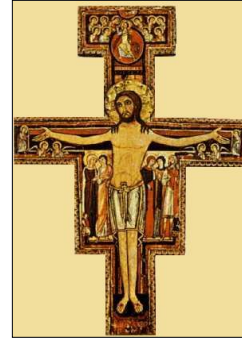


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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.



January 2009

Next Meeting: January 11, 2009

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
Candidates – Clare Room

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
General Meeting – Clare Room

FRANCISCAN SAINTS in January

Jan. 7th- Blessed Angela of Foligno (III)*
Jan. 16th - St. Berard & Companions (I)
Jan 18th- St. Charles of Sezze (I)
Jan. 20th- St. Eustochia Calafato (II)
*Saint of the Month

Jan. 21st- Juan de Padilla (I)
Jan. 28th- Brother Juniper (I)
Jan. 30th- St. Hyacintha of Mariscotti-
(III)

December's Fraternity Meeting

At our last meeting, the fraternity came together for a wonderful Christmas celebration. We shared the background of popular Christmas song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and had a great experience of fellowship and good food. It was a delightful meeting.

During the meeting, we prayed for God's blessings on our fraternity and on all its members and their families. May God bring us all a Happy and Holy New Year!

Our January Meeting

Along with the new year, January brings us a new set of programs and projects.

We will start a new series on the life and writings of St. Paul. Our own Tim C. will fill us in on life in first century Palestine and on Paul's background and training in particular. After his presentation, Tim will offer background information on Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians. Bring your Bible with you and join us for this very enlightening session on St. Paul.

Also in January, we undertake a study of the RULE which guides our lives as Secular

Franciscans. We will examine the Rule, line by line and precept by precept, and find its roots in Scripture. Over the coming months, we will be looking at the present Rule and its predecessors for a better understanding of our role and vocation as Secular Franciscans.

For this study and discussion, please bring your copy of The RULE and a notebook for sharing and recording new thoughts and insights.

The Pauline study and our in-depth look at the RULE will make for a stimulating and thought-provoking meeting, so don't miss the January kick-off.



7:00 Friday, 9 January 2009
Mission San Luis Rey Parish
4070 Mission Avenue
Oceanside, CA 92057
\$20 Adult | \$15 Child
For tickets, visit sanluisreyparish.org
or call 760.757.3250

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Karron's Korner –Welcome to January

January is both a time of new beginnings and a completion of things already begun. This year, America inaugurates a new president and ushers in a new era in its history; from now on, being white and male is no longer a *de facto* prerequisite for the presidency. However the new president works out, I feel overturning the “white male only” hurdle a very good thing.

Here in southern California, the St. Francis Regional Fraternity will elect a new Regional Council later this month. Pray that the Spirit guides ministers from the 40-odd fraternities who come together for the election at the annual Regional Ministers' Meeting.

And of course, January marks the beginning of the first year of the rest of our lives. What is new in each of our lives this year? What new experiences will we have? What things will we each learn and accomplish? For my part, happy in my familiar routine, I habitually take this time to reflect on what I've accomplished and what I've yet to do.

In my professional career, I had to make plans and set goals. I always enjoyed the process, as it made me feel I was making a fresh start and helped me juggle many projects and priorities effectively. It was also an opportunity to look at the year just ending and notice which plans got implemented and which fell flat, what worked and what didn't, and why.

These days, I make my plans more cautiously, since my life and all that's in it belongs to God. Therefore, it is His to steer as He wills. For me, this means that my plans are

nothing to be attached to, as they are subject to change in an instant. Surrender to His will is my source of peace and blessing in the Franciscan life. It is also a source of many questions, as I seek to discern His will and His agenda, and wonder if I need to let go of planning altogether.

Blessed Angela of Foligno

Some saints show signs of holiness very early. Not Angela! Born into a prominent family in Foligno near Assisi in 1248, Angela wanted wealth and social position. Her superficiality continued well into marriage and motherhood. At forty, she saw the emptiness of her life and sought God's help in the Sacrament of Penance. A Franciscan confessor advised her to seek God's pardon and to dedicate herself to prayer and works of charity. When she realized she was priceless since God created and loves her, she became a penitent and worked among the poor. Shortly after her conversion, death took Angela's husband and children.

Selling her possessions, Angela entered the Secular Franciscan Order. She served the poor of Foligno as a nurse and begged for their needs. Eventually, she established a community of women who adopted the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order and added three additional vows. A mystic, Angela related the story of her conversion in the “Book of Visions and Instructions” dictated to her confessor. Angela died in 1309 and was beatified in 1693.

Prayer Requests:

- Please pray for Mary B., who was badly bruised in a car accident. Mary expects to miss the next several meetings. If you can be of assistance to her, give her a call.
- Please pray for Russell, Mary B.'s 6-year-old grandson, who has a hip problem.
- Mary G. was recently hospitalized for 2 weeks with congestive heart failure. She is recovering at home with her niece Carol's help. Mary is doing well, and needs our prayers.
- Marjo G. asks your prayers for a special intention.
- Pray for Eileen & Bob C. who are both undergoing PT (physical therapy) to speed recovery after their heart operations.
- Fr. William B., OFM, needs prayers for extreme anemia. He is getting transfusions.

January Birthdays

18 Ruth T.
21 Roger A.

23 Dorothy J.

January Memorials

January 26, 2004
January 31, 1972

Armando Q.
Raymond L.

January Scriptures

1 John 5:14-15

And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us: And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him.

John 15:7,8

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

Matthew 12:50

"For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is My brother, and sister, and mother."

Matthew 21:22

And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Philippians 2:13

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

1 John 2:17

And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.