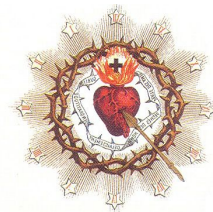


## THE PADRE PIO FRATERNITY

Secular Franciscan Order

The Brother and Sisters of St. Francis Region

*June ~ Month of the Sacred Heart*



### MAY 6, 2017 PICNIC SOCIAL AT BOND PARK IN CARY, NC

19 members and Brother Casey Cole, OFM who is currently at Immaculate Conception in Durham, NC braved the March weather to attend our May picnic. As usual, there was enough delicious picnic food for 100. Good food, and good company always make for an excellent gathering.

Casey will be traveling outside of the country for the third summer in a row. Starting July 2 and ending August 7, he will be making his first European trip. Since he will be making his solemn professional vows, Casey must make a retreat. For him, it will be the original Franciscan holy places—Rome, Rieti, Assisi, and La Verna—to contemplate his life as a Franciscan in the very places where the Franciscan gift was endowed. You could say that he's a little excited about that! This is his 6th year of formation. He'll make his solemn vows in August and have two more years of formation at Chicago Theological Union before ordination which will be two years later.

Casey spoke to us about his formation and our OFS formation and the complexity of discernment. Discernment can't be rushed, as he surrenders to God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. While discerning his Franciscan vocation, he considered what he would be giving up if he became a friar, and he realized it would be the opportunity to marry and have a family. But, when considering what it would mean to become a friar, it was to be in community with other men who dedicated their lives to following in the footsteps of St. Francis...not separate from the world, but serving and "working" in the world. Francis, in his early writings, didn't use the word "minister" but rather, he considered it "work" - God's work...such as repairing churches. Casey has an affinity with media: videos, presentations, blogging, public speaking, etc., which enables him to use his interests and talents to benefit others and to highlight what it means to be a Franciscan. He is currently creating a series of videos about the daily life of friars, including Father Bill McConville, OFM, who lives in the friary with Casey in Durham at Immaculate Conception Parish. *The trailer was introduced on YouTube on May 14.*



Louis, Sharon, Joanne, Frank



Michael, Casey, Louis, Anna, Alexandra, Phil, Me. Ida.



Marie, Victoria, Lee

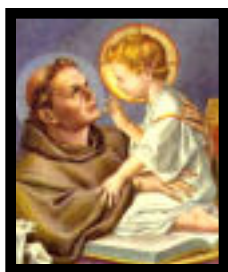
## DEDICATION FOR JUNE

The month of June is dedicated to The Sacred Heart of Jesus. This month falls within the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, which is represented by the liturgical color green. This symbol of hope is the color of the sprouting seed and arouses in the faithful the hope of reaping the eternal harvest of heaven, especially the hope of a glorious resurrection. It is used in the offices and Masses of Ordinary Time. The last portion of the liturgical year represents the time of our pilgrimage to heaven during which we hope for reward.

## THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS FOR JUNE FOR NATIONAL LEADERS.

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many

### ST. ANTHONY'S PRAYER FOR JUSTICE



Dear Saint Anthony, you were prompt to fulfill all justice. You gave God and His creation the service He required from you. You respected other people's rights and treated them with kindness and understanding. Saint Anthony, Zealous for Justice, teach me the beauty of this virtue. Make me prompt to fulfill all justice toward God and toward all creation. Help me also in my pressing needs. *Franciscan Mission Associates*

### ST. PADRE PIO COUNSELS

"Walk amid wind and waves, but with Jesus. If fear strongly grips you, exclaim with St. Peter: "O. Lord, save me!" He will extend His hand to you. Seize it firmly and walk cheerfully."

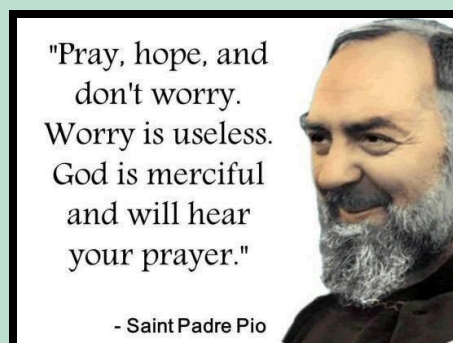
#### PADRE PIO MOMENTS

In the garden of the convent there were trees; cypresses, some fruit and some pine. Especially on summer afternoons, Father Pio used to stay in the shade together with his friends and guests in order to have a little relief from the hot weather. Once when Father Pio was speaking with some people a large number of birds suddenly started to chirp and make noise from the shade of the trees. The birds had composed a symphony. Father Pio became annoyed with the symphony so, looking at the birds he said: "Keep silent!" At which point, the birds, the crickets and the cicadas fell silent. The people who were in the

garden were greatly astonished! In fact Father Pio had spoken to the birds like Saint Francis.

#### PADRE PIO QUOTE

"You must always humble yourself lovingly before God and before men, because God speaks only to those who are truly humble and He enriches them with His gifts. Humility and purity are the wings which carry us to God and make us almost divine."



"Pray, hope, and don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer."

- Saint Padre Pio

## **NOTE: ALL SPONSORS NEED TO PARTICIPATE IN CANDIDATE FORMATION**

### **DISCERNMENT OF AN INQUIRER – AS A PROFESSED OFS, DO YOU REMEMBER?**

#### **DESIRE:**

Do you have the obvious desire to learn about the Secular Franciscan Order?

#### **MOTIVATION:**

Can you demonstrate proper motivation: Are you looking for a pious organization only? Are you looking for apostolic action only? Are you looking for a family life only? Are you looking for a social life only? Are you looking for a life style only?

#### **RESTRICTIONS:**

Are you free from any restriction that would hamper you from following the Secular Franciscan Rule, such as serious medical impediments, emotional or psychological problems?

#### **FAITH:**

Do you have a basic understanding of the Catholic Faith and Doctrine, and display a good mix of apostolic activity and prayer life?

#### **ACTIVE PARTICIPATION:**

Are you capable and willing to be an active participant in fraternity life and the formation program?

#### **PERMANENT:**

Do you understand that the Secular Franciscan Order is a vocation with a permanent commitment?

#### **FIRST REQUIREMENT OF A BEGINNING “INQUIRER”**

Jesus asks, “But you, who do you say I am?”

1. This requires a personal answer which causes the inquirer to establish a true personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. First element of that relationship: we learn the personal experience of Francis’ relationship with Jesus Christ, characterized by radically, totally, and permanently being involved with Jesus Christ!
3. The Franciscan formation journey begins from the contemplation of the mystery of the Holy Trinity: A reality of a “family” communion, and the total gift of self, and from the contemplation of the humility of the Incarnation of the Son of God who withheld nothing for Himself.

**Discernment Questions** ~ From Brother Casey Cole OFM’s talk during our picnic, he said that when discerning, he always asks three questions.



1. What do you want to do?
2. What do you do best?
3. What does the world need?

He surrenders to the Holy Spirit, and the answers most times turn out to be the opposite of what he wanted. Do you ask these questions too? We are called to our Order by the Holy Spirit and should obey. Remember, we are God’s project!

## FRANCISCAN CALENDAR FOR JUNE

1. Bl. Felix of Nicosia, lay brother, Capuchin religious. d/ 1787
- 2. Bl. John Pelingotto, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1304**
3. Bl. Andrew of Spello, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1254
4. St. Francois Caracciolo, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1608
5. Bl. Pacific of Cerano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1482
6. Bl. Lawrence of Villamagna, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1535
- 7. Bl. Himiliana Cerchi, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1246**
8. Bl. Nicolas de Gesturi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1958
9. Bl. Innocent Guz, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1940
- 10. Bl. Edouard Poppe, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1924**
11. Bl. Yolanda of Hungary, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1298
12. Bl. Floride Cevoli, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1767
- <<13. **St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers. See page 3>>**
- 14. Bl. Zephirin Jimenez, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1936**
- 15. St. Vincenta Gerosa, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another**

- religious Institute, d. 1847, and Saint Mary Bartholomea Capitanio.**
- 16. Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer, Virgin, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1888**
- 17. Bl. Peter Gambacorti, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1435**
18. Bl. Guy of Cortona, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1250
19. Bl. Achille Puchata, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943
20. Bl. Micheline de Pesaro, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1356
21. Bl. Herman Stapien, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943
- 22. St. Thomas More, Martyr, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1943**
- 23. St. Joseph Cafasso, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1860**
24. Nativity of St. John the Baptist
25. Bl. Bienvenu de Gubbio, lay brother, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1232
26. Bl. Frederick Jassoone, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1916
- 27. Bl. Marguerite Baeys, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1879**
- 28. St. Barthelemie Capitanio, 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, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1315**

*"God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners." — Søren Kierkegaard, The Journals of Kierkegaard*

## CONGRATULATIONS : FR. WILLIAM McCONVILLE, OFM MARKS 50 YEARS AS A FRIAR by Stephen Mangione {April 25, 2017}



DURHAM, N.C. —His ideal vacation getaway is scaling a mountain. His introduction to ministry was celebrating Sunday Mass in a storefront. He's described in a novel as a cross between James Bond and a Christian evangelist — and when parishioners come to him for spiritual exercise, they get unsolicited advice on fitness and nutrition because he's also a serious amateur bodybuilder.

While this may sound like material for a TV drama series, it's the real life of William McConville, OFM, who this year is commemorating five decades as a professed Franciscan friar.

"My world as a friar has been extraordinarily rich in ministerial, educational and travel opportunities," says William, who since 2015 has lived at Duns Scotus Friary while serving as parochial vicar at the parish of the Immaculate Conception in Durham. "My Franciscan pilgrimage has enabled

me to be this composite of a person that other people like, and that allows me to bring the Franciscan spirit to everyone who comes to me with their needs."....

His interest in the Franciscans was sparked by a book he read as a seventh-grader about the life of St. Francis of Assisi — "He had everything, wealth and status, but gave it all away for a life dedicated to living like Jesus," Bill recalled in describing what fascinated him most about the story.

But it was a visit to his grandmother's house in Queens, N.Y., just before the family was moving to Alexandria, Va., that led him to the Franciscans. On her coffee table was a copy of *The Anthonian*, the Franciscan magazine published by St. Anthony's Guild. He tore out the recruitment page.

During his freshman year at the local public high school in Alexandria, Bill wrote a letter to the Franciscans expressing his interest in the Order. "I broke the news to my parents when a Franciscan recruiter contacted me to set up an interview," Bill said, noting that there were times when he also contemplated following in his father's footsteps. "My father was surprised, but supportive — although he told me he had bigger plans, that he expected me to one day become [U.S.] Secretary of State.

To Read more go to: <https://hnp.org/profile-william-mcconville-marks-50-years-friar/>

### A BRIEF FRANCISCAN PHILOSOPHY (BONAVENTURE AND DUNS SCOTUS):

Jesus came to be one of us (Incarnation) because this was always God's intention. It was never dictated by any need of man. Love is the reason for creation, redemption and salvation. They are all the result of God's love.





**Annual Chapter/Gathering-  
Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis  
August 11-13, 2017 – Keynote Speaker -  
William Short, OFM  
Theme: “Living our Vocation guided by  
the Holy Spirit”**

*Thank you for your cooperation in signing up.  
We have 25 attending. If for any reason you  
must drop out please let us know as these rooms  
are being reserved.*

**Important Upcoming Events**

**October 3, 2017, 7:00 PM:** Transitus in the Chapel,  
reception to follow

**November 18, 2017, 9:00 - 4:00:** Annual Fraternity  
Retreat at Avila Retreat Center, Durham, NC, Carolyn  
Townes, OFS, retreat facilitator

**November, 19, 2017:** No Gathering of the Fraternity,  
Discernment Conversations with Candidates making  
their permanent profession.

**December 2, 2017:** Rite of Permanent Profession,  
Saturday, 11:00 AM, Our Lady of the Angels Chapel,  
followed by a 12:30 PM, Reception in **Anthony Hall**,

**Happy June Birthdays**



**02 Maryann Jenkins, OSC  
12 Frank Peluso, ofs  
19 Joanne Jacovec, ofs  
19 Sharon Ratteree, OSC**

For more information about the OSC's, our  
prayer partners, go to:

<http://poorclaresc.com/zzz/who-we-are/>

**Apostolates**

For **CPO or Library**  
E-mail  
Maureen Copan, ofs

For **Hospitality**  
Email  
Marie Roccoforte,  
ofs

For **JPIC & Oak**  
City Outreach, Email  
Ellen Ferrone, ofs  
(Oak City is 5/27/17)

For **Prayer Requests**  
Email  
Laurie Wilburn, ofs

For the **Scrapbook**  
Email  
Lee Cunningham,  
ofs, ofs

For **Sunshine**  
Call Marge Zombek,  
ofs

For the **Newsletter**  
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Frank Peluso, ofs

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**Council Members  
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Vacant

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Frank Peluso, ofs

**Appointed Vice  
Minister:**  
Suzanne Nelson, ofs

**Appointed Formation  
Director:**  
Sharon Winzeler, ofs

**Appointed Treasurer**  
Louis Coker, ofs

**Elected Secretary:**  
Maureen Copan, ofs

**Appointed Councilors:**  
Victoria Romero, ofs  
Marge Zombek, ofs

**BSSF Region  
Minister:**  
DorothyAnn Rowland,  
ofs

**Area 3 Councilors :**  
Bob Pearson, ofs  
Carolyn Peruzzi, ofs



I love you this much!

**NEXT GATHERING**  
June 25, 2017