St. Junipero Serra Feast Day: July 1st















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The Cord

July, 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:

• July 10: Monthly General Gathering 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Zoom will be available to those who cannot attend in person

August 14: Monthly General Gathering

Visitation

ONLY IN PERSON

<u>1:00 – 3:00 pm</u>

Upcoming Gathering on Zoom:

• July 25: Vespers at 7:00 pm

Login Link: <u>www.zoom.us</u> Click on: <u>Join a Meeting</u>

Meeting ID: 760 726 2486

Password: 1798

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Minister's Note for July

We have been gifted the legacy of the missionaries and those who have shared the Faith before us. I myself am a cradle Catholic, receiving the gift of the Faith from my parents, who through my Dad received it across generations, presumably to that intrepid Englishman, St. Patrick (yea, he was English and brought the Faith to Ireland).

In our Cord this month you will find articles where our Faith has been beautifully shared by missionaries, maryters, and everyday Catholics. In our region of the country, we owe a particular debt of gratitude to the Franciscan Friars who brought the faith to California.

The friars continue to share the Faith in all sorts of ways, one of which being the summer Twilight Retreats at Mission San Luis Rey. The Twilight Retreats offer the opportunity for Mass in St. Clare's Chapel, dinner at the Retreat Center dining room, and a spiritual talk. On June 30th, Corrine Helena, Pam Pert, and I attended a talk on 'The Spirituality of Encounter' as connected to Pope Francis' letter, Fratelli Tutti. Br. Keith talked about 'Encounter' as described by Pope Francis in his many writings as encompassing:



- Welcoming Drawing close
- Discerning Sensing need
- Accompanying Responding Concretely
- Integrating Conversion and participation

I hope and pray that each time we gather as a Fraternity (evening vespers, monthly gatherings, Outreach visits, or just meeting one another for coffee), that we are open to an 'Encounter' in this deeper, more meaningful sense. That we come to each other with open hearts, open minds, and open to responding, and open to change.



You are invited to attend the next Twilight retreat on July 15th with Fr. Vince Mesi entitled, 'Mary in the Writings and Devotions of St. Francis.' Remember that rather that registering online, please call the Retreat Center to register and to identify yourself as a Secular Franciscan. The Mission offers us special Secular Franciscan pricing. Call the retreat center at 760.757.3651. See information about all upcoming Mission events here.

Pace e bene -



Mother Mary Angelica

In 1981, Mother Angelica, a cloistered Franciscan nun, launched what has become the largest religious media network in the world: Eternal Word Television Network. She began this network with \$200 in a monastery garage in Birmingham, Alabama. EWTN now reaches 264 million homes in 145 countries and over 700 million homes with AM, FM, shortwave radio and internet.

It all began in 1923 in a small home in Canton, Ohio. Born in her parents' bedroom, Rita Antoinette Rizzo, the future Mother Angelica grew up in a working-class Italian neighborhood a block away from St Anthony Italian Roman Catholic Church. Her mother Mae was a 23-year-old housewife, and her father John was a 29-year-old tailor born in Italy.

It was the Roaring Twenties and Prohibition was in full swing. Those years were usually associated with speakeasies, bootleggers, and gangsters. There was an explosive growth of urban crime organizations. One such organization was the notorious Italian group called the "Black Hand" that was involved with gambling, red light districts, dirty cops and known as "Little Chicago." A few years earlier, Pope Pius X appointed Rev J Adolph Cascianelli as pastor of St Anthony Church to investigate the Italian situation in the United States in an effort to get to the root of Italian crime. Rita was baptized when she was six months old. Her mother Mae carried her to a side altar dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows and said, "I give you, my daughter." Rita's father, John Rizzo was an abusive husband. A month after Rita's birth, John beat his wife severely. Her mother and father had a turbulent relationship and when she was five years old, her father left the family and moved to California. Mae and baby Rita had to move into her parents Anthony and Mary Gian Francesco's home.



Rita attended Catholic school and her mother filed for divorce. Rita had a difficult childhood and life was a struggle for her and her mother. When she was six years old, the parish priest, Fr Joseph Riccardi, who was trying to clean up the crime infested neighborhood, was shot to death in the vestibule of the church following 9:30 am mass. Rita's years of trial were compounded by a debilitating stomach ailment until, in 1943, she was healed by Jesus through a woman named Rhoda Wise. Rhoda told Rita to pray the novena to St Therese of Lisieux to obtain a cure for her stomach ailment. She did as instructed and nine days later was completely healed. That healing changed everything for Rita Rizzo from that point forward and set her on a course that would ultimately change the world.

In 1944 at the age of 21, Rita visited the St Paul Shrine, home to The Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration, a cloistered order in Cleveland, Ohio and later when entered, received the name Sister Mary Angelica of the Annunciation. She suffered from several health issues, including pneumonia, tonsils removed, and constant swelling in her knees, in 1946, following a benefactor donation of land and buildings, Sister Angelica was assigned to a new monastery, the Sancta Clara Monastery in her hometown. As sister Angelica awoke in her new surroundings, the swelling in her knees had disappeared and the religious community was astonished. Mother Clare saw the healing as a sign

from God and preparations were quickly made for Sr Angelica to make her first vows. Sr Angelica had great determination, a strong personality and strong work ethic in the remodeling of the new monastery.

One afternoon, she was notified she had a visitor in the parlor. Assuming it was her mother as she was only allowed one visitor every two months, she opened the door and was shocked to find her father, John Rizzo waiting to see her. After the initial shock, she felt only pity for the broken man she saw before her. A bit of awkward small talk took place. Then her father apologized for all he did to hurt her and her mother and asked permission to visit her again. She consented. Six months later, he died of a heart attack.

Ten years later, Jan 2, 1953, Sr Angelica professed final vows in front of the Mother Superior and her Franciscan community. Three years later in 1956, while performing her duties using a scrubbing machine to clean the floors of the monastery, the machine kicked sideways knocking her against the wall and she fell to the floor in terrible pain. The injury caused her great pain for weeks that turned into months. Gradually, two years of limping misery, shots in the spine, a full body cast, but nothing alleviated the pain. The decision was made for spinal infusion surgery. She was 33 yrs old and was told there was a fifty-fifty chance she would never walk again. She was terrified and at that moment, made a solemn promise to God, "if you let me walk again, I will build you a monastery in the South." She spent four months in the hospital and was sent home with a back brace and crutches.

There were many obstacles in the path of young sister Angelica to fulfill her dream of a monastery in the South but she was very determined. Special permission was needed from Rome for her to be Mother Superior since she was so young. She eventually received the blessing of her Mother Superior and the Bishop of the Diocese. The reason she wanted to establish a monastery in the South was to be dedicated to the "Negro apostolate...It would be a monastery of Eucharistic adoration that would ceaselessly make reparation for all the insults and persecution the Negro race suffers and implore God's blessing and graces upon a people dear to the Heart of God." In 1981, she received papers from the Vatican giving her permission to carry out her television network.

One note of interest, her mother, Mae Francis, joined her community and, in 1965, made final vows and given the name of Sister Mary David of the Infant Jesus. Mother Angelica became the Mother Superior of her own mother. She served the community for 17 years until her death and both mother and daughter are buried in the monastery crypt together in life and death.

Personal comment:

There is much more about her life and is courtesy of the book "The Amazing Life of Rita Rizzo." Also, I always wondered how she came up with the acronym to call the Catholic TV and Radio EWTN "Eternal Word Television Network." I believe I figured it out as in the Novena to Our Lady of Lourdes, Day One partially reads "O Mary Immaculate, Our Lady of Lourdes, virgin and mother, queen of heaven, chosen from all eternity to be the Mother of the "Eternal Word....."



Feast of 120 Martyrs of China/July 9

Religious persecution has a long history, especially with Christians, thousands who have died for their faith in the last millennium. On October 1, 2000 Pope John Paul II canonized 120 men, women and children who gave their lives for the faith between the years of 1648 and 1930. The majority were killed during the Boxer Rebellion of 1900.



Icon of Chinese orthodox

From this large group of 120, our Franciscan family represented Friars Minor, Franciscan Missionaries of Mary and Third Order Franciscans. The Friars had established a mission and seminary in Taiyuan since the 1840s and seven young women from the Missionaries of Mary staffed the orphanage there.

On July 1, 1900, an edict was called on Chinese Christians to apostatize. On July 5th the mission was raided and five friars, seven sisters, eleven Chinese third order members, and three lay employees were apprehended. They were all brutally executed a few days later. Many other protestant missionaries and their families were killed as well. It is estimated that over 100,000 Chinese Christians were martyred during the reign of Empress Tz'u hsi. (www.franciscantradition.org)

Our theme this month is Missionary Zeal. Let us remember all these souls, but honor in a special way our Brothers and Sisters who were martyred for following Christ. We continue to pray today for those in China today who continue to witness and suffer for their faith.

How does our Rule connect to witness and zeal? I found in Article 15 convicting words that challenge us with concrete action.

"Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives. Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith."

Not long ago (November 15, 2021) Pope Francis had words of wisdom for us as he addressed the General Chapter of the Secular Franciscan Order in Rome. (www.vatican.va)

"May your secularity be full of closeness, compassion, and tenderness. And may you be men and women of hope, committed to living it and also "organizing" it, translating it into real everyday situations, in human relations, in social and political engagement; nurturing hope in tomorrow by alleviating the pain of today.

Our country is in need of our zeal to live our rule ever more deeply. To be visible signs of peaceful dialog in many different areas. We all have different opportunities and gifts to share.

Thank you for your loving witness in whatever way you are able to serve others.



Junípero Serra

From the Catholic Encyclopedia (adapted by Corinne Helena)



St. Junipero Serra was born on the Island of Majorca in 1713 and died at Monterey, California in 1784. He entered the Franciscan Order in 1730 and due to his proficiency in studies, he was appointed lector of philosophy before his ordination to the priesthood. Later he received the degree of Doctor of Theology from the University at Palma, where he also occupied the Duns Scotus chair of philosophy.

At some point, Junipero Serra must have experienced a call to the missions as he left his promising academic career and joined the Missionary College of San Fernando, Mexico (1749). At his own request he was assigned to the Sierra Gorda Indian Missions some thirty leagues north of Queretaro. He served there for nine years, part of the time as superior, learned the language of the Pame Indians, and translated the catechism into their language.

In 1767 he was appointed superior of a band of fifteen Franciscans for the Indian Missions of Lower California. Early in 1769 he accompanied Portola's land expedition to Upper California. He arrived at San Diego on 1 July, and on 16 July founded the first of the twenty-one California missions. He walked the entire length of the twenty-one Missions with an injured, lame leg. St Serra is noted for his zeal, love for the natives and absolute confidence in God.

During the remaining three years of his life, Fr Serra once more visited the missions from San Diego to San Francisco. It is said that when news of his death spread, natives came from all over to mourn. In 1884 the Legislature of California passed a concurrent resolution making 29 August of that year, the centennial of Father Serra's burial, a legal holiday. Of his writings many letters and other documentation are extant.

[This information is copied/adapted from the Catholic Encyclopedia. Another excellent resource for the life of St Junipero Serra is: *Junipero Serra: California, Indians, and the Transformation of a Missionary* by Rose Marie Beebe and Robert Senkewicz. The authors spoke at FST several years ago and their presentation brought the spirit of Junipero Serra to life for the audience.]

[PALOU, Noticias de la Nueva California (San Francisco, 1774); IDEM, Relacion historica de la vida y apostolicas tarcas del Ven. P. Fr. Junípero Serra (Mexico City, 1787); Santa Barbara Mission Archives; San Carlos Mission Records; ENGELHARDT, Missions and Missionaries of California, I (San Francisco, 1886); GLEESON, Catholic Church in California, II (San Francisco, 1871); HITTELL, History of California, I (San Francisco, 1885); JAMES, In and Out of the Missions (New York, 1905).]

Given the historical honor afforded to Serra and the statues erected in his honor, it came as a surprise to many when a statue of our beloved Saint was toppled in anger. Time can change perspectives as in the case of slavery. The thought of it being acceptable to actually own another human being as property is repugnant to us in 2022. The same line of thought could go for our Indigenous peoples. While St Serra was beloved, there were others who were not as kind to the natives. The Missions to some are symbols of colonial oppression and Serra is a symbol of the Mission system.

In 2015 on a trip to Bolivia, Pope Francis offered an amazing apology to Natives of the Americas. The New York Times quoted the Pope "Some may rightly say, 'When the pope speaks of colonialism, he

overlooks certain actions of the church,' "Francis said. "I say this to you with regret: Many grave sins were committed against the native people of America in the name of God."

[In Bolivia, Pope Francis Apologizes for Church's 'Grave Sins' - The New York Times (nytimes.com)]

Also, in the mid 1800's California passed a law called the *Act for the Government and Protection of Indians* which was a permission in many ways to enslave or destroy the native population. It was an encoded attempt to genocide. I would encourage anyone interested in this less pleasant aspect of history to investigate. I'm hoping this will help in understanding some of the anti-Serra sentiment. I ask myself how I would feel if this were my heritage? I remember how distressing it was to me, being of Italian ancestry, to learn that Italians were lynched in New Orleans in 1891!

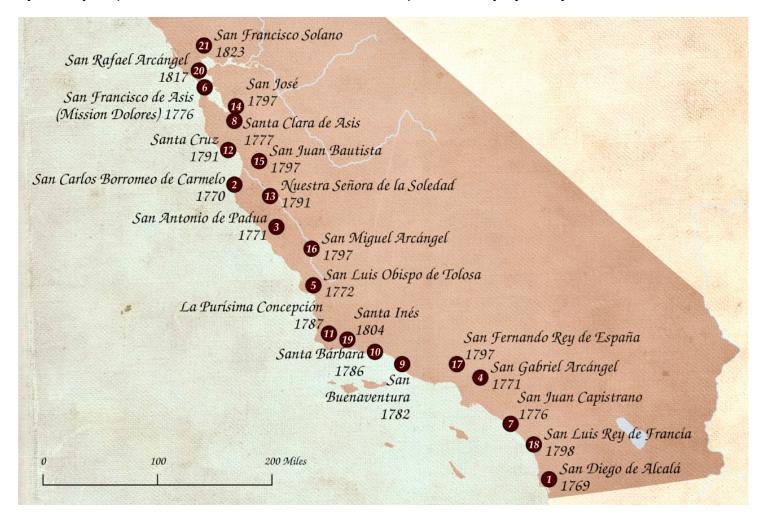


Let us pray to the Holy spirit for wisdom and understanding. A song just popped into my head as I was writing: *Open the eyes of my heart, Lord! Open the Eyes of my Heart!*

Corrine Helena, SFO Treasurer

Franciscans on a Mission

Franciscan priests established 21 missions between 1769 and 1833 in Alta California, accompanied by military outposts. The Missions are about 30 miles apart, one day's journey on horseback.



This facilitated travel as people could rest at the end of the day at a Mission before going further the next day. The mission of the Franciscans was to spread Christianity among the natives and to affirm Spanish claim to the region. (https://www.missionscalifornia.com/missions/)

However, the missionary expansion in the Americas started with the Jesuits who were commissioned by the Spanish Crown. Jesuits explored and founded eleven settlements in 76 years in South America. After the expulsion of the Jesuit Order from Spanish territories in 1767, the Franciscans took over. With the leadership of St. Junipero Serra nine missions were founded in California between 1769 and 1782 in just 13 years before the death of Juniper Serra in 1784. The Franciscan missionary spirit is still alive today in California. The Franciscan School of Theology at the University of San Diego has a mission to spread the faith and reignite the missionary zeal in a world that is increasingly turning away from God, and placing its faith in worldly gratifications.

Yes, we Secular Franciscans are on a mission:

- to build up the Church
- to live the Gospel
- to show mercy to the poor and downtrodden
- to unite what is divided peacefully
- to offer hope where there is despair
- to bring love where there is hatred, and
- to be a beacon for those in darkness



How can we achieve this? By first achieving it in us. I took Fr. Joe Chinnici's class last week on Franciscan Asceticism. In one word, we need to practice DISCIPLINE in our faith. Discipline is another word for asceticism. We have to discipline ourselves in prayer, in fasting, and act of mercy, that is charity toward others.

We all are weak and prone to sin, but a daily discipline of reading the scriptures, regular acts of charity, and other forms of disciplines, like fasting strengthen us. In gazing on the crucifix, the San Damiano cross, as a way to imitate St. Clare who did this every day, we should think of the love Christ has for us that he's willing to die for us to free us from thew slavery of sin. St. Francis received the stigmata, the wounds of Christ in his body, after he asked the Lord to experience the great love he had for us that he was willing to be crucified. It's not the suffering he endured but the love he had we should focus on. "There is no greater love than this, that one lays down his life for his friends." (John 15:13

The practice of discipline is transformative not just for us, but in the world around us. Think of our encounter with Christ, whether in the scriptures, the Eucharist or through another person, or in nature. Lead others to their encounter with God as the first step in their conversion.

God Bless you!



Dr. Marta Kassai, OFS, Councilor

Franciscans Honor God's Creation

Our Rule of Life #18

Moreover, they should respect all creatures, animate and inanimate, which bear the imprint of the Most High," and they should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship.

Psalm 50:10-11

For every animal of the forest is mine, Beasts in their thousands on my mountains. I know every bird in the heights, Whatever moves in the wild is mine. For mine is the world and all that fills it.

Our Calling

As Franciscans, we honor all creation, as a gift of God's Loving Heart. And God desires us to love our neighbor – human or not – so we'd best look at how we're doing.

In July, we'll share the actions we've been taking to love and nurture God's planet.

Here are Things to Share:

- What measures have you taken to save Water?
- How do you reduce your power consumption (Electricity?)
- How did you reduce gas consumption, and improve the fuel efficiency of your vehicle?
- What changes in your diet can make it possible to feed everyone?
- What things do you usually recycle?



Karron Esmonde, OFS Your JPIC Animator

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.



Regional Event:



Save the Day!

AUGUST 20, 2022

ST. FRANCIS REGION
OFS

Regional Picnic

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

William Mason Regional Park Picnic Shelter #6 18712 University Dr, Irvine, CA 92612





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.



News from the Fraternity Council

July Gathering will be both in person and on zoom. In person attendance is encouraged. August gathering will be in person only. Our Zoom link remains the same: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?pwd=dmRBNVU5WFUxMTdzaUxGcy9ibGtwdz09

Mark your Calendars for Monday, July 25th for Vespers!



Join us on Zoom on **July 25**th **at 7pm** for praying the psalms together with our fraternity brothers and sisters.

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

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Summer at the Mission



5:00pm - 8:30pm

Summer Twilight Retreats

Thursday, June 16 Thursday, June 30 Friday, July 15 Thursday, July 28 Fr. Dan Horan, OFM Br. Keith Warner, OFM Fr. Vince Mesi, OFM Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM

Join us for spiritually engaging Summer Twilight Retreats at beautiful Mission San Luis Rey. Each evening begins with Mass in our St. Clare Chapel.

Then enjoy a delicious dinner with indoor or all fresco dining in the Sacred Garden. A presentation on the theme of "Encounter" concludes the night.

Tuesdays, July 19, 26; Aug 2, 9, 16, 23

Summer Series with Fr. Tom Herbst: Beauty: A Spirituality of Encounter

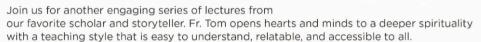
9:30am - 11:30am OR

6:30pm - 8:30pm (same session offered in

the morning and evening)

Program Price: \$75 for the 6-week series

or \$20 per lecture



Our daily lives are filled with opportunities for Encounter in various ways – with God and with one another, through beauty and through creation. How do we value, judge, appreciate or reject such encounters? How does our spiritual life inspire our experiences and responses? How can we foster meaningful encounters with God through the Incarnation, the saints, one another, and the sacraments? Exploring the theme of "Encounter," this series incorporates Scripture, Franciscan tradition, personal stories from Fr. Tom and insights from Rejoicing in the Works of the Lord: Beauty in the Franciscan Tradition by Mary Beth Ingham, C.S.J.

August 11, 2022 | 9:30am - 2:30pm ■

Through a Glass Brightly: Spiritual Gems in the Letters of St. Clare to St. Agnes of Prague

Presenter: Fr. Tom Herbst, OFM **Program Price:** \$45, includes lunch

Join us for a loving look at the spiritual insights offered by Clare of Assisi in her letters to Agnes of Prague. Using the imagery of a mirror as a metaphor for the spiritual life, Clare's letters invite us to gaze upon Christ and to consider the love he shows to us. A mix of conversation and contemplation, this retreat day focuses on the



spirit of St. Clare and the example we have in her of prayer, humility, charity, and trust in God. This celebration of St. Clare's feast day includes Mass in the St. Clare Chapel, lunch, presentations and spiritual accompaniment, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available.

Outreach to Dorothea

Dorothea and I had lunch together in Escondido in June. She still really loves tacos.

Our 97-year-old Dorothea will be moving to a better care facility in Escondido as soon as they have space available.

I told Dorothea her Franciscan family is there to help and support her during the move, and she was most appreciative.

Please let me know if you're able to help Dorothea pack for her move. Although we don't yet know the date(s), it would be great to have a list of able volunteers who might be available.

I am circulating a list in person, or just let me know via chat.

God bless you!



Dorothea's New Housing – at Cypress Court









Karron Prudy

Dorothea

Marianne

Formation July 2022 News

Candidacy News:

The Candidates have decided to make a time change to **9am** when we meet on Saturdays to open up the day for all. This gives everyone more of the weekend free for other things.

We are focusing on the topic of love using the Journey's Chapter 20 and 21.

We are about mid-candidacy at this point so Sr. Madeline and myself will be conducting interviews and the candidates will be submitting Letters of Intent soon. Please continue to pray for Gina, Pam, Linda and Carolyn as they discern God's will for a vocation.

Ongoing Reflection: As our Candidates are asked to review their growth thus far, so should we as professed. How are you continuing to change and grow? Do you reach out in love to our candidates? (they love it when someone cares to ask them to sit with them or just take time to chat) ...to our sick or suffering members? ... to your own family members in difficulty?... to our Church and community?...to the poor, homeless, and despairing?

Our theme for this month highlights missionary zeal and witness. This current world so needs us to shine the light of truth. God bless you all in your efforts.

Come and See

The council would like to encourage members to start inviting Franciscan minded persons to "Come and See" who we are. We would like to start an Orientation in the hopefully near future.



Jan DeSpain, OFS, Formation Director

Franciscan Rite of Extraction at Epiphany Saints in July

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Saint for 2022	Feast Days
St. Elizabeth of Portugal	July 08
Blessed Louisa of Savoy	July 24



Corinne Helena, OFS Treasurer

Pam Pert, OFS Councilor



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• Click or Go to this <u>link</u> (full link is below):

• If prompted use: Meeting ID: 760 726 2486

Then use Password: 1798

To join by landline or audio-only Phone (no video):

Dial this number (it's in San Jose): 1-669-900-6833

Meeting ID: 760 726 2486Then use Password: 1798

Zoom link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7607262486?
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Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



❖ For those who died in the month of July ~~~ ₽

July 1, 2013
 July 19, 2017
 Dn. Dustin Miller, OFS
 Anna Day, OFS

• July 23, 1990 George Wagner, OFS

For those who were professed in the month of July:

July 7, 2013
July 10, 2016
July 10, 2016
July 10, 2016
July 11, 2004
July 21, 1996
Dorothia Hoskins, OFS
Karen Wilson, OFS
Luis Guzman, OFS
Irene Edwards, OFS
Denise Scalzo, OFS

- ❖ For **Prudy** Hrisanthopoulas who needs surgery for a kidney infection, for **Liz** Mavis for healing after her surgery on May 26th, and for Eileen's husband **Bob** who's scheduled for back surgery on June 24.
- For Connie's nephew Ruben. His body was rejecting his kidney and is on strong anti rejection medication. So far, so good but continued prayers are needed.
- Linda Ochwat as she seeks more stable housing arrangements, and Dottie Hansen, who is considering new housing arrangement.

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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



Dr. Marta M. Kassai, SFO, Editor