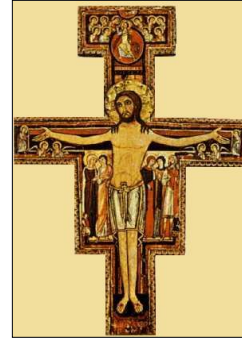


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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.



October 2010

Next Meeting: October 3, 2010

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

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

FRANCISCAN SAINTS IN OCTOBER

Oct. 3 – St. John of Dukla (I)
Oct. 4 – St. Francis of Assisi
Oct. 6 - St. Mary Frances of the Five Wounds (III)
Oct. 10 – St. Daniel and Companions (I)

Oct. 11 – Mother Mary Angela Truzkowska
Oct. 12 – St. Seraphin of Montegranaro (I)
Oct. 22 – St. Peter of Alcantara (I)
Oct. 23 - St. John of Capistrano (I)
Oct. 25 – Bld. Antonio de Sant’AnnaGalvao

SEPTEMBER MEETING

At our meeting in September, Fr. Donald Timone, priest and educator, gave a powerful and very moving talk on The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-17) after sharing Mass with us in the Retreat Center Chapel. Father Timone’s insights made a lasting impression on our members.

THE TRANSITUS

This year, the Transitus Celebration at the Mission is celebrated a day earlier than usual, on **Saturday, October 2nd, at 6:00 pm.**

Once again, the friars have asked us to welcome worshipers from all over the diocese and usher them to seats in the Old Mission Church. After the conclusion of the ceremony, we’ll help worshipers find the reception area, where coffee and sweets will be served.

This is an opportunity for San Luis Rey SFOs to help the friars by serving others on a special evening for all Franciscans. **Please arrive by 5:30 pm wearing your blue Franciscan polo shirt and your TAU cross. Please bring a**

FLASHLIGHT for ushering, as the Mission Church will be dimly lit.

For those able to attend, there will be a dress rehearsal the evening prior to the Transitus on Friday at 7:00 pm. If you are not able to attend, be sure to come early Saturday and we’ll fill you in as we get everyone organized.

Please do bring your family and friends to this moving and lovely event. Everyone is welcome – kids, non-Catholics, everyone.

THE OCTOBER MEETING

Our October meeting will be on Sunday, October 3rd at the usual time.

This month, our Director of Formation Eileen Costa will be sharing some of her thoughts and research on “Franciscan Prayer” especially in the light of the Transitus and the insights gleaned from Fr. Tom’s talks on the Franciscan thoughts about God.

Once again, several brothers and sisters will be introducing one another, and telling us some interesting things about the person sitting next to us.

Karron's Korner –

We will celebrate **THE TRANSITUS** of St. Francis at the Mission on Saturday, October 2nd with the friars and all who love St. Francis. Once again, we will help our friars by acting as ushers and greeters as people enter the church, and lead them into the garden for the reception after the celebration.

This year, the liturgy will be entirely in English, with songs in English and Spanish. SFOs will have reserved seats at the Transitus event.

If you can participate as an usher, please arrive on Saturday by 5:30 pm, so we can get organized. Wear your blue Franciscan shirt if you have one and your TAU cross.

Saint of the Month – St. Mary Frances of the 5 Wounds of Jesus (III)

Mary Frances Gallo was born in Naples on March 25, 1715 and died there on October 6, 1791. Her father, Francesco Gallo, was a hard, avaricious man with a mean temper who treated her cruelly. Her mother was gentle and pious.

Her father tried to force her to marry a rich man at 16, but Mary Frances refused, and asked to enter the Third Order of St. Francis. This request was granted through a Friar's influence. At her reception among the Tertiaries of St. Peter of Alcantara on September 8th 1731, she took the name "Mary Frances of the Five Wounds of Jesus". She is said to have been signed with the stigmata, though it took no visible appearance. On Fridays, especially during Lent, she felt the pains of the Passion.

During her life she suffered physical illness, as well as emotional pain caused by persecution of her father, sisters, and others. She performed voluntary penances, strict fasts, wore hair-shirts and other disciplines. Her prayers and advice saved many souls from danger. Priests, religious, and pious people sought her counsel. Her charity and compassion toward the afflicted and miserable knew no bounds. Her last thirty-eight years were spent in the house of a pious priest, Giovanni Pessiri. She was canonized by Pius IX on June 29, 1867. Her feast is October 6th.

In Memoriam

Virginia Ward T.	October 4, 1991	Richard B.	October 5, 1995
Mary J.	October 27, 1995	Michelle S.	October 13, 2005
Margaret N.	October 9, 2003		

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Eileen C.'s grandson Joey H., 2, who is having health problems.
- Pray for successful cataract surgery for Freeda P..
- Pray for a peaceful transition for Marshall S., 53, who is dying of cancer.
- Pray God will increase our fraternity – in members, blessings, influence and good work.
- Pray for God's blessings on the coming fraternity election.
- For the full recovery of Barbara U., and for all fraternity members who are ill.
- For the return to health of Father Mel B., who has problems with his legs

REMINDER:

Please send your September contribution to Frances Garcia by mail, or bring your check to the October fraternity meeting.

This coming January, we will elect a new Council and Minister for the San Luis Rey fraternity. Each of us is responsible for the quality of life within the fraternity, and has gifts that are critical to its vitality, its spirit and its ability to bless others.

I ask that you print or copy this page and carry it with you. If you say this prayer every day, we will have a successful fraternity election in January. God bless you!

The Fraternity Minister

Prayer for Our Fraternity and the Coming Election

I thank you, Lord, for making me a Secular Franciscan.

Pardon my shortcomings, weaknesses and failures as I seek to lead a Gospel life according to our Rule. Please make me the Franciscan you want me to be.

Jesus, just as I have a body, and my body has several parts and each part has a separate function, so all of us in this fraternity, in union with you, Lord, form one body. As parts of that body, we belong to each other. Each of us has gifts that you have given us.

If my gift is administration, let me use it for administration; if teaching, let me use it for teaching. If I be a preacher, let me deliver sermons, if an alms giver, let me give freely, if an officer let me be diligent, and if I am to do works of mercy, let me do them cheerfully. Whatever my gifts, Lord let me use them to serve you as you see fit.

Do not let my love be a pretense, but let me love others as a brother or sister should, and give me a profound respect for each of them.

Let me work for you and with you, Lord.

Let me recognize in myself and others the gifts that will further your life in our fraternity. Give us the gifts we need to enliven and guide this group. Let us encourage and assist one another in your work. Lord, we give thanks for all your gifts, especially wisdom, knowledge, strength, discernment, kindness and generosity of spirit.

Lord, give me right faith, firm hope and perfect charity, and give me the wisdom and perseverance to accomplish your will. I trust in you and ask for your light.

Jesus, grant that your Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis be alive in our community.

Jesus, grant that we know what you want us to do, that we want what pleases you, and will do what you want for your sake alone.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, October 1st, 7:00 p.m.

Preparation for Transitus. SFO Members meet at the Old Mission Church to go over plans for the Transitus with Fr. Adrian et al.

Saturday, October 2nd, 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Celebration of the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi. Members assist the Mission friars in hosting this annual event.

Sunday, October 3rd, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting,

Thursday, October 7th, 12:00 noon.

Council Meeting, St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Vista.

Wednesday, December 15 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Evening Twilight Retreat "Divinely Human" with Brother Kelly C., OFM

The Star of Christmas shines in our world by how we understand...and live...the birth of God. Deepen your holiday celebrations with time spent taking in the meaning of God choosing us. This Evening Twilight will begin at 5:30pm with Mass in the old Mission Church followed by dinner and the presentation. Donation of \$20.00 - \$25.00 per person.