



## **THE CORD**

San Luis Rey Fraternity of the  
Secular Franciscan Order  
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.  
[www.slr-ofs.org](http://www.slr-ofs.org)



**Mass in the Serra Center at 10:00 A**  
**Reception in the Serra ROOM of the OMSLR Retreat Center**  
**immediately after Mass.**

**Upcoming Gathering on October 1, 2017**

**No council meeting this day.**

### **Future Meetings:**

**November 5, 2017, December 3, 2017, January 7, 2018, dates subject to change.**

### **Ministers Reminder:**

Dear brothers and sisters,

Please see below. It is with great joy that I share news of these Professions and of Transitus.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 1, at the 10:00 am Mass**

**Serra Center, San Luis Rey Parish**

**The Permanent Profession to the Secular Franciscan Order of**

***Kelly Farnum, Samuel DeSantis, Elizabeth Mavis***

*“Before this fraternity and the other members of the People of God gathered here, I ask you to express your will”*

With these words, their profound commitment to the Gospel Life will begin.

Please join the entire San Luis Rey Fraternity as we celebrate and give thanks to God. The Profession and the following reception take the place of our usual monthly gathering. Please arrive early to the 10:00 am Mass so we can all sit together.

Reception immediately after Mass in the Serra Room of the Retreat Center (near the room where we usually meet).

**And ...**

## TUESDAY OCTOBER 3

### The Transitus of Our Holy Father Francis

7:00 pm Historic Church, Mission San Luis Rey

The friars of San Luis Rey invite all members of the Franciscan family to this beautiful commemoration. Reception to follow in the Sacred Garden. Please arrive early if you wish to sit together.

Pax et bonum,  
Donna, OFS  
Minister, SLR Fraternity.

### CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



**Pet Blessing**  
September 30th  
10:00 a.m.  
Mexican Ash Tree  
in front of the Old Mission

**Transitus**  
*(The Passing of St. Francis)*  
October 3rd  
7:00 p.m. - Old Mission  
Church

**The Feast of St. Francis**  
October 4th  
7:00 p.m. Festive Mass  
Serra Center

## Thoughts for October – the ‘Church Militant’

Now that I am feeling better, I can put a comparison in, that just might get all laughing... Now I know that you have heard the expression “The church militant,” and when I saw the image on the left, I just couldn’t stop laughing, whereas I think of the “Church Militant,” as the image on right with three national flags flying peacefully together, a sight rarely seen in these hectic times in our history. Praise the Lord that it isn’t the one on the left, as our Church is one of Love and Charity.... Images: Church on ‘tracks,’ Bing images, OMSLR Editor.



## September 3, 2017 – a Meeting with Many Milestones!

We are so blessed as a Fraternity and that can be seen in the many beautiful milestones we celebrated at our September gathering. In one day, we experienced both a Rite of Welcoming and the Rite of Admission to Candidacy.

The Rite of Welcoming celebrates a person moving from Orientation into the Inquirer phase of formation. To the right, Sandy, our Director of Formation, is welcoming **Pam, Peter, and Linda** into Inquiry at our general gathering. All now begin their period of formation known as 'Inquiry.' This is a time for the fraternity community to welcome our new Inquirers as they learn about the Secular Franciscan Order.



*Above, Tau Crosses and copies of the Rule lovingly arranged by Sandy.*

The next step in Formation is the Rite of Admission to Candidacy, a deeper commitment to learning about what it means to be a Secular Franciscan. This step follows the Inquirer phase and is intentionally celebrated in a different venue to note it's joyful, yet more solemn tone - here in the St. Clare Chapel rather than in our regular meeting room. Becoming Candidates at our September 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting were **Linda, Michelle, Judith, Barbara, and Corrine.**

*Pictured below are Judith (far left), Joe (obscured), Liz, Connie, Barbara, Linda, and our Minister, Donna.*



Pictures and Article courtesy of Laura OFS, in the absence of our Editor, Carol I.



## Fr. Franklin Fong & 'Head, Heart, & Hands' Spirituality

Healthy, robust, spirituality is 'wholistic,' or as Fr. Franklin would say, encompasses 'Head, Heart, & Hands.' Fr. Franklin gave a [homily](#) that presents this idea in the context of the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11–32). Fr. Franklin talks about the younger son being very heart centered, the older brother being more intellectual and 'living more in his head,' and the loving Father that embraces them *both*. Fr. Franklin shares that in different phases in our life we may relate with each of these characters – but the mission remains to integrate all three, 'head, heart, & hands' into a wholistic, and *holy*, spirituality. For Fr. Franklin, *faith* is expressed as an acronym – it's all about **F**inding **A**nswers **I**n **T**he **H**eart. Fr. Franklin shares his beautiful calligraphy with us on many pages of our website and is featured on the San Luis Rey Fraternity [Acknowledgements](#) page.

## From the Desk of... Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



Pope Benedict brought to the People of God his many gifts of scholarship. In addition to his many ecclesial writings, he also gave several talks directly pertaining to Franciscan spirituality in his General Audiences. These can be found on the Vatican website via these links: [Francis of Assisi](#), [Clare of Assisi](#), [Elizabeth of Hungary](#), [Anthony of Padua](#), [Bonaventure1](#), [Bonaventure2](#), [Bonaventure3](#), [John Duns Scotus](#), [Angela of Foligno](#), and [The Mendicant Orders \(Franciscans and Dominicans\)](#).

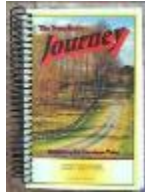
Benedict's first few sentences on St Bonaventure reveal almost a personal relationship as he refers to Bonaventure as, '*this author who was particularly dear to me.*' Benedict shares that his knowledge of Bonaventure was very impactful on his formation as a young scholar and he very joyfully made a pilgrimage to the place of Bonaventure's birth, Bagnoregio. No wonder Benedict gave THREE talks at General Audiences on Bonaventure alone! It's touching to see the great scholars of today in such a personal relationship with those of the past – it's a living, loving affirmation of the Communion of the Saints.

Please check out these Franciscan writings of Pope Emeritus Benedict – as well as any of the many links on Franciscan Spirituality on the San Luis Rey Fraternity [website](#). Look under Resources => [Books, Lectures, & Audio](#).

For Pope Benedict's writings, just scroll down to the 'Recommended Reading' section. Benedict is listed *first* in that section... because, you know, being the Vicar of Christ and all... :-)

Laura Chun, OFS

## Formation Reminders from our Formation Director



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting, please call Sandy for more information  
God Bless,  
Sandy Baden, OFS  
Director of Formation

## Anniversaries of Profession



October 4, 2015 Laura

## Memorials



October 3, 2014	Dorothy K. Johnson
October 4, 1991	Virginia Ward Tapp
October 5, 1995	Richard Boerger
October 9, 2003	Margaret Nelson
October 9, 2015	Freeda Perrotto
October 13, 2005	Michelle Sagnimeni
October 27, 1995	Mary Juranick



October 1      Marianne

## Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- For Donna, the Minister of the San Luis Rey Fraternity
- For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, Bishop John P. Dolan, and all Diocesan Bishops, for all of our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, including those in lay orders and institutes.
- For the victims of war and terrorism throughout the world.
- For all of our brothers and sisters served by our fraternity's outreach program.
- All of our Fraternity members, especially: our council, our brothers and sisters who are in formation, and our elderly and or homebound
- Members of all three Orders of the Franciscan Family who need our prayers.



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 Costa

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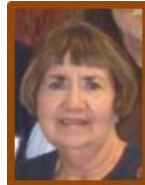
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