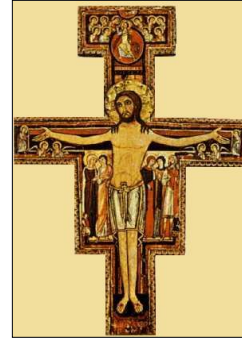


# **THE CORD**

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



**August 2010**

**Next Meeting: August 1, 2010**

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

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

## **FRANCISCAN SAINTS IN AUGUST**

Aug. 3 – Blessed Frederic Janssoone (I)  
Aug. 4 – St. John Vianney (III)  
Aug. 5 – Ignatius Brady (I)  
Aug. 6 – Venerable Anthony Margil (I)  
Aug. 9 – Mother Marianne of Molokai (III)  
**Aug. 11 – St. Clare of Assisi (II)**

Aug. 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe (I)  
Aug. 18 - Mother Maria Bentivoglio (II)  
Aug. 19 – St. Louis of Toulouse (I)  
Aug. 21 – St. Pius X (III)  
Aug. 23 – Blanche of Castile (III)  
**Aug. 25 – St. Louis IX**

### **Our JULY Celebration**

In July, we had the pleasure of bringing Joe C. further along on his Franciscan journey. We accepted Joe into the SFO in the Rite of Temporary Profession. Joe is relocating to Pennsylvania, where he will be teaching at an all boy's Catholic secondary school. Good luck to Joe in his new endeavor, and blessings to him on his Franciscan journey!

### **Our AUGUST Gathering**

This month's meeting will be about how we can raise a Spiritual Defense against Disease, Addiction, Conflict and all the ills that seem so often to get the upper hand in our lives. We will discover what the Bible tells us about raising a strong barrier against all these things – and learn how to go about it!

*Be sure to bring your Bible to the meeting.*

### **SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS IN AUGUST**

There are several feast days especially important to us as SFOs in August. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, we of course celebrate the feast of St. Clair, our co-founder.

And as Secular Franciscans based in Oceanside, we are especially blessed to celebrate the feast of St. Louis the King (San Luis Rey) on August 25<sup>th</sup>. San Luis Rey was a Secular Franciscan, and is the patron of the Secular Order, along with St. Elisabeth of Hungary. On the feast days of all these saints, a plenary indulgence is offered to SFOs who attend Mass, receive the Eucharist, and spend some time in reflection of the Rule.

Of course, the Mission Parish is celebrating this day with us.

## **Karron's Korner –**

Here we are once again in August – how soon the summer flies!

No matter the weather, I'm certain it's summer when Fr. Tom Herbst shows up to give his informative, lively seminars on spiritual topics. This year, he starts out with a series on Medieval Church History (Thursdays through August 19<sup>th</sup>).

But there's a special treat! Starting Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, and on all Mondays in August, he's presenting a series on *Franciscan Theology!*

As Franciscans with an 850-year history, we need to learn about our roots and traditions. And there's a lot to learn! Hearing Fr. Tom's series is a fun, easy and entertaining way to do it!

And what better way to answer all those questions about our Order and its meaning?

Bring your friends, family and fellow parishioners! Fr. Tom will present the roots and reasons of the SFO far better than we can – and help others discover the joys of our Franciscan life in the process.

## **Saint of the Month – St. Louis IX – Patron of the Secular Franciscan Order**

Louis held the highest office in France in a thoroughly Franciscan way. His mother, Blanche of Castile a Franciscan tertiary, trained Louis for the kingship of France and ascent into the kingdom of heaven. He was born in 1214 and Franciscan Friars were among his instructors. He eventually became a Secular Franciscan. He was generous in founding hospitals, building churches and promoting learning. In 1248 he led a crusade to recover the Holy Land.

Louis's greatest achievement was to rule his kingdom in the light of the gospel. He considered God's law superior to his own laws and was called upon to mediate peace between opposing rulers in Europe. Louis taught his 11 children the dignity of their Baptism, even over the nobility of their birth. He died on his second crusade in 1270 and was canonized in 1297.

## **Anniversary of Profession**

This month, Barbara F. commemorates her profession on August 17<sup>th</sup> of 1980.

## **Memorials**

On August 13, 2003, **Julie Nick D.** departed this life. **Irving S.** died on August 20, 1996. May they Rest in Peace!

## **Prayer Requests**

- Please pray for the San Luis Rey Fraternity, that we may be always in God's will.
- Pray that God may increase our fraternity – in members, blessings, fortune, influence and good work.
- For a speedy recovery for Dorothy Johnson, who fell and broke her elbow.
- For a safe pregnancy for Carol Imhoff's daughter Frances Steed, who is due in January.
- For the full recovery of Barbara Upson, and for other members of the fraternity with illnesses.
- For the return to health of Father Mel Bucher, who has problems with his legs.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Thursdays: July 15, 22, 29 & August 5, 12 & 19; Sessions at 10:00 and 7:00 p.m.**  
Fr. Tom Study Series, **“Medieval Church History”**

**August 1<sup>st</sup>**

**San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting** on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.

**August 5<sup>th</sup>**

**San Luis Rey Council Meeting** at St. Francis of Assisi Church, Vista, 12:30 pm.

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

Fr. Tom Study Series, **“Franciscan Theology”**

**September 5<sup>th</sup>**

**San Luis Rey Fraternity Meeting** on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

**Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Celebration of the Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi** at the Mission. Details to follow.