



THE CORD

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“ ... darkness came over
the whole land ... because
of an eclipse of the sun.”
Luke 23:45 NAB
Image courtesy NASA

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 Ibarra Room from 1:00-3:00 PM
Upcoming Gathering on Sept 3, 2017
Council Meeting after meeting at ~3:15 – 4:30 pm

AUGUST 27

SAN LUIS REY FRATERNITY DAY OF RECOLLECTION AND MASS WITH FR. MICHAEL HIGGINS, TOR

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Conferences in the Ibarra Room. Mass at 2:00 in the St. Clare Chapel
Bring your brown bag lunch. Free will offerings gratefully accepted.



OFS: Aspects of a Life of Vocation

What does it mean to be a professed Secular Franciscan?
What changes will it make in your life? Fr. Mike brings
many years of scholarship in Franciscan spirituality and
leadership in the Third Order Religious. Please join us for
this wonderful opportunity!

Schedule

9:00	Ibarra Room. Arrival, sign-in and First Conference
10:30 – 10:45	Break
12:00	Brown bag lunch in O'Keefe Lounge (Set up Chapel for Mass)
1:00	Second Conference
2:00	Mass in St. Clare Chapel

**Note: Those who wish will have time to also attend the 50th Jubilee Mass
for Fr. Vince Mesi, OFM at 4:00 in the Serra Center**



Minister's Note

Dear brothers and sisters,

We have so much to ponder this month!

First, I thank each person who shared in our Fraternal Visitation. The Regional Vice Minister commented on our fraternity's vibrant life. That is your work – either in word, deed, or prayer. He will share his report with us soon. I especially want to thank your extraordinary, dedicated Council for all their careful preparation and report-writing ahead of time. May the Lord bless **Karron, Carol, Sandy, Dorothy, Eileen, Laura** and **Sr. Madeline!**

Second, I hope you will join us for our **Day of Recollection** on August 27! We have not had a day like this in years. Please take advantage of this rich opportunity. We will conclude at 3:00 so those who wish can go to Fr. Vince Mesi's Jubilee Celebration.

Third, let us lift up in prayer those who will be admitted into the Order's Candidacy: **Barbara, Corrine, Linda, Monica, Judith and Michelle.** In our past, we referred to this as the

"novitiate." We also hold in prayer those are being welcomed as Inquirers in September. I offer deepest thanks to those who so ably and lovingly assisted Sandy in all the Formation classes: **Diane and Dick, Laura, Dorothy** and members of the Council.

Last, but not least, remember the **Feast of the Stigmata** on September 17. May we each – in our own way - be so conformed to our beloved Savior.

Pax et bonum,
Donna, OFS, Minister

MILITARY APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Mission San Luis Rey Parish is holding its Military Appreciation Breakfast on Nov. 5th. This annual event provides a way to say "thank you" to the military and their families for their sacrifices they make for us. Although this is not a Fraternity Sponsored event, your **individual contributions** of items would be greatly appreciated. They can use: paper plates, napkins, bottled water and juice, items for door prizes, books. Your contributions would be collected at our Sept. 3rd Fraternity to be delivered to the event by Joe C. *Submitted by Dorothy M.*



WHAT IS A REFUGEE?

Candidates Liz M. and Sam D. share the experience they had while learning about the Refugee Services at Catholic Charities of San Diego Diocese. Liz will give a presentation at our September 3 gathering.



During my interview with Sister Madeline I learned that she had a passion for adopting a refugee family as St. Thomas More parish has done. As she talked I had a burning desire to see if the fraternity could do this in honor of her. Sister has done so much for us. Wouldn't it be wonderful to do this in her honor? A day or so later I met with my fellow candidates and ran the idea by them. They were equally excited at the prospect. At a meeting with my sponsor, Donna Foley I and mentioned this to her and she asked if I would be willing to obtain information. I said I would love to do it with someone else since I am here less than half the year.

Sam and I met with Nadine Topozada, the Director of Refuge Services for Catholic Charities for the Diocese of San Diego. We learned some startling facts which I will share with you in depth at the next meeting.

Why should we consider this project?

Four agencies work cooperatively refugee resettling in San Diego and the County. "Free Cases", those without relatives are settled in the city near transportation, the CC office, translators, etc. Other families may be settled near their relatives if they provide a support system.

To be refugees people are either forced to flee because of war, violence, or they are persecuted for their political affiliation, gender, or sexual orientation.

65 million people are displaced worldwide. 22 million are refugees meaning they have no possibility of return. The UN decides who are refugees. They are stateless.

In 2016 less than one percent were resettled. There are 80,000 in a camp in Jordan and 250,000 in Kenya, both set up by the UN.

Camp issues include conflict, competition, etc. how far away is one from the water supply, etc., crime including rape and murder. The biggest needs are medical needs, food, and safety. The average stay in a refugee camp is 17 years. *(cont'd next page)*

(What Is a Refugee? cont'd)

Refugee options include:

1. Repatriation
2. Local integration in the host country
3. Third Country resettlement

The top refugee hosting countries as of October, 2016

1. Jordan (2.7 million +)
2. Turkey (2.5 million +)
3. Turkey (2.5 million +)
4. Lebanon (1.6 million)

Among other countries, the US is tops in resettlement with 84,995. Next is Canada with 21,838. All other countries are far less with France being the lowest.

California is the top state. Texas was second but has withdrawn. Refugees are prioritized. There are four resettlement agencies who bring approximately 2,800 refugees to San Diego. Annual reports determine future resettlement of who are going to be resettled where.

It takes three years for refugees to be vetted.

Tasks for Sponsors:

- ~ Finding an apartment and furnishing it like an Air B & B
- ~ Stocking the frig with two days' worth of food plus a home-cooked meal, preferably from their tradition, for their arrival
- ~ Airport Reception
- ~ Helping them get bus passes
- ~ Host a donation drive (gift cards, furniture in good condition)
- ~ Teaching them how to operate appliances, etc.
- ~ Teaching hygiene
- ~ Enrolling children in school
- ~ Providing transportation to medical appointments, etc. for the first 30 days
- ~ Providing transportation demos



- ❖ **As sponsors of a Refugee Family, what are we called to do?**
- ❖ **What can we do?**
- ❖ **We need to (prayerfully) identify what we choose to do.**



Welcome the Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation feature!

Our website, Secular Franciscans, San Luis Rey Fraternity www.slr-ofs.org has a very interesting article on our [JPIC page](#) you might like:

"Pope Francis dedicated September 1st as a day of prayer kicking off a month long "Season of Creation". This sacred time concludes on October 4th, the feast of St. Francis. The St. Francis Region of the Secular Franciscans Order invited us all to join the global Church during the Season of Creation with a prayer for each week. The prayers for the four weeks are beautiful. They can be found on the St. Francis Region [website](#) or from our own SLR Fraternity [JPIC page](#), scroll down to 'Season of Creation' and select "Week 1".



September 17: The Feast of the Stigmata



Early in August, 1224, Francis retired with three companions to "that rugged rock 'twixt Tiber and Arno", as Dante called La Verna, there to keep a forty days fast in preparation for Michaelmas (a celebration unknown today). During this retreat the sufferings of Christ became more than ever the burden of his meditations; into few souls, perhaps, had the full meaning of the Passion so deeply entered. It was on or about the feast of the Exaltation of the Cross (14 September) while praying on the mountainside, that he beheld the marvelous vision of the seraph, as a sequel of which there appeared on his body the visible marks of the five wounds of the Crucified which, says an early writer, had long since been impressed upon his heart. Brother Leo, who was with St. Francis when he received the stigmata, has left us in his note to the saint's autograph blessing, preserved at Assisi, a clear and simple account of the miracle, which for the rest is better attested than many another historical fact. The saint's right side is described as bearing an open wound which looked as if made by a lance, while through his hands and feet were black nails of flesh, the points of which were bent backward. After the reception of the stigmata, Francis suffered increasing pains throughout his frail body, already broken by continual mortification. For, condescending as the saint always was to the weaknesses of others, he was ever so unsparing towards himself that at the last he felt constrained to ask pardon of "Brother Ass", as he called his body, for having treated it so harshly. Worn out, moreover, as Francis now was by eighteen years of unremitting toil, his strength gave way completely, and at times his eyesight so far failed him that he was almost wholly blind.

This is the “Back to School” edition, so we are going to look at a little San Luis Rey Fraternity History...

The Fraternity was founded in 1951 by several young women from the San Luis Rey School, as the Academy was then called. No I don't believe that I ever met any of the original members, as when they graduated, got married etc. or became CppS sisters they left the beautiful San Luis Rey valley to continue their lives with families, careers, and or vowed religious life. Within the hallowed pages of this newsletter you will find a copy of “THE CORD,” newsletter from 1963, that was printed on 2 sides of a large (11 X17) sheet of paper.

Now we have to remember that when this was printed, it was typed out with an old fashioned typewriter that used an inked ribbon to put the letters on the page one at a time. Many forgot or just didn't know that you needed to clean the type and oil all the linkage inside the old manual machines to keep the typing sharp and clear. Oh the beauty of computerized printing, no dirty type smearing the ink.

Makes me think of the old detective stories where they would search for the actual typewriter that produced a document, and then locate the typist that used it on a particular day so that they could prove that individual's involvement in a particular incident. The kind of stuff that made me want to be a detective, though I was never one, just a simple patrol officer, but I loved that as well. These images were made with a simple smartphone camera, and it took surprisingly sharp pictures considering that these cameras were designed to take everyday pictures, not archival photographs.



“It was now about noon and darkness came over the would land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun. Then the veil of the temple was torn down the middle. Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit;/ and when he had said this he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46 NAB) Image courtesy NASA.

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Meeting Council - 1:00 P.M. - (Parish Parlor)
Postulant Instruction - 2:00 P.M. (Parlor #2)
May Novice Instruction - 2:00 P.M. (Chapel)
14th Choir Meeting - 2:30 P.M. (Chapel Hall)
Chapter Meeting - 3:15 P.M. (Parish Hall)

ECHOES

Since the resurrection Jesus Christ has been leading a victory march through time into eternity. He is Lord of all creation by reason of His death, resurrection and glorification. He is Lord of the world to come. He has gone to prepare a place for us in the land which He re-opened to us.

But even in this life He is Lord of a new people, giver of a new life. At the moment of His glorification on the resurrection morn the Mystical Body, the Church, came into being. Our race was like the Jews in slavery in Egypt; Christ the Saviour, the new Moses, came and delivered us. He led us down through the Red Sea of His Passion; but when mankind emerged, it was a new people, Christ's people. All those who are baptized into Christ are one flesh, one person with Him. All share in the power of His Son in flesh - that power over sin and death.

This is the silver lining of the cloud that hangs over our lives. The cloud is the daily struggle we must make against the world, the flesh, and the devil. But we, living in the glorified flesh of Christ, share in that power. Victory is ours, infallibly, if we use the power.

All you who profess the way of St. Francis have chosen to draw extra power from Christ through the special means of the Franciscan life. The poverty of the penance, the prayer and the worship, the service of others entailed in rule and life of a Tertiary give you a special and very effective way as lay people not to walk, but to run in Christ's victory march. That is why the Franciscan, though he is still in exile and fighting the battle, is confident and joyful in his service of the Lord.

Fr. Geoffrey, O.F.M.

INFORMATION AND INDOCTRINATION PROGRAM

Fr. Brendan Mitchell, O.F.M. Commissary Provincial of the Third Order, will conduct a renewal program - the Tertiaries of the Immaculate Conception Fraternity.

Place: St. Joseph's Cathedral Auditorium

Time: Thurs., May 16, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Fri., May 17, 7:30 - 9:30 P.M.

Sat., May 18, 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.

The program is meant to be an indoctrination program for tertiaries and an introduction to tertiary life for interested lay people. The tertiaries of San Luis Rey and Ramona Fraternities are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

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"Lord make me an instrument of Thy peace . . . "

His peace is a quality and condition living in the hearts of men. From this reservoir it flows out to refresh and fructify their relations with one another and their institutions. A peaceful world is possible only when there are peaceful men.

Indeed it is so basically a personal possession that, though a man's universe burst its seams and all the world's lights go out, a man can still be at peace within himself.

The instrumentality of Christ's peace, then, resides not in such impersonal things as "movements" and "institutions" and "conditions". Rather it is a matter of one's own personal peace and of sharing that peace with other PERSONS.

The philosophers describe peace as the tranquillity of order. Within the human heart it is a state of harmony. The human heart, restless 'til it rests in God, achieves order and harmony - and therefore peace - only when it loves God above all else, and all else in and for Him.

Perfect charity is the law and foundation of peace. Man is designed supremely for such love. Anything less is disorder. It destroys that tranquillity which makes for peace.

Love is an intensely personal thing. So, then, is peace. It is a matter first within ourselves, and by the grace of God, under our own choosing.

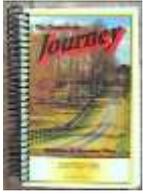
Storms may rage outside us, and confusions darken our spirit within, so that peace may seem hardly to survive - but if love which is Charity is kept intact, peace like a wind-blown bird has a dwelling place.

To be an instrument of Christ's peace is to be a pool and a channel of His Charity.

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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

Welcome our New People!!!

We will be having 2 celebrations this month, the 'Rite of Welcoming,' for: **Michele, Monica, Corinne, Judith, Barbara, and Linda** who are being received as Candidates. We will also greet and start getting to some new people as they "come and see," just what the Secular Franciscan Order is, and to share our warmth and friendship. Let's do our best to give them a warm welcome.

Anniversaries of Profession



Sep. 9, 2007 Barbara and Ed - 10 years

Memorials



We have no names in this section this month, so we will remember all the deceased members of our families, our friends who have passed away along with all of our Franciscan brothers and sisters who have gone to be with Jesus, Mother Mary and St. Francis in Heaven.

May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

September Birthdays



Prudy H.
Winnie B.
Brenda D.
Donna F.
Marjo G.
Mary H.

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- For our Minster, Donna, in her journeys, her works, and in her leadership role for our Fraternity.
- For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, 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, 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.



Full group of persons who went to the District Picnic on 12 August. Members of SLR Fraternity OFS, inset.
Thank you Tuan for the images.





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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