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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
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Next Meeting August 4, 2019

Mass in the Serra Center at 10:00 AM
Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel after Mass
Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00 - 1250PM
General Gathering 1:00 - 2:50 PM
Council Meeting follows at appx 3:15PM

Future Meetings:
Sept. 1, 2019, Oct. 6, 2019, Nov. 3, 2019, Dec. 1, 2019, Jan. 5, 2020
These are regular monthly gathering; Dates subject to change

Chapter of Elections All Expected to Attend!!!

Servant leadership,

is part of our rule, and should be kept in mind as we contemplate a nomination to the Council:

Rule 21,: "On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister (or president) according to the constitutions.

Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community.

Within themselves the fraternities are structured in different ways according to the norm of the constitutions, according to the various needs of their members and their regions, and under the guidance of their respective council."

This rule speaks for itself as we contemplate in a prayerful way, and rely on the Holy Spirit in choosing competent and willing members of our Fraternity into service in the next weeks. (*Remember that our August meeting is our Chapter of Elections.*)
Editor.

God Bless,
Sandy Baden, OFS
Director of Formation

Minister's Note

Thoughts of Thanks and Leadership

I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the Gospel from the first day until now (Philippians 1:3-5).

Dear brothers and sisters,

This note of gratitude is offered belatedly, but with all my heart. No Franciscan person ever had a warmer send-off, or was more humbled than I. Your generosity and your example over the last several years have strengthened my own vocation. In my transition to the East Coast I truly have given thanks to God at every remembrance of you. I have needed your partnership in Gospel life from the first day until now.

In my thanks for the time with you, I also look forward with each of you to all the Holy Spirit will soon do. In his letter to the Philippians, St. Paul follows the lines above with this:

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.

When I think about the joy of serving in fraternity leadership, I remember what St. Clare wrote in her *Form of Life* about elections. Her words of course apply to both men and women:

Let whoever is elected reflect upon the kind of burden she has undertaken on herself and to Whom she must render an account of the flock committed to her.

And in case you've been nominated and feel you can't serve for some reason, Clare says this about the leader of a Franciscan community:

... let her consult with all her sisters concerning whatever concerns the welfare and good of the monastery, for the Lord frequently reveals what is better to the youngest.

Whether or not you are able to vote, leaders need to hear your thoughts concerning the welfare and good of the fraternity. We all need each other!

However you are called to serve the fraternity (and every one of us is called in some way), may the Lord continue to give you peace.

Yours always,

Donna OFS

Minister

Karron's Corner

**Be not forgetful to entertain strangers:
For thereby some have entertained angels unawares.
Hebrews 13:2**

Over the last several months, I've become more aware of the gift of kindness and its astounding impact in our lives.

We start out as infants with no language, no coordination, or no ability to feed ourselves. Thanks to those who cared for us, we were fed, washed and protected through years of teething and tottering until we talked, ate and walked on our own. And in our vulnerability, we relied on the kindness and care of – new friends.

Time and again, a teacher, trainer, mentor or guide offers friendship, empathy, encouragement and companionship as we go forward. Everywhere we are touched by the care, training and talent of others, whether known to us personally or through books and media.

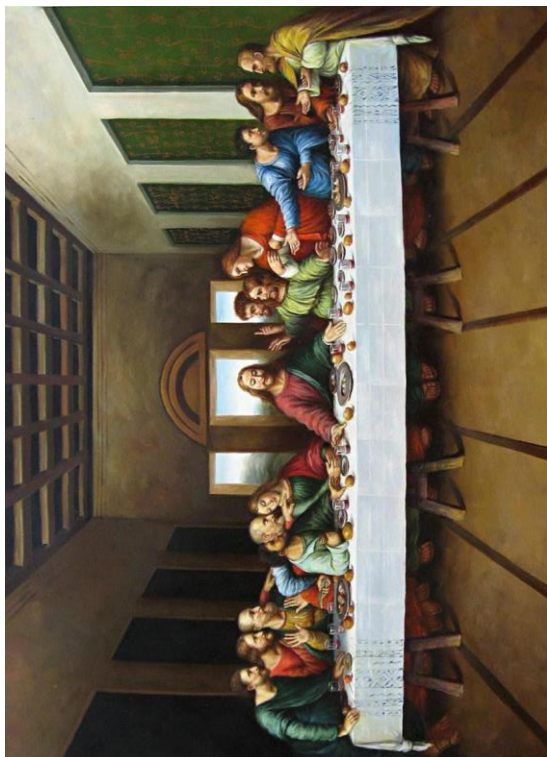
Insofar as we seek to befriend, we create relationships that inform, educate, illuminate, and broaden our lives together. Through these ties, we find companionship, encouragement, empathy, appreciation and help.

Because we are each simultaneously though in different ways able and vulnerable, we offer help to our friends, knowing we have been and will be helped in our turn.

Kindness animates and enlivens all of God's creation, for God is the Source of all kindness. So we cannot be surprised that kindness gives us encouragement and hope, whatever our race, religion, sex, color, culture or language. Kindness brings us friends among all the living, all of us so varied, so fine and so lovingly made.

As Franciscans, we are in awe of the kindness of God who made the Earth our home, and gave us so many wise and loving companions. As disciples of Christ, we hear His words of Love, stand on His Promises, and thank His Spirit within us.

Karron Esmonde, OFS



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This little prayer card could be placed at each guests place for a Family dinner... where you may have nominal Catholics, or simply non-practicing Catholics in attendance. We all have family celebrations where we wish to offer a blessing before and after meals. And this little card contains both the blessing before as well as the thanksgiving after meals.

We must remember that it was through his asking God's blessing on his food that St. Benedict was saved from death from the poison put into his wine when at table.

Benedictine tradition.

Prayer for our Coming Fraternity Elections

I thank you, Lord for making me a Secular Franciscan.

Pardon my shortcomings, weaknesses and failures as I seek to lead a Gospel life according to our Holy Rule. Please make me the Franciscan you want me to be

Jesus, just as I have a body, and my body has several parts, and each part has a separate function, so all of us in this fraternity, in union with you, Lord, from one body. As parts of that body, we belong to each other. Each of us has gifts that you have given us.

If my gift is administration, let me use it for administration; if teaching, let me use it for teaching. If I be a preacher, let me deliver sermons, if an alms giver, let me give freely, if an officer let me be diligent, and if I am to do works of mercy, let me do them cheerfully. Whatever my gifts, Lord let me use them to serve you as you see fit.

Do not let my love be a pretense, but let me love others as brother or sister should, and give me a profound respect for each of them.

Let me work for you and with you, Lord.

Let me recognize in myself and others the gifts we need to enliven and guide the group. Let us encourage and assist one another in your work. Lord, we give thanks for all your gifts, especially wisdom, knowledge, strength, discernment, kindness and generosity of spirit.

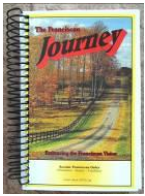
Lord, give me right faith, firm hope and perfect charity, and give me the wisdom and perseverance to accomplish your will. I trust in you and ask for your light.

Jesus, grant that your Gospel in the spirit of St. Francis be alive in our community.

Jesus, grant that we know what you want us to do, that we want what pleases you and will to do what you want for your sake alone.

I(we) ask this through Christ our Lord Amen.

Formation reminders from Sandy Baden, 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



We have no record of August Professions, so this is a good chance for you to meditate on your own profession and how it has affected your and your familie's lives. How have you through your own profession brought Christ and his church into the lives of your family and or friends?

Memorials



August 7, 2013
August 13, 2003
August 20, 1996
August 26, 2016

Alice Pritchard
Julia Nick Dexter
Irving Sussman
William 'Bill' Haynes

Birthdays



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Grace Before Meals

Bless us O Lord and these Thy gifts, which we are about to receive from thy bounty. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grace After Meals

We give Thee thanks, O almighty God, for these and all Thy benefits, which we have received from Thy bounty, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

I Lord, N _____, ask your guidance in my decision to serve my Fraternity for the this coming 3 year term, no matter the position... I ask this in Your Holy Name Lord Jesus. Amen.

Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:



- For the safety of our Minister in her journeys during this time of the year.
- 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, especially those being persecuted due to religious differences.
- 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.

St. Clare of Assisi

“We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become. If we love things, we become a thing. If we love nothing, we become nothing. Imitation is not a literal mimicking of Christ, rather it means becoming the image of the beloved, an image disclosed through transformation. This means we are to become vessels of God’s compassionate love for others”

St. Clare of Assisi

In 1958, Pope Pius XII designated St. Clare of Assisi as the patron saint of television because she reportedly could see and hear Mass on the wall of her room even though she was too ill to attend.

Clare was one of the first followers of St. Francis of Assisi. She saw how his love for Jesus radiated like a beam of light, and she sought to establish that same love and relationship in her own life. She founded what would become the Poor Clares, a contemplative religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition. She wrote the first monastic guidelines that called for extreme poverty to eliminate earthly distractions and achieve a more loving relationship with God.

Over 800 years later, St. Clare’s message is still relevant. To women searching for the right kind of love in the world, she calls on them to seek and love Christ first. She cautions against trying to fill a void with human love that may or may not last. Her way to Christ was very simple. The goal of prayer should be falling in love with the Lord who accepts us as we are, who looks into our heart, who embraces us, and who showers us with unconditional love.

Adapted from the “*EWTN Family Newsletter*,” August, 2019.

August – Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

1. St. Alphonse de Liguori, Bishop, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1787

* [2. Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula, Plenary Indulgence possible by visiting a church or chapel of the Franciscan 1st Order](#)

3. St. Pierre-Julien Eymard, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1868

* [4. St. Dominic, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1221](#)

5. B. Marie-Francoise de Jesus, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1904

6. Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ

7. Bl. Agathange et Cassien, Priest, Capuchin, martyr 1638

* [8. St. Jean-Marie Vianney, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1859](#)

9. Bl. Marie-Marguerite of the Sacred Heart, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1924

[10. St. Beatrice de Silva, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1492](#)

11. Bl. Innocent XI, Pope, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1689

* [12. St. Clare of Assisi, Virgin, Foundress of the Poor Clares, Plenary Indulgence for Tertiaries \(Renewal of Engagements\)](#)

[13. Bl. Novellon de Faenza, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1280](#)

14. St. Maximilien-Marie Kolbe, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1941

15. Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady

[16. Bl. Francis Chici of Pesaro, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1350](#)

[17. St. Roch of Montpellier, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1327](#)

18. Blessed Martyrs of Pontons de Rochefort, d. 1794

19. St. Jean Eudes, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1680

[20. St. Louis of Anjou, Bishop of Toulouse, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1297](#)

21. St. Jeanne-Francoise de Chantal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1610

22. Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

[23. Bl. Bernard of Offida, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1694](#)

24. St. Emilie de Vialar, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1856

* [25. St. Louis IX, King of France, Patron of Franciscan Third Order Seculars, Plenary Indulgence for tertiaries and cordbearers](#) **Patron of our Fraternity and OMSLR.**

26. Bl. Pierre de Benisa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936

27. St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest, Cordbearer, d. 1648

* [28. St. Junipero Serra, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1784](#)

29. Bl. Jean de Perouse, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231

30. Bl. Juvenal Ancina, Bishop, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1604

31. Bl. Aurele de Vinalesa, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr 1936





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

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