

OUR MINISTER'S MESSAGE

Appointed Council

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Marie Stephens, OFS



*I love you this
much!*

The gatherings
are usually held
In Trinity
Center
top floor 4th
Sunday @ 1:45
pm
(Subject to
change.)
@ St Michael
Catholic
Church,
804 High
House Road,
Cary, NC

Grace and blessings to you! Over the remaining months of 2014, we will have many opportunities to be in community as we witness the permanent professions of our candidates in July, participate in the ARG with hundreds of our OFS brothers and sisters in August, hold our fraternity's council elections in September, celebrate the Transitus of St. Francis in October, and end the year together on retreat at Avila Retreat Center in December.

With this in mind, I'd like to reflect on the **Fraternity Pillar of Secular Franciscan Life** and the unique characteristics of a Franciscan community:

- The Franciscan style of community is **a union of persons around the Person of Jesus**, a blending of personalities to live and proclaim the Gospel.
- Christ himself is the **Head and vital Center** of a Franciscan community. The Eucharist and the Word of God are the primary wellsprings of that life in fraternity, which is a gift of God's self-revelation of Trinity in Unity to be discovered, accepted, shared and fulfilled with the Holy Spirit as the ultimate "minister" of the community.
- The norm for life in fraternity is **relationships and the oneness of persons** rather than common practices or structures. Mutual love, reverence, and courtesy are the primary values of life in fraternity. It engenders fraternal understanding and acceptance of one another, and hospitality and openness to other people and all creation.
- It is intimately connected with **gospel simplicity and detachment**. Evangelical poverty is the foundation of community while unity with each other is the support and guardian of holy poverty.
- Franciscan fraternity has a basic **apostolic quality**. It exists to make Christ known, to announce the Reign of God, and to rebuild the Church. (Excerpted from **Fully Mature with the Fullness of Christ** by Benet A. Fonck, OFM)

Let us offer praise and thanks to our good and gracious God for bringing us together in our fraternity. May we joyfully follow in the footsteps of Francis, Clare, Pio and the communion of Franciscan saints!

"THE THIRD ORDER (OFS) OF ST. FRANCIS WAS BORN TO SATISFY A THIRST FOR HEROISM AMONG THOSE WHO THOUGH HAVING TO REMAIN IN THE WORLD DID NOT WISH TO BE OF THE WORLD. THE THIRD ORDER, THEN SEEKS SOULS WHO LONG FOR PERFECTION IN THEIR OWN STATE." Pius XII

Albert Hasse, OFM Speaker at ARG

"Born in New Orleans, I have always been called by the French pronunciation of my first name, "Al-bear." I still laugh when I introduce myself and someone thinks my last name is "Bear." Growing up on Apricot Street, I spent a lot of time in the backyard trying to dig a hole to China. I thought I would never get there – until 1990 when the General Minister of the Franciscan Order asked for volunteers to once again bring the Franciscan presence to the Chinese. And so, on August 15, 1992, I made my way to the island of Taiwan to begin two-and-a-half years of Chinese language studies. After that, I finally achieved my childhood dream of making it to mainland China. I taught English in Wuhan for one year. From there, I went north to the Chinese capital of Beijing where I lived for ten years. I taught English for two years and then became the Director of Human Resources for Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. (I jokingly tell people that Saint Francis started off in the business world and then dedicated his life to God; I did it backwards by dedicating my life to God and then entering the business world!) My weekends in Beijing were spent ministering to the English-speaking Roman Catholic community; I was the priest and pastor of a community of 500 Catholics from 27 different countries." ~ Albert Hasse, OFM

Peace and Justice



NAFRA Mission Statement -The Peace and Justice

Commission of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United

States has the prophetic and fraternal mission to call all people to a deeper experience of, and commitment to, the reign of God. This call

to live in love and humility and to confront gently all who deny human dignity and freedom comes from the Gospel. In living their evangelical vocation fully the Secular Franciscan brothers and sisters, individually and corporately, are challenged -

"...to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim to the captives release and sight to the blind, to set at liberty the oppressed." (Luke 4:18; Isaiah 61:1-2)

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us. ~ St. Augustine

The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of June 2014

Unemployed. That the unemployed may receive support and find the work they need to live in dignity.

Faith in Europe. That Europe may rediscover its Christian roots through the witness of believers.

June – Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

1. Bl. Felix de Nicosie, lay brother, Capuchin religious
2. Bl. Jean Pelingotto, Confessor, Secular Franciscan
3. Bl. Andre de Spello, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order
4. St. Francois Caracciolo, Priest, was a tertiary before founding religious Institute
5. Bl. Pacifique de Cerano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st O.
6. Bl. Laurent de Villamagna, Priest, religious of Franciscan 1st O.
7. Bl. Himiliane Cerchi, Virgin, Secular Franciscan
8. Bl. Nicolas de Gesturi, lay brother, Capuchin religious,
9. Bl. Innocent Guz, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr
10. Bl. Edouard Poppe, Priest, Secular Franciscan
11. Bl. Yolanda of Hungary, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order
12. Bl. Floride Cevoli, Virgin, Capuchin religious
- 13. St. Anthony of Padua**, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, Plenary Indulgence for Cordbearers
14. Bl. Zephirin Jimenez, Martyr, Secular Franciscan
15. St. Vincente Gerosa, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute,
16. Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding another religious Institute
17. Bl. Pierre Gambacorta, Confessor, Secular Franciscan
18. Bl. Guy de Cortone, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st O.
19. Bl. Achille Puchata, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr
20. Bl. Micheline de Pesaro, Virgin, Secular Franciscan
21. Bl. Herman Stapien, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr
- 22. St. Thomas More**, Martyr, Secular Franciscan
23. St. Joseph Cafasso, Priest, Secular Franciscan
25. Bl. Bienvenu de Gubbio, lay brother, OFM
26. Bl. Frederic Janssone, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order,
27. Bl. Marguerite Baey, Virgin, Secular Franciscan
28. St. Barthelemie Capitano, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1833
29. Sts. Peter and Paul, Plenary Indulgence
- 30. Bl. Raymond Lulle**, Martyr, Secular Franciscan

Happy June Birthdays

Frank Peluso

6/12

Joanne Jacovec

6/19



Is it getting
hotter in here or
is it just all the
candles
on
Frank's cake?

Vatican: More help needed for those bearing brunt of climate change

By Carol Glatz Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- World leaders and policy makers need to look beyond the scientific and economic consequences of climate change and direct their attention to the human beings who will be most affected by rising global temperatures, a Vatican official said.

"As with most natural disasters, climate-related emergencies cause more suffering and personal loss on those who live in poverty," Archbishop Zygmunt Zimowski, president of the Pontifical Council for Health Care Ministry, told members of the World Health Assembly in Geneva May 21.

The archbishop also thanked the assembly for its support of a global strategy to promote breast-feeding as a way to "assure the health and well-being of children worldwide."

"Breast-feeding is a major protection against early child malnutrition," he said, and "should be guaranteed by laws governing workplace practice."

Breast-feeding should be accepted everywhere, "even in public," he said. While there are "many who openly disparage mothers who choose to breast-feed their children in public," he said. Pope Francis has been a vocal supporter of nursing mothers, urging them to "overcome hesitation of breastfeeding their children when they are hungry."

The archbishop's comments came during the assembly's May 19-24 meeting to discuss future policies for the World Health Organization. The archbishop led the Holy See delegation to Geneva, and the Vatican released a copy of his address May 21.

Concerning the threat of climate change, he said preventing or mitigating its impact on those who are most vulnerable "will require more than economic allocations and policy-setting."

The world must help promote a different culture guided by the values of compassion, respect, solidarity and a commitment to justice, he said.

"There is overwhelming evidence that human activities have greatly contributed to the recent warming of the earth's surface and that climate change as well as its consequences will continue into the future," Archbishop Zimowski said.

Climate change will affect the air, water and food supplies people depend on and aggravate "health problems that already exist," including climate-related diseases.

"We must look beyond the purely scientific, medical and economic issues related to climate change and come face to face with the persons whom it most affects," the archbishop said.

The world's poor are the most vulnerable to climate change, he said, because they are the ones "who cannot afford protective structures to shield them from extreme forces of nature and who have little or no resources to arrange for temporary shelter and other basic necessities once their homes have been severely damaged or totally destroyed."

"We therefore need to rethink the path we are traveling together," he said. **END**

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*"Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for he who created you has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Blessed be you, my God, for having created me."* ~ St. Clare of Assisi



**"No matter how busy  
You may think you  
are,  
You must find time  
For reading,  
Or  
Surrender yourself  
To  
Self-chosen  
ignorance."  
- Confucius**

**"Ignorance of the  
Scriptures  
Is  
Ignorance of Christ"  
~ St. Jerome**

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this,  
And we have such a  
fantastic  
Collection of books,  
CD's, and DVD's,  
Then  
Why is it that our  
library is so seldom  
used? Check your  
listing of books and  
then contact  
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## **Fifty years later, Pope and Patriarch Meet again in Jerusalem**

By Francis X. Rocca *Catholic News Service*

JERUSALEM (CNS) -- Half a century after a historic encounter between their predecessors, Pope Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew met in the same place to seek inspiration for Christian unity at the site of Christ's death and resurrection.

"We need to believe that, just as the stone before the tomb was cast aside, so, too, every obstacle to our full communion will also be removed," the pope said May 25 during a prayer service at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher.

The pope also spoke of an "ecumenism of suffering, an ecumenism of blood," which brings Christians closer through the common experience of persecution. When others kill Christians, he noted, they do not ask if they are Catholic or Orthodox.

Patriarch Bartholomew said Jesus' tomb sends the message that "history cannot be programmed; that the ultimate word in history does not belong to man, but to God. In vain did the guards of secular power watch over this tomb. In vain did they place a very large stone against the door of the tomb, so that none could roll it away."

The patriarch said the tomb also encourages Christians to "love the other, the different other, the followers of other faiths and other confessions."

## **Jonetta Beresford, wife of W. Stanley Driscoll OFS**

We were saddened at the loss of Stan's wife and our good friend. She had a hard long struggle with illness. Jonetta Herrig Beresford 80, formerly of Sleepy Hollow and Huntley IL, passed away peacefully on May 23, 2014 - May she rest in peace - and may Stan's family find comfort in the Lord who now holds her in His arms.

**Our Fraternity Reps. at the 2012 ARG**



**Jonetta, Stan, Frank, Bea, Maureen, Joanne, Mike, Ailen, Suzie**