



# Padre Pio Fraternity

## Secular Franciscan Order



**CPO APOSTOLATE** - contact the volunteer coordinator at 919-847-1466 Above is a picture of Maureen Copan, OFS sorting clothes at the Catholic Parish Outreach at 2013 North Raleigh Boulevard Raleigh. CPO accepts donations of the following gently used or new items:

- Infant formula (milk based, not soy)
- Baby food (especially stages 1 and 3), Baby wipes
- Diapers size 4 and above (especially size 4) Coupons welcome, see Maureen.
- Children's clothes up to size 6 toddler (especially sizes 3 and 4) - Maternity clothes

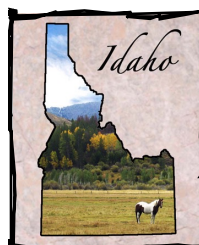
### SIX PREPARING FOR ADMISSION

On May 22 we have six inquirers who will possibly be admitted to the Fraternity. They have read and written reflections on a biography of St. Francis; they have answered reflection questions required by the Region; and they have held a private retreat to discern their vocation. These items were discussed with their formators. A simple admission rite is conducted in the presence of the fraternity and usually a friar. The ceremony begins with a hymn, an admonition of dedication to the Franciscan way, a prayer and readings from the Bible and the writings of St. Francis. The inquirer or inquirers then formally request admission into the fraternity as candidates, are accepted by the fraternity minister and are confirmed as members by the friar, if present. The minister then reads the order's creed and offers the fraternity's commitment to supporting the new members. The rite ends with the sign of peace, a hymn and the Blessing of St. Francis.



We offer best wishes to Mile and Ailen Evaniuck OFS as they move to Idaho. We thank Mike for his servant leadership as vice-minister, for help in formation and the NAFRA Database.

Minister Stan Driscoll, OFS presents a Farewell cake to the Evaniucks. May God go with them.



**MARCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.** = Joe Travers, OFS, Suzie Nelson OFS, and Ailen Evaniuck, OFS



Pictures  
by J. Jacovec, OFS

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Spiritual Assistant: David

McBriar, OFM

Lay Minister: W. Stanley

Driscoll, OFS

Vice Minister: Frank

Peluso, OFS

Formation:

Joanne Jacovec, OFS

Treasurer: Sharon

Winzeler, OFS

Secretary: Maureen

Copan, OFS

Councilors: Ida Irwin,

OFS, Suzanne Nelson,

OFS,

BSSF Region

Appointed Minister:

Dorothy Ann Rowland,

OFS

Area 3 Councilors :

Carmen Madero, OFS,

Frank Massey, OFS

Other

Sharon Winzeler, OFS

Ongoing Formation

### The Holy Father's Intentions for April

#### Universal: Small Farmers

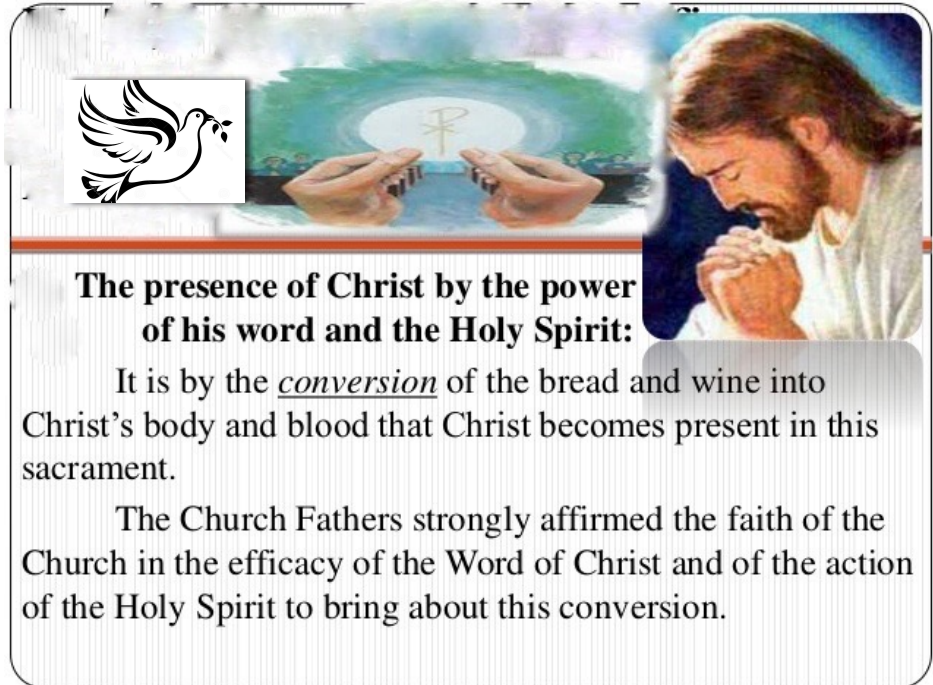
That small farmers may  
receive a just reward for their  
precious labor.

#### Evangelization: African Christians

That Christians in Africa may  
give witness to love and faith  
in Jesus Christ amid political-  
religious conflicts.

# Catholic Devotions in April

April is Dedicated to the Eucharist and the Holy Spirit



### The presence of Christ by the power of his word and the Holy Spirit:

It is by the conversion of the bread and wine into  
Christ's body and blood that Christ becomes present in this  
sacrament.

The Church Fathers strongly affirmed the faith of the  
Church in the efficacy of the Word of Christ and of the action  
of the Holy Spirit to bring about this conversion.

## Franciscan Saints for April

2 Bl. Elisabetta Vendramini, religious, III Ord., founder

3 St. Benedict the Moor, religious, I Ord.

6 St. Crescentia Höss, virgin, III Order St. Bernadette  
Soubirous, cord bearer of St. Francis and St. Benedict

Joseph Labre, cord-bearer of St. Francis

21 St. Conrad of Parzham, religious, I Ord.

23 Bl. Giles of Assisi, religious, I Ord.

24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, martyr, I O.

25 27 St. Zita of Lucca, virgin, III Ord. At her  
death there were one hundred and fifty miracles  
wrought in the behalf of such as had recourse to  
her intercession and have been juridically  
proved. Her body was found entire in 1580 and is  
kept with great respect in St. Frigidian's church.

28 Bl. Luchesius, III Ord.

30 Bl. Benedict of Urbino, priest, I Ord.

Bl. Pedro de San Jose Betancur, religious, III  
Ord., founder, St. Benedict Joseph Cottolengo, III  
Ord

"Holiness does not consist in doing extraordinary  
things. It consists in accepting, with a smile, what  
Jesus sends us. It consists in accepting and  
following the will of God." — Mother Teresa,



## April Birthdays

Marguerite Zombek 04/13

Louis Coker 04/29

## April, The Easter Month

The month of April  
is dedicated both to  
devotion to the Eucharist  
and devotion to the Holy  
Spirit. This tradition has  
developed because Easter  
Sunday often falls in April,  
and when it does fall in  
March, the Easter season  
continues on throughout all  
of April.





## RULE 19 OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN RULE



Mindful that they are bearers of peace that must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon.

Messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance, they should strive to bring joy and hope to others. Since they are immersed in the resurrection of Christ, which gives true meaning to Sister Death, let them serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father.

“Always be joyful, then, in the Lord; I repeat, be joyful. Let your good sense be obvious to everybody. The Lord is near. Never worry about anything; but tell God all your desires of every kind in prayer and petition zipped through with gratitude. And the peace of God which is beyond our understanding will guard your and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.” ~ Philippians 4:4-7

### A Book Review

#### Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth

A book from St. Anthony Messenger Press!

##### Was Jesus a Tree Hugger?

This issue of *Every Day Catholic* focuses on how we can cultivate and care for the earth. Easy words in theory and wholly holy, but being good stewards of creation isn't as easy as it sounds.

##### Francis, Faith and Ecology

The October 2007 issue of *St. Anthony Messenger* explored the many connections between Franciscan spirituality and our stewardship of the earth, including:

##### St. Francis of Assisi: Why He's the Patron of Ecology

The saint who composed the 'Canticle of the Creatures,' preached to the birds and prayed in the woods can teach us about caring for creation.

##### Species Preservation Matters

As the Poor Man of Assisi appreciated the biodiversity that God built into creation, humankind today needs to reclaim St. Francis' kinship ethic.

##### The 'Our Father': Our Environmental Teacher

This prayer can be a guide to saving the God-given planet.

##### The Tragedy of Mountaintop Removal

An Appalachian Catholic committee works with interfaith leaders to expose the full cost of coal-generated electricity.

##### Going Green: For the Sake of God's Creation

Dioceses, parishes and individuals are finding new ways of fulfilling the moral responsibilities toward creation.



## Bless our servant helpers from the Padre Pio Fraternity

### "The Robin and the Sparrow"



Said the robin to the sparrow,  
 "I should really like to know,  
 Why these anxious human beings  
 Rush about and worry so."  
 Said the sparrow to the robin,  
 "Friend I think that it must be,  
 That they have no Heavenly Father,  
 Such as cares for you and me."

— Elizabeth Cheney



### APOSTLATES

For CPO contact Maureen Copan, OFS

For Oak City Outreach and JPIC  
 Contact Ellen Ferrone

For Hospitality suggestions see Marie Roccoforte, OFS.

For Sunshine call Marge Zombek, OFS to have a card sent to someone.

For info on the fraternity Website see Sharon Winzeler, OFS

Prayer Requests: go to Ida Irwin OFS  
 Ida Irwin, OFS does our scrapbook.

Newsletter see Frank Peluso, OFS  
 Articles welcome.

**May 22, 2016 Rite of Admission** at our fraternity gathering.

**June 25, 2016** Profession of Candidates at the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi. A Mass, celebrated by Father David McBriar, OFM, will be held in the Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels at 11:00 am. A reception will follow at 12:30 in the Assisi Community Center, Padua room.

**June 30-July 4, 2016: Secular Franciscan Quinquennial Gathering**, St. Louis, Missouri. As St. Francis gathered the friars for a Chapter of Mats, the Secular Franciscan Order gathers every five years in a National Congress.

**August 12-14, 2016 ARG** Ridgecrest Conference Center, NC

**September 30, (7:00 pm)- October 2, 2016 (12:00 pm) Secular Franciscan Retreat:** Avila Retreat Center, facilitated by Joanita Nellenbach OFS. Pre-registration recommended by emailing or calling Avila Retreat Center.

**October 3, 2016: Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi** St. Mary of the Angels Chapel at the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

**November 19, 2016 (9:00 am-4:00pm) Annual Fraternity Retreat** at the Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi. Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM will be our facilitator.

**Lose Weight:** The *Daily Planet* revealed that the Good Health Club of Raleigh had launched a new line of socks, dubbed **FatSox**, designed to help people lose weight. These revolutionary socks actually sucked body fat out of sweating feet, promising to "banish fat for ever."  
 (April Fool!)



**I Love you this much!**

### NEXT GATHERING

April 24, 2016  
 The Catholic Community  
 of  
 St. Francis of Assisi  
 Leesville Rd,  
 Raleigh, NC 27613

### FORMATION

In the  
 Lifelong Education  
 Siena Center  
 Rooms 751 and 752  
 Meets from 11:00 am  
 to 12:15 pm

### FRATERNITY GATHERING

at 1:00 to 3:00 pm  
 AnthonyHall,  
 in the  
 Founders Room  
 (Subject to change)