



THE CORD

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



September 4 2016

Mass in the Serra Center at 10:00 A
Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel after Mass
Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00-12:50 PM
General Meeting in the Luiseño Room from 1:00-3:00 PM
Council meeting TBD

Future Meetings:

Oct. 2, 2016, November 6, 2016, December 4, 2016

Results of our August 7th Chapter of Elections



Left to right, Secretary, Carol I. Councilor, Dorothy M. Minister, Donna Councilor, Laura C. Formation Director, Sandy B. Vice Minister, Karron E. Treasurer, Eileen C., not in picture.

Thank you for your confidence and votes, now your new council asks for one simple act of all Members, and that is for you to pray for us and our fraternity. We thank you for all of your support and prayers that have already been offered up. We ask that the Holy Spirit will guide us and the fraternity over the next three years.

Don't forget to open the attachments at the end for a FUN event. Editor

Minister's Corner:



With a favorite book

"I give thanks to my God every time I remember you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for you, because of your partnership for the Gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:3-11)

Dear sisters and brothers,

This little passage of Scripture speaks more beautifully than I ever could. Please know that these words truly reflect my prayers for you – for all of us together.

If you would remember our fraternity in your own prayers, that would be a great blessing indeed. And as our new Council gathers to reflect on how best to serve you, your patience will also be a gift!

I ask especially for the prayers of those who cannot be with us each month, and for the prayers of those in formation. The fraternity needs these prayers. Our Inquirers and Candidates must patiently bear the experience of a new Council and we – in turn – must carefully listen to their hopes and insight.

It is all a remarkable, life-giving adventure, this Gospel life we share. Isn't it funny that a spiritual movement using the terms "lesser" and "penance" just leads to more and more of everything that is good? As Franciscans we share an embarrassment of riches!

This should surprise us, of course. Life, abundant life, is what Christ Jesus came to give us. The astonishing introduction to our way of life, part of our Rule, actually, tells us this. Francis writes to us that we are spouses, brothers, sisters and mothers to our Lord Jesus Christ:

From The Earlier Exhortation to the Brothers and Sisters of Penance

We are spouses when the faithful soul is joined by the Holy Spirit to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are brothers to Him when we do the will of the Father Who is in heaven. We are mothers when we carry Him in our heart and body through divine love and a pure and sincere conscience and give birth to Him through a holy activity which must shine as an example before others.

How will you give birth to Him today?

Donna F.

Minister
San Luis Rey Fraternity OFS.

Formation Reminders from Sandy, Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting,
God Bless,
Sandy B., OFS
Director of Formation

Please see attachment attached to electronic edition, or included with paper edition.
Thank you, Editor.

Anniversaries of Profession



Sep. 9, 2007 Timothy C.
Barbara U.
Edward U.

Memorials



We have nobody who entered Heaven in September

Birthdays



Sep. 1 Prudy H.
Sep. 1 Winnie B.
Sep. 4 Brenda D.
Sep. 26 Donna F.
Sep. 27 Marjo G.

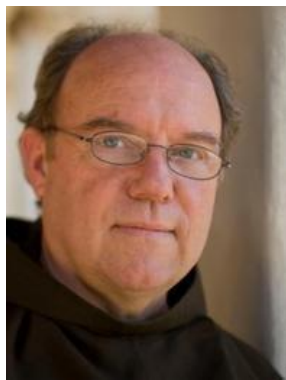


Sandy B., Penny J., Donna F., Karron E., Dorothy M., Sr. Madeline, and Prudy H. This is an older image taken at one of our lunches, but just happens that many of our recently elected council are all grouped together.

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- Mary B, or her general health and well-being.
 - Pat D, or strength and support as she cares for her husband Pepe.
 - For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, for our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, including those in lay orders and institutes.
 - For the victims of the atrocities of ISIS throughout the world.
 - For all the other Secular Franciscans served by the fraternity's outreach program.
 - All of our Fraternity members, especially: our council members, our brothers and sisters who are in formation, our elderly and or homebound who aren't able come to our fraternity gatherings.
 - Members of all three Orders of the Franciscan Family who need our prayers.
- New, or missing requests, email Carol at.



Franciscan Vision Series Lecture

Thursday September 22
7:00 – 8:00 pm
St. Clare Chapel

“St. Francis Conformed to Christ: An Example for Christians Today?”

In the years following his death in 1226, St. Francis of Assisi was frequently depicted as one who conformed his life to Christ as fully as possible. In the late 14th century a Friar named Bartholomew of Pisa wrote *The Book of the Conformities of the Life of St. Francis and the Life of Christ*, in which he found forty ways in which Francis was like Jesus. During the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century Martin Luther condemned this book, calling it the “Koran of the Barefoot Monks.” This lecture will explore these changing approaches to the representation of St. Francis in literature and art.

Free and open to the public. Contact Donna.

The Franciscan School of Theology is an accredited Roman Catholic graduate theological school, owned by the Province of St. Barbara of the Order of Friars Minor

Think about it.

1, For their part, Christians must therefore pray for their Muslim neighbors and send the message that the problem facing France today is not just geopolitical or socio-cultural or economic, but fundamentally spiritual:

2, Can togetherness be based on the unconvincing belief that all beliefs should be disregarded and can be kept private?

3, Would the French ideals* of liberty, equality and fraternity have come about naturally without the Gospel?

4, Can these principles remain alive if the love that generated them is deemed fainthearted or hypocritical and impractical anyway?

This is a paragraph in an article found in the National Catholic Register broken down into its four sentences, as I feel that if we take each sentence/question and think about it, we will find much to think about.

*In sentence 3, insert our liberties, freedoms (first and second amendment) for the French ideals ...



There is a treat in this pic, the rarely seen editor.



Oh, last but definitely not least, remember your donation envelope for the Common Fund. The box will be waiting for you.

Or mail to: Eileen

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Thank You**