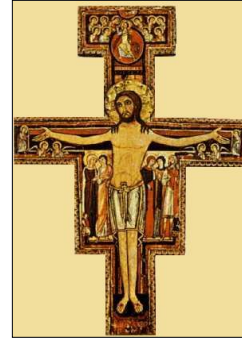


# **THE CORD**

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



**November 2010**

**Next Meeting: November 7, 2010**

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

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

## **FRANCISCAN SAINTS IN NOVEMBER**

**Nov. 3** – Venerable Solanus Casey (I)

**Nov. 4** – St. Charles Borromeo (III)

**Nov. 7** – St. Didacus of Alcalá (I)

**Nov. 8** – Bl. John Duns Scotus (I)

**Nov. 14** – St. Nicholas Tavelic & Comp. (I)

**Nov. 17** – St. Elizabeth of Hungary

**Nov. 19** – St. Agnes of Assisi (II)

**Nov. 26** – St. Leonard of Port Maurice (I)

**Nov. 27** – St. Francesco Antonio Fasani (I)

**Nov. 28** – St. James of the Marche (I)

**Nov. 29** – All Saints of the Seraphic  
Order.

### **OCTOBER'S MEETING**

At our meeting in October, various members of the fraternity introduced one another, and related what they had discovered about one another in one-on-one conversation.

Eileen conducted a lively discussion on prayer, notably about which prayer disciplines and practices inform and shape our lives as Catholics and religious.

### **AT THE TRANSITUS**

This year, the Transitus Celebration at the Mission was celebrated on **Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

Our fraternity did a great job welcoming worshipers into the Mission Church, and showing people to their seats. We were identifiable because most wore our blue SFO polo shirts and all wore Tau crosses.

The readings were all in English this year, and Father Adrian did a great job on the Liturgy. It was a wonderful experience, and once again we all contributed to its success!

We capped off our celebration with refreshment and fellowship in the Sacred Garden afterward, as we enjoyed Francis' favorite almond cookies with friends and loved ones.

### **THE NOVEMBER MEETING**

This month, we will be presenting some news about events and celebrations to come as we move into the holiday season.

Eileen will be distributing some background materials for us to read as we prepare for a new series for on-going formation. Eileen will give us all the details.

### **DONATIONS FOR NOVEMBER**

Please bring donations of food for Brother Benno's to our November meeting. Cans of sweet potatoes, chicken stock and cranberries will help make **Thanksgiving** dinner for the poor at Thanksgiving.

As we approach **Christmas**, Sister Madeline is once again collecting packages of new socks for migrant workers, as well as warm jackets. Please bring clothing donations to our November meeting.

### **Karron's Korner –**

Our Regional Minister, Sylvia, asks us to discuss, promote and evangelize the new initiative of the Franciscan Action Network (FAN) called **The F.R.A.N.C.I.S. Commitment to Civility in Discourse.**

The initiative came out of a realization that political discourse is at an all-time low right in this country, having degenerated into name-calling and character assassination. The result is a legacy of mistrust and hatred that is dividing the country and immobilizing Congress.

As Catholics and followers of Christ, we need to be peacemakers, urging all sides to consider the damage they do to the spirit of this country by spreading nasty rumors and ill-will among its citizens.

FAN asks that we contact elected officials and candidates for office on both sides of the aisle to insist upon a fair, free and friendly level of discourse to help solve the country's problems together as a unified nation.

Please see the text of the initiative at the end of this newsletter.

### **St. Agnes of Assisi.**

Agnes was the sister of St. Clare and her first follower. When Agnes left home two weeks after Clare's departure, the family tried to bring Agnes back by force. As they dragged her from the monastery, her body suddenly became so heavy that several knights could not move it. The knights then left Agnes and Clare in peace.

Agnes matched her sister in her devotion and her endurance of the strict penances that characterized their lives at San Damiano.

In 1221 a group of Benedictine nuns near Florence asked to join the order. Clare sent Agnes to be abbess of that monastery. Agnes soon wrote a sad letter about how much she missed Clare and the other nuns at San Damiano.

After establishing several convents in northern Italy, Agnes was recalled to San Damiano in 1253 as Clare was dying. She died three months after her sister. Agnes was canonized in 1753.

### **Birthdays**

Connie H. celebrates her birthday on the 9<sup>th</sup> of this month, and Carol I.'s's birthday is on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday, Ladies!

### **Profession Anniversary**

Elaine S. was professed on November 23, 1947, and has been Franciscan for **63 years!**

### **In Memoriam**

Catherine W.	November 4, 1998	Rose Rita L.	November 6, 2006
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### **Prayer Requests**

- Pray God will increase our fraternity – in members, blessings, influence and good work.
- Pray for God's blessings on the coming fraternity election.
- Prayer for Karron's special intention – a healing in her family.
- Pray for the repose of the soul of Marshall S., 53, who died of cancer.
- For a full recovery for Sandy B., Barbara U., and Leeann B., who are recovering from surgery.

*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!*

*Your 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**

***Sunday, November 7th, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.***  
**San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting,**

***Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 Cullen, 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.

## **FRATERNITY COUNCIL**

### **REMINDER:**

**Please send your September contribution to Frances by mail,  
or bring your check to the November meeting.**

## The Francis Commitment to Civility in Discourse

Currently in our national conversations on policy we are experiencing a great degree of inflammatory language. It is language which exaggerates differences and hardens positions and language which is provocative in nature and uses violent imagery at times.

For this reason Franciscan Action Network offers some principles for public conversation based on the life of Francis and our Franciscan traditions. Our purpose in proposing these principles is to be mindful of a Franciscan way to promote policy reform and to demonstrate peace in an ongoing process of transformation.

Join our efforts and make the **F.R.A.N.C.I.S. Commitment to Civility in Discourse**. Share it with others and join in the effort to help transform our public conversations in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare!

***After you have made the commitment below, join other FAN members in contacting your candidates for federal elected office and [invite them to adhere to these principles](#) as well in this election season.***

*Take a quiet moment in prayer and then recite the following out loud or to yourself. Each verb begins with a letter which, when taken together, spells out the name FRANCIS:*

*"I commit to:*

- **FACILITATE** a forum for difficult discourse and acknowledge that all dialogue can lead to new insight and mutual understanding.
- **RESPECT** the dignity of all people, especially the dignity of those who hold an opposing view.
- **AUDIT** myself and utilize terms or a vocabulary of faith to unite or reconcile rather than divide conflicting positions.
- **NEUTRALIZE** inflamed conversations by presuming that those with whom we differ are acting in good faith.
- **COLLABORATE** with others and recognize that all human engagement is an opportunity to promote peace.
- **IDENTIFY** common ground such as similar values or concerns and utilize this as a foundation to build upon.
- **SUPPORT** efforts to clean up the provocative language by calling policymakers to their sense of personal integrity."