

Appointed Council

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Minister,
Jerry Rousseau, OFS,
Area 3 Councilors:
Frank Massey, OFS,
And
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

An Invitation

With great joy, The Padre Pio Fraternity

Of the Ordo Franciscanus Saecularis

invites you to join us for

the rite of Profession for

Maureen Copan, OFS,

Aileen Evaniuk, OFS,

Suzanne Nelson, OFS,

Thomas Ryan, OFS,

and

Sharon Winzeler, OFS

On Saturday, July 12, 2014 @ 3:00 pm mass

in the St. Mary of the Angels Chapel,

Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi,

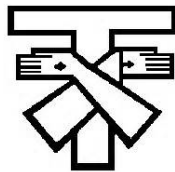
11401 Leesville Road,

Raleigh, N.C. 27613.

Father David McBride, OFM will be celebrating.

A reception will follow Mass

In the Padua Room across from the chapel.



Congratulations to the Candidates for going through the "Formation Process"

This formation process unfolds in regularly scheduled sessions during which home study material was thoroughly discussed. The first stage, **Orientation**, provided time for dialogue and developing relationships in fraternity. During Orientation you were introduced to the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare and shared in Franciscan prayer life. You were given general information about the Secular Franciscan Order. Orientation was your time to discern if the Spirit was calling you to a Secular Franciscan vocation.

The second stage, **Inquiry** was your first formal period of initiation. You had in-depth study of the lives of St. Francis and St. Clare. During Inquiry you learned about the Franciscan charism and Franciscan history. You have deepened your understanding of what it means to be secular and Franciscan, and continued to discern if the Spirit was calling you to the Secular Franciscan way of life.

The third stage, **Candidacy**, was the final formal period of initiation. It was a time of preparing you for permanent commitment by immersion into fraternity life. Central to this stage of formation is Article 4 of *The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order* which states, "The rule and life of the Secular Franciscan is this: to observe the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ by following Saint Francis of Assisi, who made Christ the inspiration and the center of his life with God and people."

After **profession** of the Rule and your permanent commitment to the gospel way of life, you now join the rest of the fraternity in ongoing formation.

Congratulations for all your efforts. The blessing of St. Francis: "May whoever observes all this be filled in heaven with the blessing of the most high Father, and on earth with that of his beloved Son, together with the Holy Spirit, the Comforter."

2 Peter 1:10-11

"Therefore, brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you."

Peace and Justice



JPIC in Action

Mary Ann Steinis, OFS invited us to go to Camden on June 16th to help out with the Desales Service Works. The Desales Service Works is a project of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. DSW exists to impact the lives of others and to Live Jesus! They provide opportunities for face-to-face service, and they work to change the lives of those we serve and to expand the mindset of those who serve. All of their efforts seek to improve struggling neighborhoods while recognizing the goodness of these impoverished communities.

“With Jesus... let us reach out to those most in need... those who need us to give them a hand, who need us to look at them with love, to share their pain...”

Pope Francis

Overview for the Month of July

The month of July is dedicated to **the Precious Blood of Jesus**. The entire month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green, the color of sprouting seed which arouses the hope of reaping the eternal harvest.

The Holy Father’s Intentions for July

Sports: That sports may always be occasions of human fraternity and growth.

Lay missionaries: That the Holy Spirit may support the work of the laity who proclaim the Gospel in the poorest countries.

Franciscan Saints for July

1. Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
3. Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule],
4. 40 Martyrs of China, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan OFS
5. Bl. Ignace Falzon, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular,
6. St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr, Corderbearer,
7. Bl. Oddin Barotto, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular,
8. St. Elisabeth of Portugal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular
9. St. Veronica Giuliani, Virgin, Capuchin religious,
10. 8 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Damas,
11. 11 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Holland
12. Sts. Geoffroy and Joachim, Priests, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyrs
13. St. Francis Solano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order,
- 14. St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, religious 1st O see p4**
15. Bl. Bernard de Bade, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular
16. Our Lady of Mount Carmel; St. Marie-Madeleine Postel, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule],
17. Bl. Pierre De Foligno, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular
18. St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding another order
19. St. Vincent de Paul, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding a religious Institute,
20. St. Jerome Emilien, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding a religious Institute,
21. St. Laurent de Brindes, Priest, Capuchin religious, Doctor of the Church, d. 1619
22. Bl. Angeline of Marciano, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule],
23. Bl. Louise de Savoie, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister
24. Bl. Modestin de Jesus-Marie, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order
25. Bl. Antoine Lucci, Bishop, Conventual religious,
27. Bl. Marie-Madeleine Martinengo, Virgin, Capuchin,
28. Bl. Marie-Therese of the Infant Jesus, Virgin, Capuchin, martyr 1941
29. Bl. Alphonse de l’Immaculee, virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular
30. St. Leopold de Castelnovo, Priest, Capuchin religious,
31. St. Ignatius de Loyola, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding a religious Institute

"Be kindhearted to the poor, the unfortunate and the afflicted. Give them as much help and consolation as you can. Thank God for all the benefits he has bestowed upon you..."
~ St. Louis IX

A Psalm of Life

By Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

*What The Heart Of The Young Man
Said To The Psalmist.*

Tell me not, in mournful numbers,
Life is but an empty dream!
For the soul is dead that slumbers,
And things are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken of the soul.

Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Find us farther than today.

Art is long, and Time is fleeting,
And our hearts, though stout and brave,
Still, like muffled drums, are beating
Funeral marches to the grave.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of Life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

Trust no Future, howe'er pleasant!
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act,— act in the living Present!
Heart within, and God o'erhead!

Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime,
And, departing, leave behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;

Footprints, that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart for any fate;
Still achieving, still pursuing,
Learn to labor and to wait.

PROFESSION IN THE SFO: GIFT And COMMITMENT

Br. Felice Cangelosi OFM Cap

I. PROFESSION, A GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

The Brothers and Sisters called to the Franciscan life in the Secular Fraternity make their Profession during a specific celebration according to the Ritual proper to the SFO.

This aspect is by no means insignificant, because the celebration constitutes the foundational moment of the identity of the professed, and is simultaneously the condition for a dialogue to take place in response to God's action.

In fact, the consequences of the commitment a human being expresses by means of a promise derived from a prior commitment, that of God to man.

The celebration of Profession testifies to all of this, because it is God's action and a saving event: it is a moment when salvation reaches the faithful:

1. enabling them to make a promise to live the Franciscan gospel life and
2. producing in them particular effects of grace, by which they are deputed to specific tasks within the People of God.

Only a person sanctified in the liturgical action, where (s)he fully experiences the immensity and force of God's love, can be capable of a loving response.

On the other hand, the celebration reflects the Church's understanding of Profession in the Secular Franciscan Order. The liturgy, in fact, is always a *confessio fidei*, since in it, i.e. in its enactment during the ritual action, the Church proclaims authentically its own faith in the mystery of salvation, which is actualized in and for the faithful.

.....in the formula of Profession we find the invocation: “May the grace of the Holy Spirit, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin and of St Francis and the fraternal communion help me always so that I may attain the perfection of Christian charity” (Ritual II, 31).

The same need is expressed by the minister who receives the Profession: “Let us give thanks to God in this Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order. Your incorporation into it is a reason for hope and joy in the hearts of all the brothers and sisters” (Ritual II, 32).

“The life of a Christian is nothing but a perpetual struggle against self; there is no flowering of the soul to the beauty of its perfection except at the price of pain.” ~Padre Pio

Happy July Birthday

Victoria Romero
7/5



OOPS- I missed
Mary Ann Steinis
For June 8

Don't Forget

Sunshine: Contact Suzie Nelson, OFS if someone is sick or has a death in the family.

Prayer Requests: Contact Sharon Winzeler OFS.

Library: To obtain books, CD's, DVD's and other materials contact Maureen Copan, OFS.

Tri-Area Ministry:
Everyone is encouraged to donate money for the ministry, any amount you are able to offer, at our fraternity gathering.

For other important dates,
please check
the Gathering
Minutes

We're on the Web!

See us at:
<http://sfocentralinc.net/contact-us/>

THE BEAUTIFUL SAYINGS OF ST. BONAVENTURE [1221-1274]

BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH,
AND FRANCISCAN FEAST DAY: 15 JULY

I confess before God that what made me love Saint Francis' way of life so much was that it is exactly like the origin and the perfection of the Church itself, which began first with simple fishermen and afterward developed to include the most illustrious and learned doctors. You find the same thing in the Order of Saint Francis; in this way God reveals that it did not come about through human calculations but through Christ.

When we pray, the voice of the heart must be heard more than the proceedings from the mouth.

Since happiness is nothing other than the enjoyment of the highest good and since the highest good is above, no one can be happy unless he rises above himself, not by an ascent of the body, but of the heart.

In God alone is there primordial and true delight, and in all our delights it is this delight that we are seeking.

In beautiful things St. Francis saw Beauty itself, and through His vestiges imprinted on creation he followed his Beloved everywhere, making from all things a ladder by which he could climb up and embrace Him who is utterly desirable. If you desire to know ... ask grace, not instruction; desire, not understanding; the groaning of prayer, not diligent reading; the Spouse, not the teacher; God, not man; darkness not clarity; not light, but fire that totally inflames and carries us into God by ecstatic unctions and burning affections.

Three things are necessary to everyone regardless of status, sex, or age, i.e., truth of faith which brings understanding; love of Christ which brings compassion; endurance of hope which brings perseverance. No adult is in state of salvation unless he has faithful understanding in his mind, loving compassion in his heart, and enduring perseverance in his actions.

The life of God – precisely because God is triune – does not belong to God alone. God who dwells in inaccessible light and eternal glory comes to us in the face of Christ and the activity of the Holy Spirit. Because of God's outreach to the creature, God is said to be essentially relational, ecstatic, fecund, and alive as passionate love. Divine life is therefore also our life. The heart of the Christian life is to be united with the God of Jesus Christ by means of communion with one another. The doctrine of the Trinity is, ultimately, therefore a teaching not about the abstract nature of God, nor about God in isolation from everything other than God, but a teaching about God's life with us and our life with each other.

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