

Easter

April 17

Resurrection of Christ



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The Cord

April, 2022

*Newsletter of the San Luis Rey
Secular Franciscan Fraternity*

*Our Monthly Gatherings are on the
2nd Sundays of the month*

Upcoming Gatherings in Person:

- **April 10: Monthly General Gathering**

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Login Link to Zoom: www.zoom.us

Click on: [Join a Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: **760 726 2486**

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- **May 15: Monthly General Gathering**

Our in-person live meeting will be in the smaller
Peyri room set up theater-style, with full AV support.

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Upcoming Gatherings on Zoom:

- **April 25: Vespers at 7:00 pm**

Login Link: www.zoom.us

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Minister's Note for April

We have so much to celebrate!

On April 16th we celebrate the anniversary of the Franciscan order; tradition holds that the Primitive Rule for the Friars was approved on April 16th, 1209 by Pope Innocent III. Just as with the friars, we reflect and recommit to our lives as Franciscans, for us as Seculars renewing the promises of our Secular Franciscan profession.

I share those words of recommitment with you now so that you may pray with them prior to our April gathering where we will be recommitting together. Hear these beautiful words in your mind... and let them settle into your heart. I look forward for all of us praying these words together, in one voice, at our April gathering.

Let us bless our Lord and God, living and true; to him we must attribute all praise, glory, honor, blessing, and every good forever! We thank you, Lord, for calling us to the Secular Franciscan Order. We ask your pardon for all our shortcomings, weaknesses, and transgressions against our commitment to the Gospel life and against the Rule. We pray that you will allow us to experience, once again, the fervor and readiness of that first day when we entered the fraternity. We renew once again our commitment to the gospel life, according to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, until the end of our days. Grant that we may live in harmony with our brothers and sisters, & may give witness to younger people of the great gift we received from you: our Franciscan calling. "All praise be yours, O Lord, through all that you have made." AMEN (Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order, page 31).



We will also be celebrating a bright and beautiful 'YES' to God, of commitment following Jesus in the footprint of St. Clare of Assisi – as we celebrate Sr. Madeline and her SIXTY years as a Poor Clare. We are so blessed to have Sr. Madeline as the Spiritual Assistant of our Fraternity! You will find her story in this month's Cord. She is truly and inspiration to us all.

Our April gathering (April 10th) is on Palm Sunday. We will remember St. Clare's 'YES' to God on Palm Sunday 1212 (see image)¹. On that day, the bishop of Assisi handed the eighteen-year-old Clare a palm, a symbolic gesture arranged by Saint Francis. Shortly afterward, the young Clare gave up her luxurious life as the daughter of a wealthy nobleman. Her hair was cut off. Her rich garments were discarded. And she was received into the Franciscan life. Eventually, Saint Francis helped her to establish her own order and through her determination and years of her dedication, her own Rule.²

May God grant you peace!

Laura Chun, OFS
Minister, San Luis Rey Fraternity



¹ The image above is one of the earliest German medieval panel paintings probably made for the convent of the Poor Clares in Nuremberg. (Tempera on wood, 1360). Note the Bishop handing the palm to Clare. Note also Francis in the background with scissors in hand to cut Clare's beautiful hair.

² From <https://ofsgb.org/franciscan-gallery-a-palm-for-saint-clare-1360/>, referenced 3/26/2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

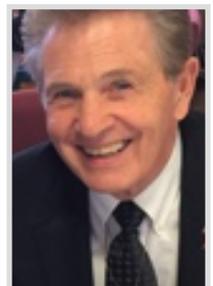
Jesus' entry into Jerusalem manifested the coming of the kingdom that the King-Messiah was going to accomplish by the Passover of his Death and Resurrection. It is with the celebration of this entry on Palm Sunday that the Church's liturgy solemnly opens Holy Week. It also is the beginning sequence that will eventually lead to his death on the cross. All four Gospels account for this entrance into Jerusalem. Today, this entrance is celebrated, beginning by means of a procession outside or inside the church, then with a Solemn Entrance with the faithful holding branches in their hands before the principal mass.



But the question that remains is how Jesus could be celebrated so highly that day with the crowd laying down cloaks, reeds, and palm branches that were used to welcome great conquerors. And the crowd crying out "Hosanna in the Highest, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord" then later shouting "Crucify him!"

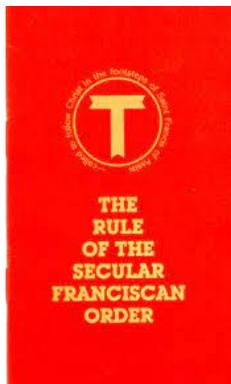
The following morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They decided to hand him over to Pilate after accusing him of many things. Pilate realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. The chief priests stirred up the crowd, which apparently was somewhat a different crowd that welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. And, as they gathered, Pilate wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas, had Jesus flogged, and then handed him over to be crucified.

Note: Researched information came from the Catechism of the Catholic Church, The Word on Fire Bible, and The New American Bible, St Joseph Edition



*Sam DeSantis, OFS
Vice-Minister
San Luis Rey Fraternity*

Our Rule



We were each given a copy of our Rule when we were admitted to candidacy, and have also studied it in formation. As I researched material to write this article, I found myself becoming more appreciative of this very foundational part of our lives as Secular Franciscans.

There have been four Rules in the history of the Secular Franciscan Order: The Rule of 1221 (prefaced by Francis's Exhortation to His Followers), the 1289 Rule of Nicholas IV, the 1883 Rule of Leo XIII, and the 1978 Pauline Rule (Wicks, 2011).

The first Rule, called the Memoriale Propositi, was given to us by St. Francis, and includes eight chapters: 1) Daily Life; 2) Abstinence; 3) Fasting; 4) Prayer; 5) The

Sacraments, Other Matters; 6) Special mass and Meeting Each Month; 7) Visiting the Sick, Burying the Dead; and 8) Correction, Dispensation, Officers. Galimberti (2021) describes this document as having the same goals as our current Rule, but having been written for the people of Francis's time. Despite on surface appearing be a collection of behavioral mandates, Galimberti avers, the first Rule holds hidden treasure when one studies it alongside the current Rule.

The second Rule, written in 1289 by Franciscan Pope Nicholas IV, consists of 20 chapters, and most notably placed the Third Order (OFS) under the care of the First Order (OFM) (Ream & Ream, 2017; Wicks, 2011). The third Rule, written in 1883 by Pope Leo XIII, consists of three chapters. Ream and Ream report that the Leonine Rule steered the Order to becoming more of a devotional society than an Order. Wicks (personal communication, April 1, 2022) explains that Leo XIII intended that this Rule would be his Social Reform.

The fourth (current) Rule was written in 1978. In the atmosphere of renewal engendered by Vatican II, religious and lay orders alike had begun to examine their Rules for relevance and fidelity to their origins (Brothers and Sisters of Penance, 2022). Wicks reports that "at the Assisi Congress of 1969, the inclusion of laypersons (Third Order members) ... made a significant difference in the writing of the 1978 Rule" (p.c., April 1, 2022). This participation by lay members was unprecedented. The Secular Franciscans compiled a list of 16 criticisms of the Leonine Rule and 17 essential elements to be included in the new (Pauline) Rule, including an emphasis on living in and ministering to the world while living the Gospel (Wicks, 2011). Our current Rule contains three chapters: 1) the Secular Franciscan Order; 2) The Way of Life; and 3) Life in Fraternity. It conveys the principles by which a Secular Franciscan is called to live, and thus challenges members to apply these principles to their own lives as they strive to live the Gospel life.

For a fascinating, insightful, and thorough discussion of our Rules, please read the chapter by Bill Wicks, linked below.



Connie Collins, OFS, Secretary

Brothers and Sisters of Penance (2022). *The Franciscan Third Order*. https://www.bspenance.org/Franciscan_connection.shtml

Galimberti, A. (2021) *How to live the values of the Memoriale Propositi in today's context*. <https://franciscanaction.wordpress.com/2021/05/28/how-to-live-the-values-of-the-memoriale-propositi-in-todays-context/>

Ream, D. & Ream, T. (2017). History of the Rules of the Secular Franciscan Order. <http://www.prairiefrancis.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/History-of-the-Rules-of-the-Secular-Franciscan-Order.pdf>

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order: <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/RULE.pdf>

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St. Clare and the Saracens



The Italian peninsula was unbelievably tense with conflict. Ongoing conflict between noble families, and even more so, conflict between the Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick II and Pope Gregory IX. This was truly a clash of the Titans. As the power struggle between the two men intensified and escalated, Pope Gregory excommunicated Fredrick. Fredrick in turn expelled the Franciscans and Dominicans from his northern empire – and directed his troops to wage war on the towns and cities of the Papal States. Not wanting to wage war directly against the Pope and risk immediate excommunication, the Christian troops were replaced by paid mercenaries who didn't care about excommunication – Saracens.

The Saracens found monasteries and *especially* convents in lands loyal to the Pope to be very easy targets. They plundered, looted, and ravaged the convents *and* their inhabitants. It was unspeakable. It was brutal. And Clare had been warned the Saracens were coming. The Saracens came to attack Assisi in September 1240. Clare was in very poor health. She was elderly. Clare was 46.

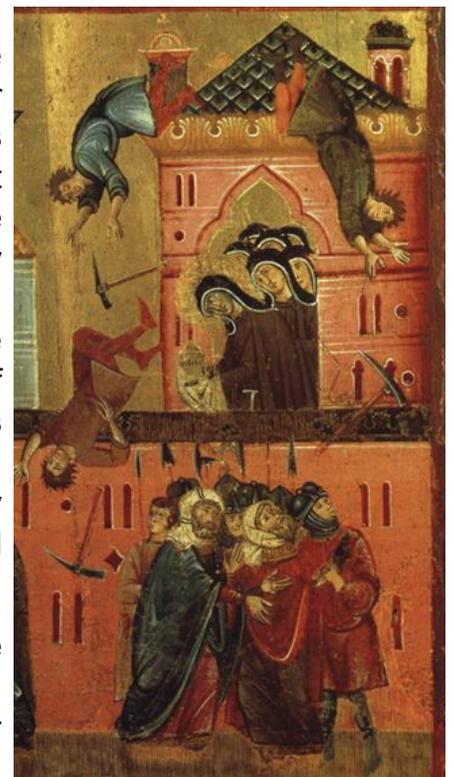
Iconography often depicts Clare valiantly on the walls of the city holding a monstrance with rays of light driving away the Saracens, often in the distance. I was stunned when I actually visited Clare's vulnerable little convent. There was no citadel. The invaders would have been coming over her walls, smashing through her small garden, and on her *doorstep*.

When this unspeakable terror arrived, arrived a physically ailing Clare put herself between the mercenaries and her beloved Sisters, put her trust in God's very Real Presence in the Eucharist. The Eucharist was kept in the silver pyx held inside an ivory box, as was the custom at the time. Clare lay prostrate, adoring the Lord in the Eucharist. She and her sisters **prayed**. The Saracens broke in and were likely stunned at what they saw. Usually, their victims fought them... or ran away absolutely terrified. But not this. This elderly, frail, vulnerable woman, in a patched tunic... prostrate before a strange box – full of peace and calm. They recognized (correctly!!!) that this woman was full of an otherworldly power. The Saracens recognized a woman filled with the power of God. They fled back over the garden walls and away from Assisi. Clare was courageous. Clare was faithful. Clare was full of the power of God.

From Claire's canonization in 1255, we hear the words of Pope Alexander IV: *'The life of Blessed Care shines with wonderful clarity... Her brilliant life, hidden in the secret cloister, radiated to the outside; from her enclosure, she illuminated the wide world.'*

Laura Chun, OFS

Reference: Thomas, Bret. *St. Clare of Assisi Light from the Cloister*. TAN Books, 2017.



Detail from Panel with four scenes including St. Clare Driving Saracens out of San Damiano, Guido da Siena, 1260.

The Washing of the Feet

Being my extroverted self during a Council meeting, I mentioned my experience in Carmel about the Washing of the Feet. Laura said, “why don’t you write about that?” When will I learn!? 😊 So here go my mental meanderings about the Washing of the Feet.

I entered Carmel on the Feast of the Annunciation and Holy Week was not far behind. I remember the deep and sacred silence of the cloister, the solemn processions and the beautiful Holy Week ceremonies. There was a slow, contemplative pace in the cloister and I was adjusting, having been working in an alcohol and drug rehab for years. There’s nothing quiet or slow-paced about a hospital rehab!

I think we all remember the history of wearing sandals on dusty roads, dirty feet and the task of servants to wash the feet of the guests. In the simplest of symbolism, washing another’s dirty feet is a sign of humility and service. When Jesus was washing the Apostles’ feet, Peter objected strenuously, as he often did. Of course, when Jesus told him: ‘If I do not wash you, you can have no share with me.’ Simon Peter said, ‘Well then, Lord, not only my feet, but my hands and my head as well!’ John 13:8-9

As we continue on our Lenten journey, experiencing each our own path, we go forth daily to encounter the normal, and sometimes not so normal, vicissitudes of life. There’s the new life of Spring and babies and hope. There’s the grief of death, expected and unexpected, and the abject horrors of war. Our Franciscan life of Life to Gospel and Gospel to Life, encourages the same humility and service that Jesus demonstrated on Holy Thursday. In Carmel, in the spirit of service and humility, the Prioress wraps a towel around her waist and goes from one to another with a basin of water and washes the feet of her sisters.

May each of us look inward to discern where we can ‘wash the feet’ of others in an attitude of humility and service.



Bishop Sebouh Chouldjian (Armenian Apostolic Church) washing the feet of children during the Washing of Feet ceremony



*Corinne Helena, OFS
Treasurer*



The Jubilee of Sr. Madeline

Sr. Madeline's 60th anniversary of her first profession (1961) was reached in 2021 with the Bishop's celebration delayed until this year. Five years after her first profession, Sr. Madeline was sent to Tampa, FL, the biggest surprise of her life as a religious as at the time she entered, her community had no American ministry. Following her ministry assignment in Tampa, she came to San Diego where, after the completion of her degree at USD, she began teaching at St. Francis in Vista. In 1989, she moved from teaching at the school to her current staff position at the parish, leading the RCIA process and many other ministries throughout the years. Sr. Madeline has traveled far and wide, sometimes with her large family, to the Holy Land, Rome, Hawaii, Guatemala, El Salvador and many other destinations.

Sr. Madeline was asked to serve as the Spiritual Assistant to our Fraternity in the mid-late 1990s and throughout her joyful tenure has seen great growth in both our spirituality and expression of the spirit of the church. She encourages each of us to use our gifts in our fraternity and church as "the Secular Franciscans have as much power of the Holy Spirit as I do. In the spirit of St. Clare, and with Sr. Madeline's example, let us all gaze upon the Lord and see the face of God in every person that we meet.

To read a recent bulletin article on Sr. Madeline's reflection on her life as a Poor Clare, click [here](#).



Photo from SD Diocese Facebook page



*Pam Pert, OFS
Councilor*

A Better Source of Light: LEDs for you, me and the Planet

Question: How many Franciscans does it take to change a light bulb? **Answer:** One

This month, something we can all do to save lives on the planet – and it's simple, saves money, and won't require a change of life style.

What Can We Do? Substitute LED lights for traditional (incandescent) light bulbs .

What Are the Benefits of LEDs?

LEDs have two main benefits compared to light bulbs. First, they produce the same amount of light as light bulbs using much less electricity, and second, since they don't 'burn' they last much longer.

What Are the Practical Advantages of LEDs?

- LED lights use 90% less energy than a typical incandescent bulb.* This greatly decreases energy use, and less fossil fuel is burned in order to produce light.
- LED light bulbs last. With a life-expectancy 20 times longer than traditional incandescent bulbs, you replace them once every 50,000 hours, or 17.12 years.
- LEDs are manufactured using 100% recyclable materials, so they won't end up in landfill sites at the end of their lives.
- Lighting constitutes 17% of our home's annual electric usage. Using energy-efficient LED sources, you will significantly reduce your electric bills!

** In terms of LEDs, a 25w bulb is equivalent to a 2w LED, 40w bulb equals 5w LED, 50w bulb equals 7w LED, 75w bulb equals 9w LED and a 100w bulb equals 12w LED.*

What's the Bottom Line?

Saves Energy and Dollars For example, a 60-watt bulb costs 99 cents and lasts 1000 hours. We replace it with an LED burning 9 watts costing \$3.69 that lasts 15,000 hours. Let's replace 10 bulbs that we use 98 hours a week. In California, electricity costs 22.5 cents per kWh.

Each LED saves 51 watts of electricity and outlives 15 incandescent bulbs, for a total savings of \$183.29 each over its life, or \$18,328.50 for 10. The cost of 10 bulbs is \$270. Savings per hour is \$1.20, or \$511.26 monthly and \$6,135.07 annually.

More information at: <https://www.bulbs.com/learning/ledright2.aspx>



Karron Esmonde, OFS,
JPIC Animator

An intersecting Obituary of Jesus

As it would appear if there had been a newspaper in those days. *Sam DeSantis, OFS*

Jerusalem **OBITUARIES** 33 AD



Calvary

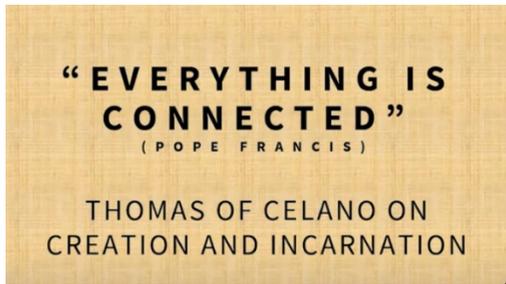
Jesus Christ, 33, of Nazareth, died Friday on Mount Calvary, also known as Golgotha, the place of the skull. Betrayed by the apostle Judas, Jesus was crucified by the Romans, by order of the Ruler Pontius Pilate. The causes of death were crucifixion, extreme exhaustion, severe torture, and loss of blood.



Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham, was a member of the house of David. He was the Son of the late Joseph, a carpenter of Nazareth, and Mary, His devoted Mother. Jesus was born in a stable in the city of Bethlehem, Judea. He is survived by His mother Mary, His faithful Apostles, numerous disciples, and many other followers.

Jesus was self educated and spent most of his adult life working as a Teacher. Jesus also occasionally worked as a Medical Doctor and it is reported that he healed many patients. Up until the time of His death, Jesus was teaching and sharing the Good News, healing the sick, touching the lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor.

In the Franciscan Tradition, Everything is Connected



In our recent gatherings and Cord newsletters, we've shared an emphasis on JPIC – Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation (many thanks to our Fraternity JPIC Animator, Karron Esmonde!). I invite you to explore that connection with Br. Mike Blastic, OFM, visiting profession at the Franciscan School of Theology. You can find the lecture here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8YzebYt3sc&t=623s>.

Be sure to check out the other lectures on the FST YouTube channel as well.

News from the Fraternity Council

April Gathering will be in Person but zoom is available for shut-ins

Our Zoom link remains the same as always:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dMhBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>

The San Luis Rey Fraternity Council



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Mark your Calendars for Monday, **April 26th** for Vespers!



Join us on Zoom on **April 26th at 7pm** for praying the psalms together with our fraternity brothers and sisters.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09>

Formation News

Ongoing Formation for All:

Perhaps most of you recently watched Pope Francis March 25th on the Solemnity of the Annunciation. At a penance service at St. Peter's he made a consecration to Mary's Immaculate Heart for all humanity, and especially mentioned Russia and Ukraine. It was a beautiful plea for Mary's intercession for the future, the needs, and expectations of all people in these troubling times. Pope Francis is the forth pontiff to repeat this consecration requested by Our Lady of Fatima.

Because the topic of our Candidacy class is Mary, I thought this would be something we should all consider carefully in light of our Rule Art. 9

Article 9: The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The **Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.**

Question: How like Mary are you in self giving and your prayer life? Please remember our candidates Pam, Linda, Gina, and Carolyn in your prayers.

Candidacy:

April 9th at 11:00. Sponsors are welcome. Marta Kassai is our scheduled council member. We will cover Journey Chapter 17. Topic is The Mother of God and our Mother.

*Jan DeSpain, OFS
Formation Director*



From our Treasurer



You can mail your OFS fraternity contributions to:

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Franciscan Rite of Extraction at Epiphany Saints in March

Saint for 2022

Feast Days



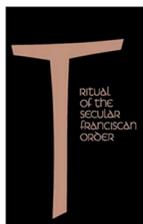
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St. Mary Crescentia
St. Zita
Blessed Luchesio and Buonadonna

Apr 05
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Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order

Think of the 'Ritual' as our communal prayer book. It would be ideal of us each to have our own. These are available on [Amazon](#) new for \$15 or even used at a significant discount. If you would like to purchase a Ritual but aren't comfortable with online shopping, just let Laura know and she'll place the order for you.

Mark your Calendars...

San Luis Rey Fraternity is hosting the Summer Picnic!

When: **Saturday, September 24th, 10am – 2pm**

Where: [San Dieguito Park](#), 1628 Lomas Santa Fe Drive, Del Mar, CA 92014

We'll be at Picnic Site #2 in the Upper Park. There are ten picnic tables (up to 100 people). Parking and restrooms nearby.



Prayer Requests from the Fraternity: Please Pray For



Praying Hands by
Albrecht Dürer

1. Dottie Hansen, as in her words "I really need prayers very much. I'm having a lot of anxiety and depression problems and I can use all the prayers that we can pull down from heaven." She is also considering new housing arrangements.
2. Linda Ochwat as she seeks more stable housing arrangements.
3. Karen Willson, as previously requested, in dealing with all the ramifications of the recent damage to her home and for the health of the injured people that were in the accident.



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Summer 2022 Continuing Education

The Franciscan Spiritual and Social Vision - On-Line Courses

June 27– July 1 DR. JOSEPH CHINNICI, OFM
Franciscan Asceticism in a Global World

This course identifies key virtues and practices for living Franciscan life in the contemporary global world. After an examination of two key texts for a Franciscan view of the person, one from Francis of Assisi, one from Bonaventure, the course will go on to consider how members of the Franciscan family might approach challenges related to technology, justice making, the environment, fraternal/sororal witness, and change within the Church. An integral vision of life-in-the Spirit--relating social and personal ecologies-- will present avenues for long term change in society and Church. Reference will be made to the writings of Pope Francis and Pope Benedict.

July 5-8 DR. WILLIAM SHORT, OFM
Francis of Assisi: Writing and Charism

Francis of Assisi has left us a remarkable collection of writings, ranging from meditations on the words of Christ to norms for organizing life in a small community. This course will examine the full range of those texts, some 30 in all, from the saint's autographs (those that survive in his own handwriting) to fragments of his "lost" writings contained in the writings of Clare of Assisi and others. Over the course of an intense week, we will study his *Letters, Rules, Prayers and Admonitions*, learning about their medieval historical context, and reflecting on their insights about living according to the Gospel then and now. ***Due to July 4 holiday weekend, this course is adapted to complete in 4 days (Tue-Fri).**

July 11-15 FR. TOM HERBST, OFM
The Theology, Philosophy, and Spiritual Anthropology of Saint Bonaventure

Bonaventure's spiritual anthropology provides a wholistic view of the human person. In order to understand his thought, this course begins by exploring its foundation, including medieval scholasticism, the influence of Augustine, the Franciscan tradition, and the philosophical systems of Plato and Aristotle. The course will continue with an examination of his deeply Franciscan theology, with particular recourse to his system of metaphysics (creation), including an Incarnational theology that articulates the affinity of creation to the Word. Finally, all is brought to focus with a study of Bonaventure's spiritual anthropology.

July 18-22 DR. KEN BUTIGAN
The Nonviolence of St. Francis and St. Clare

Francis and Clare of Assisi proclaimed with their lives the Good News of Gospel nonviolence, challenging the violence of their times through the spirituality and practice of the nonviolent path. In light of their journey from the violence of war to the vision of universal communion, this course will unpack a series of vivid stories from the lives of Francis and Clare that dramatize the healing power of conflict transformation and peacemaking. Eight centuries later, we have much to learn from these spiritual giants about the nonviolent life as we confront violence and injustice today.

July 25-29 DR. JULIET MOUSSEAU, RSCJ
The Franciscan Journey: Pilgrimage in Body and Spirit

The Franciscan spirit is one of detachment and itinerancy, and so it is unsurprising that imagery of journey and pilgrimage has been widely used in the Franciscan movement since its beginnings. From the wandering of the Israelites in the desert, to the "Way" of Jesus, to Francis's legendary pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, to Bonaventure's Journey of the Mind into God, the concept of movement and travel accompanies Christian life and spirituality. Understood both physically and spiritually, the journey implies freedom from attachments, progress or forward movement, and attention to holy things and places. This course will examine the concept and imagery of journey and pilgrimage in the events and writings of early Franciscans.

August 1-5 DR. RACHEL DAVIES (Afternoon Classes from 1:00-4:15 pm PDT)
Landscapes of the Earth and Soul: Exploring Mystical Texts

Drawing on Franciscan and other Christian sources ranging from ancient to modern times, this course will explore how landscape imagery (deserts, gardens, mountains, trees, seas, etc.) function in mystical accounts of the soul's journey to God. For many contemplatives, the journey to God is also a pilgrimage to the true self, and to a healed relationship with one's body and the natural world. In addition to examining what is happening theologically in these texts, students will be invited to bring the geography of their own interior lives into constructive communion with threatened natural landscapes by reading Christian mystical traditions in conversation with contemporary eco-literature.



LOCATION AND SCHEDULE

The first five courses will be delivered online synchronously from Monday through Friday, 9:15 am-12:30 pm PDT. The final course, August 1-5, is offered in the afternoons Monday through Friday, 1:00-4:15 pm PDT.

REGISTRATION

Registration opens on **April 1, 2022**
Registration Deadline **June 17, 2022.**

Courses must have a minimum of 10 students.

Visit [website](#) for more information.

COST

\$250 per course (one-week session).

Each course earns one Continuing Education Unit (1 CEU).

Payment may be made online or by phone using your debit/credit card or by check/money order.

CANCELLATIONS

90% refund up to June 10, 2022

70% refund up to June 17, 2022

No refunds after June 17, 2022

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- Click or Go to this [link](#) (full link is below):
- If prompted use: Meeting ID: 760 726 2486
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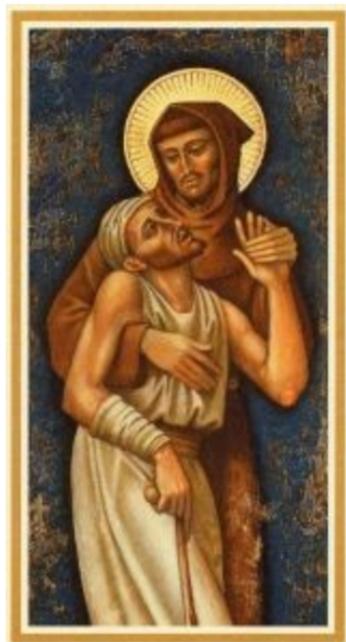
To join by landline or audio-only Phone (no video):

- Dial this number (it's in San Jose): 1-669-900-6833
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Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially: :



❖ For those who died in the month of April ~~~✝

- April 2, 1999
- April 2, 2012
- April 6, 2018
- April 17, 2003
- April 28, 2009

Cornelia Sussman, OFS
Elane Smith, OFS
Mary Behinke, OFS
Nicholas Furticella, OFS
Mary Gregush, OFS

❖ For those who were professed in the month of April

- Apr. 10, 2005
- Apr. 22, 1961
- Apr. 24, 1994

Winnie Baumer, OFS
Sr. Madeline Fitzgerald, OSC
Dr. Marta Kassai, OFS

❖ For the Ukrainian brothers and sisters that the war with Russia end soon, and they may live in peace and freedom again.

From the Editor: Thank you all for your contributions to this month issue of The Cord. Due to change in our monthly general gathering date to second Sundays, please submit your articles, reports or adds by the 25th of the month to publish in next month issue. Send your Word or Pages files (font Arial 12 pt, if possible) and any photos (jpg or png) via email to: mksfo@me.com.

Thanks, Marta



Happy Easter!

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