

THE CORD

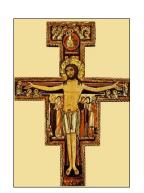
San Luis Rey Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.

June 2010

Next Meeting: June 6, 2010

12:45 – 1:45 p.m. Inquirers – Clare Room Candidates – O'Keefe Room

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



FRANCISCAN SAINTS IN JUNE

June 1 - John Patrick Doyle (III)

June 2 - Christopher Bernsmeyer (I)

June 7 - Joseph Perez (I)

June 13 -St. Anthony of Padua (I)

June 17 -St. Albert Chmielowski (III)

June 19 - Venerable Matt Talbot (III)

Our May Meeting

At the May meeting, Rock D., a Regional Spiritual Assistant, and Bob M., Regional Formation Director, met with the council and came to our fraternity meeting. In his follow-up letter, Rock had this to say:

I would like to extend my thanks to you, the council and entire fraternity for the wonderful visit we had on May 2nd. . . We were both impressed with the quality of our brothers and sisters in the San Luis Rey Fraternity. We also had some great discussions and sharing during our times with the council.

The Regional Team offered a few minor suggestions on the format of our ongoing and initial formation that can easily be incorporated as we move forward.

As Minister, I was very pleased with the outcome of this Pastoral Visitation. I hope that you will join me in thanking our Formation Team for all they do to show the Franciscan vocation and way of life to those in initial formation, both as teachers and as role models. We have been greatly blessed

June 22 - St. Thomas More (III)

June 23 - St. Joseph Cafasso (III)

June 28 - Francisco de Porras (I)

June 29 - Mother Mary Francis Bachman

June 30 - Blessed Raymond Lull (III)

in this Formation Team. As we speak, they are looking into new innovations in on-going formation for our fraternity.

Our June Gathering

In June, we return to take another look at our apostolates. This time, we'll be hearing from Eileen C. and Denise S., both of whom have been called by the Spirit to minister in amazing ways.

Eileen will be sharing a few of the many roles and experiences she's had in ministering to God's people during 30-plus years as an active and devoted Franciscan.

As vice-president of the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, Denise is an advocate for the cause of Christians who attempt to live and work everyday in the war zone commonly known as the Holy Land.

Time permitting, we will also re-visit our "Laundry List" of projects and tasks that need doing within the fraternity. We have made a good deal of progress, and will bring you up to date at the meeting.

Karron's Korner -

We are at war. Being on earth is to be fighting for our very lives against the evil one, who would to take us straight to hell. In this war, the bad news is that the evil one is very clever, doesn't sleep and helps us deceive ourselves. The Good News is that God is "more powerful than he (the devil) that is in the world" and will do the impossible to help us.

In recent months, some fraternity members have been beset by severe hardship: serious illness, financial strain, or in danger of losing their lives. When we knew of these troubles, we prayed for a breakthrough and God answered our prayers. But it is time that we all, as God's chosen people, learn to take authority as Christians and put an end to this harassment!

As you recall, with the fall of Adam humans were expelled from the protection of the Garden and became subject to disease, poverty, violence and death because we had chosen ourselves over God. We were banished from the Garden and cast into this world, where Satan holds sway.

During His ministry, Jesus showed he had authority over disease, poverty, violence and death and over the evil spirits associated with them. Through his sacrifice, Christ made the Kingdom of God accessible for us under the New Covenant. On the first Pentecost, the Holy Spirit enabled Jesus' disciples act in His Name and to take back dominion over the natural and spiritual realms of Earth.

Several fraternity members have said they'd like to learn how to become warriors in God's army, so they can defeat these attacks on their lives, health and prosperity. Though we'll not have time to go into this at the June meeting, I invite everyone to read, recite and study the

scripture citations in this issue of THE CORD. Memorize them as a first step in learning to use these weapons against our common enemy.

Saint Albert Chmielowski

He was born August 20, 1845 near Miechów, Poland, Russian Empire, and died December 25, 1916, in Kraków, Austria-Hungary, of natural causes. He was canonized on November 12, 1989, by Pope John Paul II. His memorial day is June 17.

Born to wealthy aristocrats, he initially studied agriculture to better manage the family estate. Involved in politics, he lost a leg at the age of 17 while fighting in an insurrection. A great artistic talent, Albert studied in Warsaw, Munich and Paris. Returning to Kraków, he became a Secular Franciscan. A well-known and well-liked artist in Kraków, his political views inspired his interest in the human condition. A gentle and compassionate spirit, Chmielowski felt compelled to help the needy and decided to follow his calling into the service of God.

In 1880, Chmielowski joined the Jesuit Order taking the name Albert. In 1887, he founded Brothers of the Third Order of Saint Francis - Servants of the Poor known as the Albertines or Gray Brothers. In 1891, he founded the women's branch, the Gray Sisters. The Albertines organized food and shelter for the poor and homeless.

St. Albert believed the great calamity of our time is so many refuse to see and relieve the suffering of others. The "haves" live away from "have-nots", and leave their care to society.

Albert was the spiritual teacher of Servant of God Maria Jablonska

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Barbara U. on the **6**th; to Eileen C. who celebrates on the **13**th, to David Y. on the **14**th, and to Scott H. on the **26**th. We are so happy for so many reasons to have these June babies among us!

Anniversary of Profession

This month, Eileen C. commemorates her profession on **June 25**th of 1978; Karron E. was professed on the **21**st of **June**, 1991.

Memorials

On June 2, 1997, **Ruth G.** departed this life. **Betty Lou C.** died on June 8th of last year, (2009) and **Beverly Raphael B.** passed to his reward on June 14, 2000. May they Rest in God's Peace!

Prayer Requests & Offerings

- For the health and prosperity of Scott & Connie H. and their family
- For Carol I.'s son-in-law Lester, who is in the military
- Praise God for His work in the SFO, and for the blessings He gives our fraternity

Scriptures that Build Assurance & Confidence of Deliverance

Isaiah 55:11

So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Matthew 21:22

If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

John 14:13-14

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

John 15:7

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Ps 23:4

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Philippians 4:19

And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

2 Timothy 1:7

For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.

Ps 34:10

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Ps 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear,

Romans 8:32

What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?

Psalm 100

Know that the LORD is God.
It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

REMINDER:

Please send your June contribution to Frances G. by mail, or bring it with you to our fraternity meeting on June 6th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

June 6th (1st Sunday)

San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting on the first Sunday of the month

June 10th

Fraternity Council Meeting at St. Francis of Assisi

July 18th

San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

July 15th

San Luis Rey Council Meeting at the Mission (?)

Thursdays: July 15, 22, 29 & August 5, 12 & 19; Sessions at 10:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM, Study Series, "Medieval Church History"

Mondays: August 9, 16, 23 & 30th; Sessions at 10:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM, Study Series, "Franciscan Theology"

Masses will be offered for San Luis Rey Fraternity Members, Living & Deceased:

Masses have been scheduled at the St. Francis of Assisi Church, as follows:

Sunday, June 13, 5:00 pm

Saturday, July 10, 8:00 am