please consider wearing a mask an act of Christian charity.

- **10:00** - We gather for Mass as a community in the Mission San Luis Rey Parish Serra Center. The Serra Center is the building directly EAST of the historic Old Mission and Cemetery. NOTE: This is a crowded Mass. If there is a less crowded Mass you prefer for safety reasons, that may be a better option for you.
- **11:30** - We each bring a brown bag lunch, meet in the O'Keefe lounge, and enjoy socializing in the beautiful ambiance of the Old Mission Retreat Center. During lunch time, people may also spend time walking the outdoor Stations of the Cross, or even prayerfully walking the labyrinth.
- **12:30** - Community prayer in the St. Clare Chapel, engaging with the Little Office of St. Francis or another form of community prayer.
- **12:45** - Eucharistic Adoration as a Community
- **1:00** - General Fraternity meeting in an Old Mission meeting room
- **3:00** - Day concludes

We will Zoom the general meeting from 1pm to 3pm on our usual Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>

## Transitus 2021, Online 10/3 at 5pm

Transitus is on Sunday October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This year, Transitus will be observed in person at the Old Mission (more info to come), but as a Fraternity, we will again be offering an online Transitus on our [regular Zoom link](#). Our Fraternity Transitus will be at 5pm. Our online Transitus give those who may live too far away from the Old mission or prefer not to drive at night an opportunity to participate in this most beautiful and poignant commemoration. Transitus will be our 'Vespers' for October.



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

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

### *From our Director of Formation:*

#### **September Formation News**

**Rite of Admission:** September 12, 2021

We will joyfully admit our five lovely Inquirers into Candidacy at our September fraternity gathering. This entrance into our order has been requested by **Carolyn Brock, Caroline Fogarty, Linda Gossett, Gina Martinot, and Pam McArthur**. The Council enthusiastically has accepted them all. As professed members we pledge our fraternal support to these new sisters on their journey through Candidacy.

#### **Renewal of Commitment:**

After they have been admitted, we will then include a personal Renewal of Commitment by **Dottie Dassen** who has faithfully completed her formation to update formation after a number of years away from fraternity. We certainly have been blessed by all these women.

**Rite of Profession:** October 2, 2021

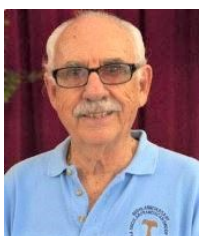
Plans are still being finalized but we have shared the date. The location is here at the Mission San Luis Rey Chapel right across from the Parish Church at 2:00pm. **Heidi Madden** will be professed with four other Candidates from the Region (San Juan Capistrano, Claremont, and Moreno Valley). We should have more information and sign up sheets for attending at our September gathering. We need to let them know how many are intending to attend that afternoon.



*Jan DeSpain, OFS  
Director of Formation*



### *From our Treasurer*



You can mail your OFS fraternity contributions to:

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Hemet CA, 92545**



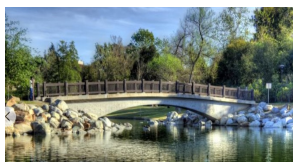
## Secular Franciscan Regional & National News



### *JPIC Prayers for Peace on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021*

Patricia Grace OFS and Carolyn Townes OFS, Regional and National JPIC (Justice, Peace, & Integrity of Creation) Animators invite us to a Zoom prayer service on Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 4pm. The theme is 'A Journey of Lamentation, a Journey of Hope.' On this 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11, let us gather our Franciscan voices and pray for Peace. RVSP to Patricia Grace OFS at [patriciaelizabethgrace7@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaelizabethgrace7@gmail.com).

### *St. Francis Regional Picnic September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021 10am to 2pm*



**Mason Regional Park:** 18712 University Drive, Irvine, CA 92612-2601

\$5 entrance fee per car. [Picnic Shelter #6](#) Bring food to share. Family members are welcome. Volley Ball Court, Horse Shoe Toss & lots of Play Space.

<https://www.ocparks.com/parks-trails/william-r-mason-regional-park>



Secular Franciscan Order

### *Join us at the 20<sup>th</sup> Quinquennial Congress: August 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 2022*

Come celebrate and renew our Franciscan calling in the spirit of conversion at our 20<sup>th</sup> Quinquennial! Registration for the QUINQUENNIAL CONGRESS is open. Register anytime between now and 12/31/2021 to get the 'Early Bird' rate. Please see the National website for more info. Click on [Quinquennial](#) or for all the details see the [General Information](#) tab. Download, print and distribute the [Q](#)

[Flyer](#). 😊 Family / Spouses are welcome.

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## *Franciscan School of Theology Summer & Fall Programs*



### 2021 Franciscan Zoom Lecture Series #12

FST is offering several online programs this Fall a part of their Franciscan Spiritual and Social Vision series. Look to the [FST News and Events](#) web page for details.

Register for the Next Lecture by [Dr. William Short, OFM](#)

- Thursday, September 9, 2021, at 7:00 pm PDT on Zoom

Registration is available at least 7 days prior via the FST website <https://www.fst.edu/news-events/>.



**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

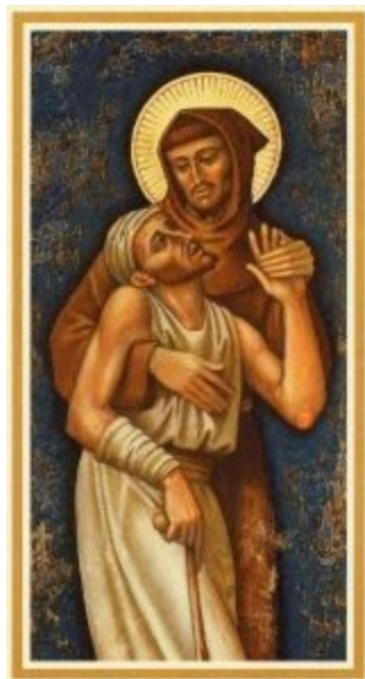
**To join by landline or audio-only Phone (no video):**

- 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 were professed in the month of September

- Sep. 9, 2007
- Sep. 9, 2007

**Barbara Upson, OFS**  
**Edward Upson, OFS**

❖ For Heidi Madden's daughter Kate and Kate's family living in South Lake Tahoe. They have been told to evacuate their home.

❖ For the sister-in-law of Connie Collins, OFS, Irene who passed away August 23. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

❖ For the sister of Sam DeSantis, OFS, Marian Elizabeth Bree (Buffy) who passed away in June 28. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her.

❖ Healing for Carol Imhoff, OFS, who has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Kidney Disease.

❖ For Linda Ochwat, OFS that she soon find satisfactory housing, and regain her physical health.

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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

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