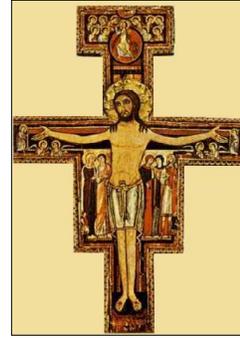


THE CORD

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



September 2009

Next Meeting: September 13, 2009

12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

PICNIC AT THE MISSION

FRANCISCAN SAINTS IN SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1 - St. Beatrice of Silva (II)

Sept. 2 - Bld. John Francis Burte &
Companions (I,III)

Sept. 3 - Blessed Claudio Granzotto (I)

Sept. 4 - St. Rose of Viterbo (III)*

Sept. 9 - Bld. Frederick Ozanam

Sept. 14- Pedro de Corpa & Companions (I)

Sept. 18 - St. Joseph of Cupertino (I)

Sept. 20 - St. Francis Mary of Camporosso(I)

Sept. 23 - Bd. Padre Pio of Piatercina (I)

Sept. 24 - St. Pacifico of San Severino (I)

Sept. 26 - St. Elzear & Bld. Delphina (III)

Sept. 27 - Mother Theresa Hackelmeirer (III)

Our September Barbeque

In anticipation of our September barbeque, we compiled a list of the food that members volunteered to provide. Please check this list, enclosed with this month's CORD, in case you have forgotten what to bring. And be sure to find your name on the list showing the number of guests we are each bringing along.

As you and your guests arrive at the picnic Pavilion located just behind the Retreat Center chapel, be sure to have guests pick up a name tag as they sign in. Penny J. will be on hand to welcome them with name tags and sign-up sheets, so that we can be sure your friends will feel welcome in the course of the afternoon.

Remember! Our barbeque starts at 12:00 Noon and runs until 3:00 pm – this is not our regular meeting schedule.

Besides our non-Franciscan guests, we have invited all the friars residing at the Mission along with Fr. Tom Herbst, who returns to England on September 15th.

Please remember to relax and have a good time. The barbeque is to celebrate our lives as Franciscans, and to share our hospitality with friends and loved ones. So, no need to stress out. If the chip dip goes sour or the cake falls, it's not that important. We love you and we won't notice!

October Plans

Transitus. We are working hand-in-hand with the friars to prepare for the Transitus. This year will be a special celebration, as SFOs from all over San Diego are coming to participate in this very beautiful liturgy!

Special provisions have been made for music, lighting and decorations in the Mission Church to make the event really glorious. Please bring your children and grandchildren, in-laws and special friends to partake of this holy time with St. Francis. And please wear your Franciscan tee shirt, the blue one if possible, or any other color.

October Meeting. In October, our meeting is at the regular 2:00 pm time.

Karron's Korner –

In September, we come together for a barbeque. Its mission is to meet and entertain potential fraternity members in a relaxed setting, where everyone enjoys themselves. If this sounds like rush week at a college fraternity, it's not intended that way. It's about sharing God's Love.

If there is one thing I am certain of today, it is that God loves me personally. I can't do a thing to deserve His love – yet He pours it on, and I feel it in a thousand ways.

I know now that I am completely supported by God, who created me body, soul and mind, and watches over my life. He gave me senses and abilities to navigate the world around me, and a few skills but not all, so I would learn to cooperate with others for our mutual benefit. My Father is always-loving, and a wonderful provider.

God's love is not a mere emotion, like pity or contentment. It is an energy that heals, soothes and comprehends, makes you feel at home while expanding your horizons, fills you with delight and awe, inspires and gives you courage. His love is at the center of what is just, compassionate and kind; it is at the same time fearless and strong, gentle and true.

Me, I am not so loving, but God is. He will be with us and our guests as we witness to His love.

St. Rose of Viterbo (III)

When St. Rose of Viterbo was alive, Emperor Frederic II and his allies, the "Ghibellines" were in armed conflict with the pope and his allies, the "Guelphs." Young Rose was divinely inspired to preach the cause of the pope in Italy.

Rose was precociously holy, and at age 8, Our Lady appeared to her during an illness and told her to don the penitential Franciscan habit, continue to live at home and set a good example. When Rose recovered, she joined the Secular Order, and preached in the streets about sin and the sufferings of Jesus, urging citizens to support the pope and oust Frederick's soldiers from Viterbo. In 1250, the local Ghibellines demanded her execution. The mayor sent Rose and her parents into exile.

After the Emperor died, Viterbo returned to papal jurisdiction and Rose returned home. At 15, her attempt to found a religious community failed, and she resumed her life of prayer and penance in her father's home, where she died in 1251 at age 17. Rose was canonized in 1457.

Intercessions

- We thank God for Bob C.'s successful shoulder surgery. Bob is recuperating.
- Please pray for Scott H.. Scott's foot surgery was July 30th.
- Please pray for a good result for Mary B.'s medical tests.
- Pray for Lacie I., married to Carol's son and mother of a young child. Lacie's cancer has recurred.
- Pray for Michael B., Freeda's grandson, who has pancreatitis & gall bladder problems.
- Denise's father Don S., died in early August. May he rest in peace.
- Winnie B.'s husband, Al, died on August 26th. Funeral date TBD. Rest in peace.

September Birthdays

Winnie B.'s birthday was **September 1st**. Freeda P.'s birthday is the **14th** of this month, and Marjo G. celebrates her birthday on the **27th**.

Anniversaries of Profession

On the **9th** of September 2007, Tim C., and Ed and Barbara U. were professed. Congratulations on your **2nd** anniversary as Franciscans!

In Memoriam – Betty Lou Carson

1929 - 2009

Betty Lou C., SFO, went home to God on June 8, 2009. A member since 1987, she served our fraternity as both Minister and Newsletter writer.

A teacher by profession, Betty taught at the Pala Mission, at St. Francis parish in Vista and in Hemet. In her later years, diabetes effected Betty's ability to walk and drive, and her vision was impaired.

The fraternity is having a Mass offered for the repose of her soul. May Betty rest in peace.

Note: Suzee I., a candidate for profession, has moved to St. Louis and found a new fraternity.

SCRIPTURES: God's Love

John 17:25-26

"Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the **love** you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who **love** him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Romans 8:35-39

.Who shall separate us from the **love** of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

"For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who **loved** us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the **love** of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 12:9-13

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly **love**. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Tuesday, September 8th 9:30 am or 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Tom Herbst Study Series: "Early Christian Doctrines" - final lecture in the series.
Seminars are mornings at 9:30am or evenings 7:00pm. Free will offering.

September 13, 12:00 Noon – 3:00 p.m.

San Luis Rey SFO Picnic & Barbeque at the Pavilion behind the Retreat Center chapel.
Bring your guests and food to share.

September 17th 10:30 a.m.- St. Francis of Assisi parish administration building

San Luis Rey Fraternity Council Meeting

Sunday, October 11 2:00pm

San Luis Rey Fraternity's October Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

October Regional Meeting at St. Margaret Mary's Parish, 12686 Central Ave, Chino Hills
Franciscans come together to celebrate our 800th Year. Mass will be celebrated. Each
Franciscan Order will make a presentation. Bus ride? - Ruth D. at Immaculate Conception
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