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San Luis Rey Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
Mission San Luis Rey,
Oceanside, CA.
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Upcoming Gathering

12:00 AM Lunch in Our Gathering Room
12:40 PM-Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel
1:00-3:00 PM General Gathering

Future Meetings:
July 14, 2024, August 11, 2024, September 8, 2024. October 13, 2024
These are regular monthly gatherings, All dates subject to change

Monthly Theme
The Sacred Heart of Jesus

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Minister's Note

Dear Fraternity,

I want to begin this note by thanking God for each of you, my Franciscan sisters and brothers. I'm reminded daily of how wonderful our Franciscan family is, especially these days, where the very air we breathe seems to crackle with partisan politics. As Secular Franciscans, even though we each have our own political opinions, when we are together we are simply Franciscans. Our common focus is love; love for Jesus, for the Gospel, for Francis and Clare, for the poor, and for each other. For that I am profoundly grateful.

This month our regular Cord editor, Marta, is visiting Hungary, so Carol graciously stepped in to put this month's Cord together! Thank you, Carol!

Those who were at the last monthly gathering may remember that Mark and Mary Jo shared about one of their ministries taking supplies out to people living in Slab City. Several people expressed an interest in contributing to the effort. Please ask Mark and Mary Jo what might be needed.

This year our Regional Gathering will be on August 17th, celebrating the eighth centenary of the Stigmata of St. Francis. Fr. Joe Chinnici will be speaking, so we won't want to miss it! Please see the attached flyer for details. We may want to begin carpool plans soon!

Also in August is the Feast of San Luis Rey Mass and celebration at the Mission. This is an especially significant feast day for us, as San Luis Rey is not only our Fraternity's patron, but the patron of our Order! We will share more information as it becomes available.

Lastly, for people who have Cox email addresses, please be aware that messages to some of you have "bounced," presumably due to the transition to Yahoo. Please make sure that we have your current email address.

Praying for peace, love, and all good!

Connie Collins, OFS
Minister

From our Secretary

What's in a Name?

"Pope Francis," Painted by Heidi Madden OFS hemadden@aol.com of San Luis Rey Fraternity.

What's in a Name?

"Some people wanted to know why the bishop of Rome wished to be called Francis. Some thought of Francis Xavier, Francis DeSales and also Francis of Assisi. I will tell you the story.

"During the election, I was seated next to the Archbishop emeritus of Sao Paulo and prefect emeritus of the Congregation for the Clergy, Cardinal Claudio Hummes: a good friend, a good friend! When things were looking dangerous, he encouraged me. And when the votes reached two-thirds, there was the usual applause because the pope had been elected. And he gave me a hug and a kiss and said: 'Don't forget the poor!'"

And those words came to me: the poor, the poor. Then, right away, thinking of the poor, I thought of Francis of Assisi. Then I thought of all the wars, as the votes were still being counted, until the end. Francis is also a man of peace.

That is how the name came into my heart: Francis of Assisi.

For me, he was the man of poverty, the man of peace, the man who loves and protects creation; these days we do not have a very good relationship with creation, do we? He was the man who gave us the spirit of peace, the poor man.

How would I like a church which is poor and for the poor!"

Pope Francis speaking to reporters March 16, 2013.

This quote came from the book I have just finished, Pope Francis written by Matthew E. Bunson, D.Min. Starting with the resignation of Pope Benedict and the significance of that decision, the reader is given a beautiful perspective of humanity, the Church and a hope for the future. When Pope Francis was elected, my heart was filled with joy. I had heard about his humility but it was funny to read more stories in the book about him, my favorite being about the hotel bill. After he was elected and had said his first mass, Pope Francis ditched his (very frustrated) limo driver and got a ride to the hotel where he had been staying at for the Conclave. Why? To pay his bill, of course, and retrieve his suitcase. Humility, compassion, love of neighbor. It was his example which led me to St Francis and my own Franciscan journey.

Heidi Madden OFS

Heidi Madden
Secretary

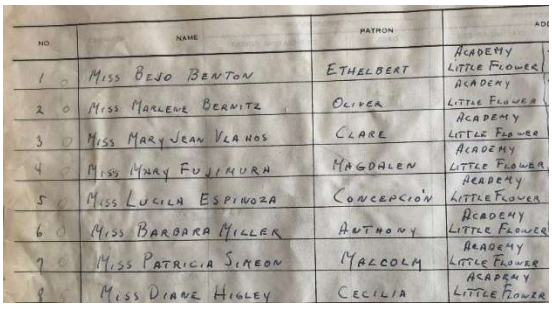
Month of the Precious Blood

May gray and June gloom have disappeared and the summer heat of July is upon us. It seems that we just finished celebrating the 800th anniversary of the Nativity in Greccio and already we're in July. Somewhere from the deep file of my memory, the fact that July is the month of the Precious Blood surfaced. Then I thought of the Sisters of the Precious Blood who taught me in High School. My mental meanderings then took me to the history of our Fraternity being so intertwined with the Precious Blood Sisters. I hope you're following me so far as I'm going to try to give a *very* brief history of the beginnings of our Fraternity.

Mission San Luis Rey was founded in 1798. For a period of time, the Mission was abandoned for political reasons and fell into disrepair. Ownership was then restored to the Franciscans by Abraham Lincoln. The friars worked tirelessly to rebuild and repair the Mission. In 1912, Fr. Joseph O'Keefe, OFM, retired as Pastor after having served nineteen years. Fr Peter Wallischeck, OFM, asked the Bishop of Los Angeles for permission to start a school. The Bishop was convinced that Fr Peter would be unable to find any sisters to come to such a remote area. Fr Peter was determined and invited the Sisters of the Precious Blood from Dayton, OH, to come to the Mission to start a school. They said Yes! That was the beginning of the San Luis Rey Mission School in 1913! I try to imagine how remote this area was at that time and the courage it took to venture forth.

Over the years the name changed to the Academy of the Little Flower and eventually to the San Luis Rey Academy. The student body grew and the school expanded. The building that is now the Parish Center was the Academy. I love to give tours and say: "This is where I had Geometry or this is where the library used to be"! But I digress. The San Luis Rey Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order was started by Academy girls back in 1949.

Three of our current members are alumnae of the Academy: Carol Imhoff, Connie Collins and myself. Carol's mother, class of 1937, was also a Secular Franciscan. Our Fraternity is strongly connected to the Mission and grateful to the Sisters and the Friars for their years of dedication and service and for providing the inspiration for the founding of our Fraternity.



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2	Miss Marlene Bernitz	Oliver	Academy Little Flower
3	Miss Mary Jean Vlahos	Clare	Academy Little Flower
4	Miss Mary Fujimura	Magdalen	Academy Little Flower
5	Miss Lucila Espinoza	Concepcion	Academy Little Flower
6	Miss Barbara Miller	Anthony	Academy Little Flower
7	Miss Patricia Simeon	Malcolm	Academy Little Flower
8	Miss Diane Higley	Cecilia	Academy Little Flower

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Corinne Helena
Formation Director

Saint Junipero Serra

Do not acquire gold, silver, or copper for your money belts….
Matthew 10:9.
The verse has become so familiar to us, as Francis and his companions took it quite literally when they went out to preach and live the Gospel. Secular Franciscans will see this as an invitation to poverty. A concept many will struggle to find a balance between being "poor" and living in one of the most affluent areas of Earth's richest nations.

St. Serra. Mission San Antonio de Padua.

Some 550 years after the time of St. Francis, a little friar more local to us, offers a cultivated perspective. In one of his more frequent sermons, Fray Junípero Serra would enlighten all who would hear "about the grand price of a coin with which on this very day you all ought to make yourselves rich!" And oh fellow Christians, what could possibly make up such a valuable coin if not gold or silver?! A coin worth the very price of heavenly glory!

His answer, the coin was made of "the pains and labors that the lord sends us in life".
Oh. Not the answer we may have hoped for. But certainly the one we need to hear.
Serra would go on in great detail to share how the grandest of saints would describe adversity as of having a "sweet and wonderful taste."

Your rod and your staff comfort me.
Psalm 22.

Serra preached the Gospel of John, citing how Jesus himself WAITED to heal Lazarus. *Why?!* Lazarus surely suffered in physical pain for days. His loved ones would have also mourned in mental anguish. Why would Christ deny healing? St. Aloysius wrote "Tribulations in this life are a preeminent gift of God. There is no more certain sign of divine election and love." Christ didn't deny his beloved. Quite the opposite, He gave them the greatest gift.

Let us recall our own holy seraphic father Francis who spoke to Fray Leon and said, "For true joy consists in suffering patiently the travails of this life."

The heroes journey. It is as timeless as Gilgamesh and Luke Skywalker. Every Easter we attest to our Christian faith. But, oh how easy it is to overlook such a simple message. Out of great suffering, comes even greater joy.

Serra himself was a penitent man. He bore wounds upon his leg during his entire missionary life. All the while walking thousands of miles along he El Camino Real seeking to spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. When we reflect upon the life of

California's Founding Father, are we comparatively rich or poor? Do we embrace the difficult times and challenges ahead? Or, do we more readily seek comfort? Which path will bring us closer to God? Do we look to our feet and cry, "Why me Lord?". Or do we look to the sky with outstretched arms, ready to receive another coin in hand?

Note: The essence of these words is not my own, but those of Father Serra and based upon recent translations by Rose Marie Beebe, Ph.D. I have spent years walking in his footsteps, but could never fill his sandals.

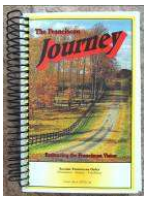
Siempre Adelante ~ Saint Junípero, Pray for us!

David A. York, ofs

St. Serra looking out over our beautiful countryside from Mission San Antonio de Padua.

David York OFS

Reminders Page



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God Bless,
Corinne Helena, OFS
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Anniversaries of Profession

Jul. 7, 2013	Dorothia Hoskins
Jul. 11, 2004	Irene Edwards
Jul. 21, 1996	Denise Scalzo
Jul. 10, 2016	Karen Wilson

Memorials

July 1, 2013	Dcn. Dustin Miller
July 19, 2017	Anna Day
July 21, 1995	Roberta Reynolds Steiner
July 23, 1990	George Wagner

Birthdays

3	Frances Garcia
22	Dorothy Mann

Chippy, the adventure loving tween CPU, is sad because he is sorry if he made anybody sad. He also doesn't like being locked into his socket to be given a lecture on 'charity/love' by his mom the Motherboard" that he is socketed to. He like any tween or teenager doesn't like to sit down, be quiet, and listen to a lecture.
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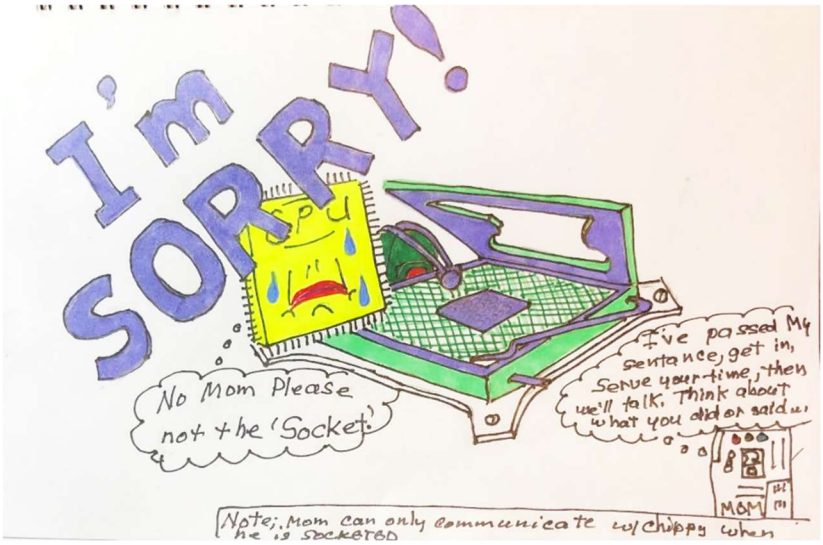
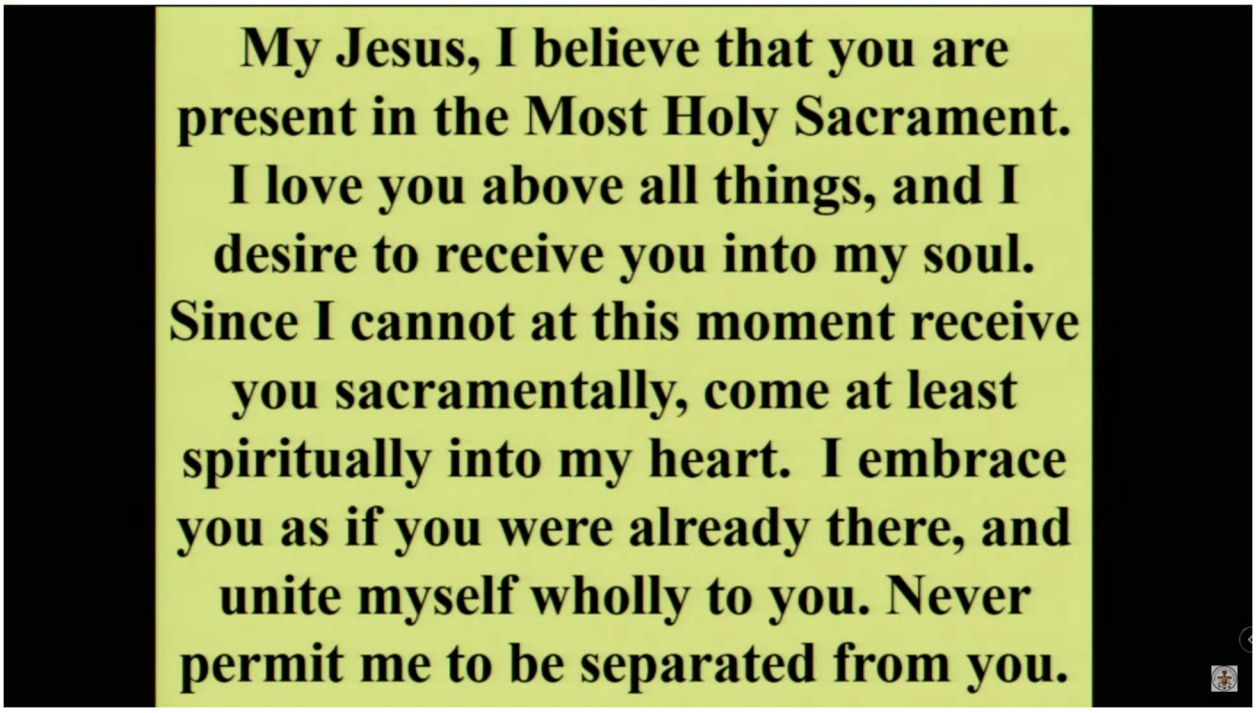


Let us Pray for our brothers and sisters, especially:

- For the safety of Connie C. our Minister
- For Pope Francis, Bishop, Cardinal Robert McElroy, his assistant Bishops, and all Bishops; priests, deacons and consecrated religious, including those in lay orders and institutes.
- For the victims of war, violence, and terrorism throughout the world
- For all who have asked for our prayers. Especially:
    - Michelle – For healing as she undergoes treatment for an aggressive form of melanoma. Please pray that she be filled with God's love and healing.
    - Roger – For healing as he recovers from neurological damage to his face he suffered last summer; pray for him to be filled with God's love and healing.
    - Linda O - for the healing of ongoing hip pain due to fissures in her pelvis that she may be filled with God's grace, love, and healing.
- For the repose of the souls of all of our deceased members, and in particular for
- For our families and friends.
- 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.
- All members of the three Orders of the Franciscan Family who need our prayers.

Suggested prayer of Spiritual Communion



The above may be prayed anytime you are wishing for the Eucharistic Jesus to be in your heart.

Oh, last but definitely not least, remember your donation envelope for the Common Fund. Please mail your contribution to our Treasurer or bring to the gathering with you.

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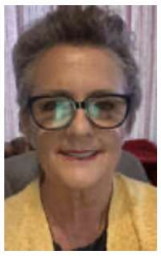
The San Luis Rey Fraternity Council

Connie Collins, OFS

Minister



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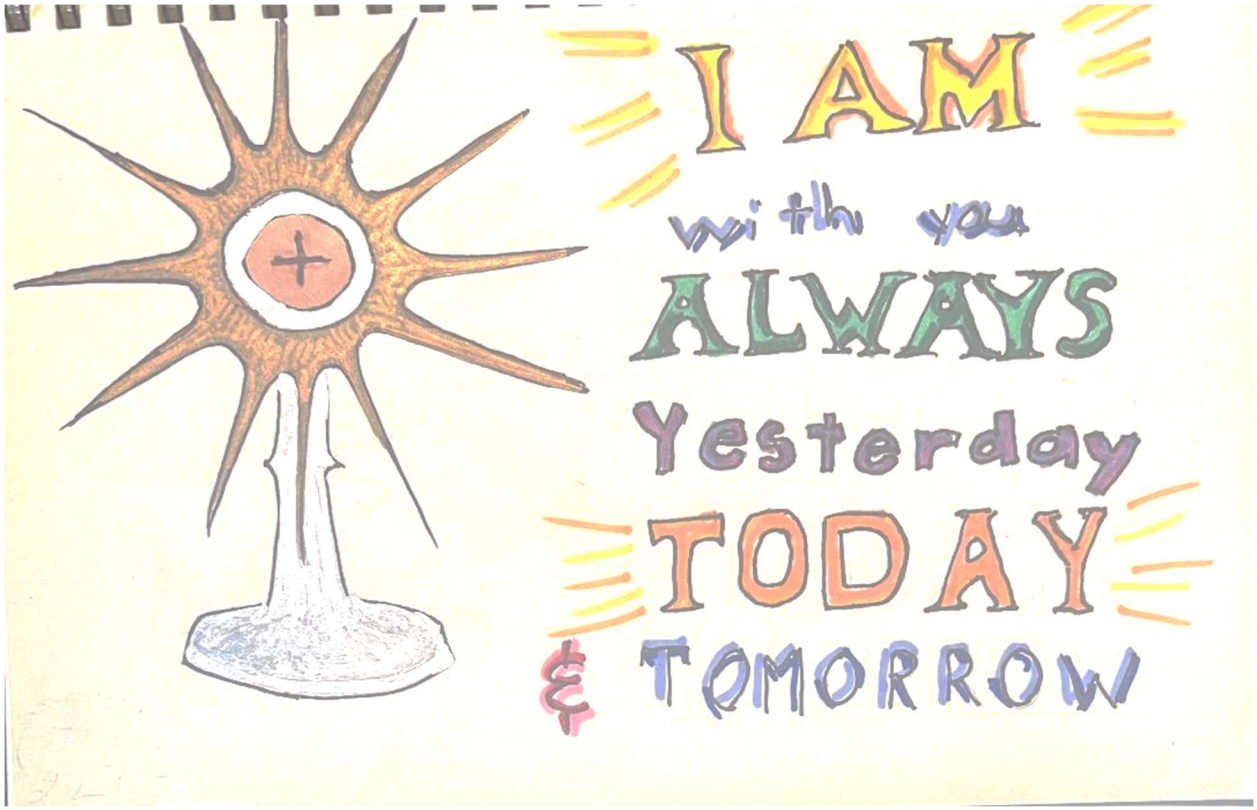

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