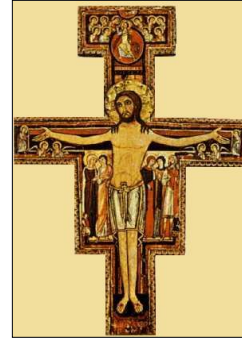


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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.



July 1, 2012

**Future Meetings:
August 5, 2012
September 2, 2012 (?)
October 7, 2012**

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
General Meeting – Pablo Tac Hall, aka Peyri Hall
Formation Meeting,

SAINT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Servant of God Joseph Perez

(1890-1928)

"The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church," said Tertullian in the third century. Joseph Perez carried on that tradition.

Joseph was born in Coroneo, Mexico, and joined the Franciscans when he was 17. Because of Mexico's civil unrest at that time (the forces of Pancho Villa had crossed into New Mexico on a raid the previous year), he was forced to take his philosophy and theology studies in California.

After ordination at Mission Santa Barbara, he returned to Mexico and served at Jerecuaro from 1922 on. The persecution under the presidency of Plutarco Calles (1924-28) forced Joseph to wear various disguises as he traveled around to visit the Catholics. In 1927 Church property was nationalized, Catholic schools were closed, and foreign priests and nuns were deported.

One day Joseph and several others were captured while returning from a secretly held Mass. Father Perez was stabbed to death by soldiers a few miles from Celaya on June 2, 1928.

When Joseph's body was later brought in procession to Salvatierra, it was buried there amid cries of "*Viva Cristo Rey!*" (Long live Christ the King!).

COMMENT:

The Catholic Church in Mexico today is much freer than it was in the 1920's. Catholicism is very much alive in Mexico today, nurtured in part by martyrs like Father Perez.

QUOTE:

Father Joseph's memorial card includes these words: "May almighty God grant that our prayer, which is supported by the bloody sacrifice of this martyr, may graciously appear in his sight and bring salvation to us and redemption to our country" (Marion A. Habig, O.F.M., *The Franciscan Book of Saints*, p. 412).

Old Mission SLR HISTORICAL LESSON(s) FOR JULY



Sounds like a good time to tell some history about Peyri Hall, aka "San Luis Rey's Public School" building, that will now be known as "Pablo Tac Hall," along with an update on the earthquake retrofit of our Old Mission Home.

Renaming of "Peyri Hall"

With Father David Gaa, right, San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians Captain Mel Vernon burns sage and offers a prayer for the renaming of the Mission's Peyri Hall to Pablo Tac Hall on Thursday. BILL WECHTER | bwechter@nctimes.com

June 09, 2012 5:30 pm • [BY PAUL SISSON psisson@nctimes.com](mailto:psisson@nctimes.com)

The pungent smell of burning white sage filled the air Thursday as tendrils of smoke swirled around a simple carved wood sign outside Mission San Luis Rey in Oceanside.

Mel Vernon, captain of the [San Luis Rey Band of Luiseno Indians](#), moved the sage back and forth as he blessed the sign, while a dozen fellow tribe members and Franciscan Friars watched.

The sign read "[Pablo Tac](#) Hall," commemorating one of the band's most important ancestors whose name will now adorn a square building southwest of the main mission complex. Years ago, the building served as the mission's school.

There is powerful symbolism in putting Tac's name on a former house of learning.

Born at the mission in 1820, he was taught by Franciscan Friars in Mission San Luis Rey's school.

Today, the Luiseno people revere their ancestor for leaving behind written accounts of what life was like at the mission, and in the surrounding

countryside, long before what we now think of as North County existed.

Tac did his writing in Rome, not California.

He was one of two neophytes picked by Father Antonio Peyri to return to Spain in 1932 as Mexican [secularization](#) forced the Franciscans to take a much reduced role in running the missions they had built.

Tac eventually went to Rome to continue his studies with the intent of becoming a missionary. While there, he wrote a dictionary of the Luiseno language and several other pieces, including "Conversion of the San Luisenos of Alta California" and "Indian life and Customs at Mission San Luis Rey: A Record of California Mission Life."

His writing has been translated from Latin and Spanish into English.

Vernon, the Luiseno captain, said during Thursday's ceremony that he has long been frustrated that his people have never had a prominent place on the mission's grounds even though it was Indian labor that helped build the place.

All of the buildings and other structures at the mission, Vernon noted, are named for missionaries or other non-natives.

"The people that actually built the mission are invisible," Vernon said.

There is a certain poetry, then, in a former school at Mission San Luis Rey being renamed Pablo Tac Hall. Its

former name: Peyri Hall.



Retrofit of OMSLR is progressing right on time.

Father David G. stands in the sanctuary of San Luis Rey Mission where the main crucifix, center, is draped in a protective covering and the statue of the mission's namesake is also covered at left. BILL WECHTER | bwechter@nctimes.com

June 09, 2012 8:00 pm • [BY PAUL SISSON psisson@nctimes.com](mailto:psisson@nctimes.com)

They're taking the roof off the chapel at Old Mission San Luis Rey, but Father David Gaa said he's not worried about opening the adobe walls of Oceanside's most historical building to the elements.

"I've talked to God. It's not going to rain," Gaa said, smiling as he watched a construction crew strip curved orange clay tiles from the roof, which sits atop a building more than 200 years old.

Removing the roof tiles is the first step in a \$3.1 million earthquake retrofit at the mission, off Highway 76 in north Oceanside.

Other parts of the mission complex ---- including adjacent buildings that house the mission's museum and the Friars' residences ---- also need a retrofit by 2015, according to state law, but that

project is expected to cost \$12 million and does not yet have funding.

For now, workers will focus on the church, which was founded by [Father Antonio Peyri](#) in 1798.

The roof work is expected to take several months. On Friday morning, roof tiles were stacked on a pallet and carefully transported by forklift to a holding area on the mission's grounds.

A close inspection shows smooth modern roof tiles, mixed in with some that have a much rougher, more weathered texture.

Gaa said some of the tiles have been in place since the friars returned to San Luis Rey in 1892. Even though major roof repairs were made in 1930, many of the oldest tiles remain.

"Many of the oldest ones were not nailed down very well, but we're going to make sure they're attached well when we put them back," Gaa said.

After removing the roof, workers will drill deep vertical holes into the chapel's 6-foot-thick walls. Long metal rods will then be inserted from the top.

Up in the iconic building's attic, the vertical rods, embedded deep inside the adobe walls, will bolt to horizontal plywood sheets. When complete, the new reinforcing structure will form a kind of rigid cap designed to tie the venerable structure together and keep it from falling apart in an earthquake.

State law requires unreinforced buildings such as the mission to be retrofitted by 2015. The Franciscan Friars of Santa Barbara, who own the mission, are hurrying to complete the retrofit by the end of the year in order to keep a \$640,000 federal grant that is helping pay for the work.

Although the mission has raised most of the money necessary to do the work, Gaa said about \$300,000 is still needed. He said he has faith that the community will come forward and complete the funding.

The work will generate dust inside the 200-year-old structure, which is the largest of California's missions. For protective purposes, most of the church's artifacts, including Catholic icons of saints and paintings of religious scenes, have been removed.

"This church has not been empty of art or paintings since the Friars returned in 1890," Gaa said.

It's not completely bare. There in the main altar, at the very front of the cross-shaped sanctuary, is the mission's main crucifix wrapped in white cloth that is secured with blue painter's tape.

"We tried to take it out with everything else, but it's so fragile it was going to come apart so we left it there," Gaa said.

For more than a century, a traditional Catholic mass has been celebrated Sundays in the mission, but that service and all weddings have been relocated for the duration of construction.

During the retrofit work, the inside of the church will be off limits to the public from Monday through Thursday. However, Gaa said he has arranged to make sure the back section of the sanctuary is open Friday through Sunday when workers are not up in the attic.

He said it was important to keep the sacred spot as accessible to the public as possible.

"We'll mop the floor and get it ready every Thursday night when they're done working. The public can still come in and light a candle," Gaa said.

Retrofit donations can be made on the mission's website at www.sanluisrey.org or by calling 760-757-3651

Donations can also be mailed to: 4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92057.

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Hopefully nobody drove all the way out to the OMSLR in June, as we didn't have a meeting due to the Mission's Fiesta, and Father's Day. The Fiesta took 2 weekends, and Father's Day is a day that we didn't want to pull the dads from their families.

Hopefully all of you dads had a Great Fathers Day, and those that live close to the mission enjoyed the Fiesta. Editor.

A few words from our minister



I thought I might provide the following autobiographical note: I have spent 30 years in the military (USMC). While serving in the Marines, I experienced combat in Vietnam. I am grateful for the experiences I encountered in the Marines; the Marine Corps awarded me a scholarship to college.

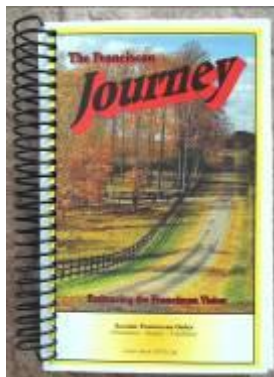
My retired community consists of San Luis Rey Fraternity, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

What attracted me to the Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis is the Christo-Centric profession as espoused by St. Francis and St. Clare. And, that St. Francis was a war veteran.

Since being a professed Secular Franciscan, I endeavor to bring the Gospel Values to these organizations to which I belong and to become a valiant soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Tim, OFS
Minister, San Luis Rey Fraternity

Formation Reminders from Sandy Baden, Formation Director



Our class went well on June 10th. Jerry was unable to attend because he had a heart problem and was in surgery for a stent. He needs our prayers. He says he is well enough to attend the next class on June 24th. We are having two classes this month because we missed May and also the General Meeting.

The next Inquiry and Candidacy Classes will be at Sandy's home, Sunday June 24, 2012 at 12:30 P.M.

On June 10th both Inquiry and Candidacy classes focused upon Francis and Clare. We talked about their stories of their lives and how Francis and Clare can reach us today in our own experiences to live the Gospel of Christ. We are having a second meeting on June 24th because we missed May and the General Meeting for June. We will be studying Chapter Seven for the Inquiry Class and will learn the History of SFO and the Development of the Rule. Candidacy will continue with study of the Rule, A Focus on Christ, Chapter 12. Continue to pray for our Formation Classes.

I was reading in our new FUN Manual an Invocation by Margaret Halaska, OSF, I thought was a beautiful insight into St. Francis:

Invocation

Francis, your wholeness
haunts this broken world.

Centuries ago --
you heard
the windsong of the Spirit
wrinkle gentle music
through the stillness of your being.

you danced
its unpatterned rhythms
every moment of your life.

you splashed
your laughter against the summits
of wealth and aristocracy
and with it transparent freshness.

you cleansed the leper,
forgave the robber,
freed the peasant poor.

you torched
a mediocre Church into flame--
seasoned wood caught fire,
and the fire burned,
and the fire spread,
and the fire enveloped the earth.

Today, Francis---
breathe your benediction
on this crumbling clay;
crushed, crippled, wounded,
it desires to dance.

Anoint with peace and goodness
the fragile fragments of peace and justice
struggling to be reborn in this weary world---
it seeks to laugh.

Bond your courage
to the stumbling steps of this pilgrim people.

Burn the power of your fidelity
into the Potter's clay---
the fire is ready.

---Margaret Halaska, O.S.F.

Anniversaries of Profession



June 14, 1990 Prudence H.
June 21, 1991 Karron E.
June 25, 1978 Eileen C.

Memorials



June 1964 Edna May K.
June 2, 1997 Ruth G.
June 14, 2000 Beverly Raphael B.

Birthdays



June 6 Barbara U.
June 13 Eileen C.
June 14 David Y.
June 26 Scott H.
June 28 Mary Rose G.

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:

-Angela C., Eileen's daughter-in-law, is having serious open heart surgery to correct an aortic aneurism on Monday, **June 18th**.



-Dorothy J. for continuing recovery from the surgery on her leg.

-Jerry P., recovering from heart stent surgery.

-Mary B.'s granddaughter, Natalie, whose cancer has returned.

-Dorothea H.'s brother, Edward B., who might not have long to live.

-Scott H., who is undergoing more testing.

-Marjo G.'s brother, Jack A., who had a heart attack and will undergo open heart surgery.

-Our brothers and sisters who are in formation.

-All of our Fraternity members, especially the elderly and homebound.

-Hector, a fifth grader, who has a very difficult home life and who has troubling behavior issues in school.

-Preston, the 7 yr. old grandson of Scott and Connie, who has been on the list for a heart transplant for several years. His family prays that he will move up the list more quickly.

-Irene Edwards' son, Mark, has a special intention for which he is requesting our prayers.