

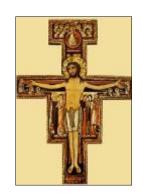
# THE CORD

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

This Meeting: March 4 2012

**Next Meeting: April 1, 2012** 

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.
Candidates – Peryi Hall
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
General Meeting – Peryi Hall



## FRANCISCAN SAINTS FOR MARCH

- Bl. Agnes of Prague (II) March 2
- Bl. Didacus Joseph of Cadiz () Mar ??
- St. John Joseph of the Cross (I) Mar 5.
- St. Salvator of Horta (I) March 18.

## Saint for March St Salvator of Horta

A reputation for holiness does have some drawbacks. Public recognition can be a nuisance at times—as the confreres of Salvator found out.

Salvator was born during Spain's Golden Age. Art, politics and wealth were flourishing. So was religion. Ignatius of Loyola founded the Society of Jesus in 1540.

Salvator's parents were poor. At the age of 21 he entered the Franciscans as a brother and was soon known for his asceticism, humility and simplicity.

As cook, porter and later the official beggar for the friars in Tortosa, he became well known for his charity. He healed the sick with the Sign of the Cross. When crowds of sick people began coming to the friary to see Salvator, the friars transferred him to Horta. Again the sick flocked to ask his intercession; one person estimated that

- St. Benvenute of Osimo (I) March 22.
- St. Catherine of Genoa (III) March 23.
- St. Peter Regaldo (I) March 30.

two thousand people a week came to see Salvator. He told them to <u>examine</u> their consciences, to go to confession and to receive Holy Communion worthily. He refused to pray for those who would not receive those sacraments.

The public attention given to Salvator was relentless. The crowds would sometimes tear off pieces of his habit as relics. Two years before his death, Salvator was moved again, this time to Cagliari on the island of Sardinia. He died at Cagliari saying, "Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit." He was canonized in 1938.

#### **Comment:**

Medical science is now seeing more clearly the relation of some diseases to one's emotional and spiritual life. In Healing Life's Hurts, Matthew and Dennis Linn report that sometimes people experience relief from illness only when they have decided to forgive others. Salvator prayed that people

might be healed, and many were. Surely not all diseases can be treated this way; medical help should not be abandoned. But notice that Salvator urged his petitioners to reestablish their priorities

in life before they asked for healing. From, "Franciscan saint of the Day," by Patrick McCloskey, OFM

## A few words from our Minister

We hope to have the Library "up and running" by the March Gathering. Irene E, SFO, is our librarian. And, we will have book check out procedures in place.

If anyone has an issue with Mission San Luis Rey, <u>please inform me</u> <u>first</u>. We want a friendly Franciscan relationship with Mission San Luis

Rey. Fr. Gaa has been most generous with his offer to use Peyri Hall, and the Mission staff has helped us to move and store our Library in Peyri Hall.

As we experience the season of Lent, let us all remember our Franciscan vocations, in preparation for celebration the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior.

Pax et Bonum,

Tim C. Minister

Notes from our treasurer, David Y.

Please mail your "Fair Share," donation to our treasurer David Y.

Inflation has hit the SFO: Fair Share - It was announced at the Chapter of Elections that NAFRA has voted to increase each Region's Fair Share assessment by \$5 per member effective in 2013. Therefore, each of you needs to start planning to put just a little more into your Common Fund donation envelope each month.

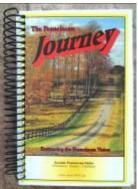
## Prayer on Entering or Leaving a Church

We adore you, most holy Lord Jesus Christ, hear and in all your churches, which are in the whole world, and we bless you, because by your holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

St. Francis from "The Tertiary's Companion," © 1961, revised 1976 by Franciscan Herald Press.

## **Formation**

Inquirer Class and Candidates Class PEYRI HALL 12:30 – 1:45 P.M.



As our period of discernment continues, and for those who are in the inquiry phase, our lesson for March is Chapter Three in our book, *The Franciscan Journey*. We will reflect on Chapter Four if time allows.

When the discovery period has begun and extends into the inquiry period, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are led with the joyful anticipation of further growth in the Spirit of St. Francis. Chapter Three will give us a glance at St. Francis and St. Clare as they came to know Christ in the journey to which the Spirit of the Lord called them

The communities they created, in the love of Christ, help us take a look at our own community of the SFO in the same joy the Holy Spirit inspires. Our knowledge of the Catholic faith strengthens our love of God in the path of embracing Franciscan spirituality. May we pray to the Holy Spirit for guidance in the call to increase our education in Catholicism and the Franciscan Journey.

God Bless, Sandy B.

## **Anniversaries of Profession**



David Y. March 8, 2009
Mary K. B. March 9, 1997.
Patricia D. March 9, 1997.
Marjo G. March 20, 1994.

Congratulations on your faithful service to the Lord and St. Francis.

## **Memorials**



 Amanda M.
 March 2, 1995

 Robert W.
 March 15, 1995

 Gertrude B.
 March 16, 1989

 Katherine K.
 March 28, 2001

# **Birthdays**



Virginia V. March 2
Edna P. March 9
Karron E. March 26

# **Prayer Requests:**



Successful surgeries for Mary B. and Prudy H. David Y. and his family, Dorothy J. that her legs will continue to heal, Scott and Connie H. Our home-bound brothers and sisters in our fraternity, Our brothers and sisters who are in formation.