

Padre Pio Reactivating Fraternity

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I Love You this much!

The gatherings
 Are usually held
 In Trinity Center top floor 4th
 Sunday @ 1:30 pm
 (Subject to change.)
 @ St Michael Catholic Church,
 804 High House Road,
 Cary, NC

⇒ **Next Meeting Aug. 25th**
Come and See
from 2 - 4:00 pm
Everyone welcome

Franciscan Saints for August

2 Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula.

3 Bl. Frederic Janssoone, I Order
 4 St. John Vianney, priest of III Order.
 7 Bls. Agathangelus and Cassian, priests & martyrs of I O.
 8 Holy Father Dominic, priest, founder, Order of Preachers.

11 St. Clare of Assisi, virgin, II Order.

14 St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest of I Order.
 17 St. Roch, member of III Order.
 18 Bls. John Louis Loir, Protase Bourdon and Sebastian François, presbyters and martyrs of Rochefort (Cap.)

19 St. Louis of Toulouse, bishop of I Order.

21 St. Pius X, pope, member of III Ord.

23 Bl. Bernard of Offida, religious I Order

25 St. Louis IX, king, member & our patron, III O. See last page.

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 \*\*\*See our new web-sight thanks to Sharon  
 Winzler, OFS and Suzanne Stanard @  
[sfocentralnc.org](http://sfocentralnc.org)

### **August ~ Month of the Immaculate heart of**

#### **Mary and the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

Prayer:



O honored Mother of God and our loving Mother, we Secular Franciscans devote ourselves to the service of your blessed leadership, in order to hasten and assure, through the sovereignty of your immaculate heart, the coming of the kingdom of the Sacred Heart of your adorable Son, in our own heart, in our fraternity, and those of all men, in our country and in all the world, as in heaven, so be it on earth. Amen.

#### **“Be praised, my Lord, through our sister Bodily Death, from whose embrace no living person can escape.”**

Louise Friedman, OFS age 98 of Raleigh, North Carolina, died early Wednesday morning, July 24, 2013 at her home in Raleigh, North Carolina. She was a member of our Fraternity and was professed on December 13, 1953. Most members did not know her because she was excused because of health in recent years. Three of us attended her Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of Lourdes parish in Raleigh on July 29th. We were welcomed by her son Paul who is a Benedictine brother. She had received the sacraments and the prayer of Divine Mercy was said at her deathbed at her request.

*"Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him." ~ St. Clare of Assisi*



### Painting of St. Bonaventure

Prologue of

#### The Journey of the Mind Into God

By Saint Bonaventure

In the beginning the First Principle, from whom all other illuminations descend as from the Father of lights, by whom is every best gift and every perfect gift, that is the Eternal Father, I do invoke through His Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, with the intercession of the Most Holy Virgin Mary, the same Mother of Our God and Lord Jesus Christ, and of blessed Francis, our leader and father, to grant that the eyes of our mind be illumined to direct our feet in the way of His peace, which exceeds every sense; which peace Our Lord Jesus Christ has proclaimed and has given; the renewer of whose preaching was our Father Francis, announcing at the beginning and end of all his preaching peace, in every salutation choosing peace, in every contemplation longing towards ecstatic peace, as a citizen of that Jerusalem, concerning which that man of peace speaks, who with those who hate peace, was peaceable: Ask for those things which are for the peace of Jerusalem. For he knew, that the throne of Solomon was not but in peace, since it was written: In peace is made His place, and His dwelling in Sion.

### Happy August Birthday -

#### Many Blessings

Thomas Ryan 08/18



### World Youth Day - A Jesuit Who Acts Walks like Francis

"What is it that I expect as a consequence of World Youth Day? I want a mess. We knew that in Rio there would be great disorder, but I want trouble in the dioceses! [...] I want to see the church get closer to the people. I want to get rid of clericalism, the mundane, this closing ourselves off within ourselves, in our parishes, schools or structures. Because these need to get out!" ~ Pope Francis

"When Pope Francis said he wanted to "meet the people", few of his collaborators realized he was speaking quite so literally. One pope-watcher who tried to count the number of babies he kissed, gave up after reaching around 138 – not considering the ones that "got away" (to the everlasting dismay of their mothers who will doubtlessly spend the rest of their lives scolding these unfortunate kids for not letting themselves be kissed by a Pope). Highlights of the walkabout included the way Pope Francis calmed an especially exuberant group of school children by praying them into a brief but intense silence – and the patience he showed when he constantly risked having his sleeve (and right arm) ripped off by overly affectionate individuals who seemed intent on taking a piece of him back home with them. Again and again he plunged into the crowds that surrounded him, engaging people in conversation, dispensing blessings, caresses and words of encouragement and consolation." *Vatican news*

- Pope Francis said that the world "has made a cult, a god, of money. We are before a philosophy that exalts material goods," and that this striving for comfort and following the mundane must not seep into the Church. This philosophy, he reflected, "excludes" the youth and the elderly. "We do not let aged people speak, and as for young people - it is the same. They do not have the experience and the dignity of work ... Young people must be able to go out and fight for their values," he urged. "Care for the two extremes of life," he taught. As youth must be able to stand up for their values, so must "older people be able to speak out, to transmit their wisdom and knowledge. You must not let yourselves be marginalized. Faith in Christ is not a joke. The only sure way, is the way of Jesus, the resurrection of Jesus." - *EWTN News*

"There is no place for selfishness—and no place for fear! Do not be afraid, then, when love makes demands. Do not be afraid when love requires sacrifice"-- Bl. Pope John Paul II

"Do not walk through time without leaving worthy evidence of your passage." — Bl. Pope John XXIII

### The Holy Father's intentions for August

#### General:

**Parents and Teachers.** That parents and teachers may help the new generation to grow in upright conscience and life.

#### Missionary:

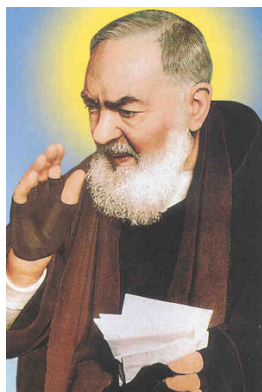
**The Church in Africa.** That the local Church in Africa, faithfully proclaiming the Gospel, may promote peace and justice.

"I wish my voice  
could reach all  
sinners:

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**Come to Christ  
where all is love."**

~ St. Pio



### The Fifth Chapter of Thomas à Kempis'

### Imitations of Christ

### **Reading the Holy Scripture**

TRUTH, not eloquence, is to be sought in reading the Holy Scriptures; and every part must be read in the spirit in which it was written. For in the Scriptures we ought to seek profit rather than polished diction.

Likewise we ought to read simple and devout books as willingly as learned and profound ones. We ought not to be swayed by the authority of the writer, whether he be a great literary light or an insignificant person, but by the love of truth. We ought not to ask who is speaking, but mark what is said. Men pass away, but the truth of the Lord remains forever. God speaks to us in many ways without regard for persons.

Our curiosity often impedes our reading of the Scriptures, when we wish to understand and mull over what we ought simply to read and pass by.

If you would profit from it, therefore, read with humility, simplicity, and faith, and never seek a reputation for being learned. Seek willingly and listen attentively to the words of the saints; do not be displeased with the sayings of the ancients, for they were not made without purpose.

### Potluck Lunch on Sunday, July 14

Ida Irwin OFS reserved a room at *The Meadows* for our potluck lunch. There was an ample amount of delicious food with international cuisine such as Philippine barbecue, pancit made with noodles pan-fried with chicken, pork, shrimp, cabbage and carrots; chicken tamales, deviled eggs, fruit, vegetables, and various delicious deserts. Anna Lee from Korea and Eugene's grandson Cody were also among those attending. Anna's parents in Korea are both Secular Franciscan's and she belonged to a Franciscan Youth Group. Anna and her husband are here attending college. A delightful social was enjoyed by those participating.

"Don't cry because it's over, smile because it happened." — *Dr. Seuss*



Seated Ginny Conway, Michael and Ailen Evaniuck  
Standing left to right: Suzie Nelson, Joanne Jacovec,  
Eugene Nagy, Frank Peluso, Eugene's friend Anna Lee,  
Maureen Copan, and Ida Irwin

*Picture taken by Cody Nagy.*



### Important Bits and Pieces

The Annual Regional Gathering will take place at Ridgecrest, NC on August 2-3-4, 2013.

Sunshine: If you know of anyone who is ill or has a death in the family please contact Suzie Nelson, OFS.

Library: To obtain books CD's, and other material contact Maureen Copan, OFS. These have been recently added: *The Life of St. Francis* by St. Bonaventure; St Claire, *Beyond the Legend* by Marco Bartoli; and, CD series (6) *The Art of Letting Go* by Richard Rohr, OFM

The apostolate at the Avila Retreat center will be resumed in September.

Another Franciscan Saint ~ Pope Francis cleared Pope John Paul II for sainthood, in October along with another beloved pope, John XXIII, a Secular Franciscan. The faithful saw in him a reflection of the goodness of God and called him "the good Pope".



### August 25 - St. Louis IX, Patron of the Secular Order of St. Francis

Saint Louis ruled during the so-called "golden century of Saint Louis", when the kingdom of France was at its height in Europe, both politically and economically. Rather than relating his sainthood to his life as king, the Franciscans memorialized Louis as a type of Francis through his sanctity, devotion, humility, almsgiving, care of the poor and sick, his desire to renounce the glory of kingship, and his physical suffering and desire for martyrdom in the Crusades.

"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, that you may be worthy to receive greater. Always side with the poor rather than with the rich, until you are certain of the truth." ~ St. Louis IX Advice to his children