



## THE PADRE PIO SECULAR FRANCISCAN FRATERNITY

### Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region



Gatherings at St. Francis Church, 11401 Leesville Rd, Raleigh, NC 27613  
Usually the Fourth Sunday at 1:00 pm in the Founders Room



*Diane Ambrose, OFS presenting "tools."*



### Area 3 Formation Workshop May 19, 2018

It was a great pleasure for us to host the third regional workshop given this year. Twenty-five persons attended from ten fraternities, including Padre Pio Fraternity, Raleigh, NC, St. Clare of Assisi Fraternity, Winston-Salem, NC, Franciscan Family of Greensboro, NC, Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Burlington, NC, Blessed Solanus Casey, Wilmington, NC, Fraternity of Stigmata of St. Francis, Duluth, GA, St. Francis of the Hills, Hendersonville, NC, Father Solanus Casey, Morehead City, NC, St. Anthony of Padua, Fayetteville, NC, and St. Thomas More, Wilmington, NC.

Diane Ambrose, OFS, Regional Formation Director was the main presenter. Her presentation included the items we should have in our Initial Formation "tool kit." They mainly included books and readings, audios, and websites. Joanita Nellenbach, OFS, a Spiritual Assistant, and Editor of the *Communio*, gave valuable information on the role of the Spiritual Assistant in Formation. The event provided fruitful information for updating and enriching the formation pillar of the fraternities in our BSSF Region. We thank Ellen Ferrone, OFS for chairing the hospitality committee which provided the luncheon, registration, and guides.

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## June Devotion



Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a very, very old practice originally arising out of devotion to the Sacred wounds of Christ and all that His sacrifice for us embodied. It is a beautiful practice with which you can get closer to Jesus in contemplation of the Passion and His most perfect sacrifice. In 1899, the human race was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus through Pope Leo XIII's decree in his encyclical, *Annum Sacrum*. Pope Pius X extended this by instituting this dedication to be renewed yearly.

The Feast Day for the Sacred Heart of Jesus falls 19 days after Pentecost. This year that meant it was June 8th. In 2018, The devotion is often tied to the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

“Look at this Heart which has loved men so much, and yet men do not want to love Me in return. Through you My Divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth.” – from St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's vision of Jesus.

## Pope's Intention For June

Universal – Social Networks

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their difference. - USCCB

“To keep me from sin and straying from Him, God has used devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. My life vows destined to be spent in the light irradiating from the tabernacle, and it is to the Heart of Jesus that I dare go for the solution of all my problems” - Pope John XXIII

## Happy June Birthdays

- 2 Sister Maryann Jenkins, OSC
- 12 Frank E. Peluso, OFS
- 19 Joanne Jacovec, OFS
- 19 Sister Sharon Ratteree, OSC

## Psalm 139 Birthday Prayer

Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth; all the stages of my life were spread out before you, the days of my life all prepared before I've even lived one day. Your Thoughts - how rare, how beautiful! God, I'll never comprehend them! I couldn't even begin to count them - any more than I could count the sand of the sea. Oh, let me rise in the morning and live always with you! (And I add, thank you for everything in my life the good and the bad which made me strong in you.)

### APOSTOLATES

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Email Joe Travers, OFS

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Gladys Whitehouse

For **Sunshine**  
Call Marge Zombek, OFS

For the **Newsletter**  
Email Frank Peluso, OFS  
Articles welcome

For the **Website**  
Email Michael Hancock,  
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**We are on the web at:**

<http://ofscentralnc.org>



## Annual Regional Gathering-ARG

The Annual Regional Gathering-will be held August 3-5, 2018 at the Conference Center in Ridgecrest, NC. The visitors will be from the National organization, It's a good way to meet and to get to know our National Council members.



Last year's attendees from Padre Pio.

### From the Spring Communio Annual Regional Gathering

Last year, Ridgecrest gave us private dining at no extra charge. This was because a very large group was at the conference center at the same time. If you were at the 2015 ARG, you'll remember this group, so large (1,000 or more people) that it was hard for us to find seats in the dining room. Our members loved the private dining last year, as indicated by the evaluations we received. Ridgecrest is willing to provide the catering this year but will add \$5.00 to the cost of each meal. This will raise the meal cost from \$58.00 to \$83.00 for five meals. "When you have catering, we have to bring in separate staff to work your event," said Angela R. Beattie, Ridgecrest's account manager, via email. "The \$5.00 per person pays their wage to work your event." The meal plan is Friday evening dinner; Saturday breakfast, lunch, and dinner; and Sunday breakfast.

## Annual Picnic - Bond Park, Cary, NC



Good Company!



Good Weather!



Good Food!



In God's good environment!



## Padre Pio and the Sacred Heart

by Most Rev. Paolo Carta, Bishop Emeritus of Foggia

When I spoke on the theme: "How I saw Padre Pio during my seven years as Bishop of Foggia from 1955 to 1962," I presented Padre Pio's spirituality as "A man of God who prays—absolves—suffers—offers."

Invited again by the Capuchin Friars, custodians of the tomb which is the destination of pilgrims from all the corners of the world, I am most happy to celebrate today and tomorrow the Mass with you and for you, my very dear brethren, inviting you to meditate with me on two other fundamental aspects of the spirituality of Padre Pio. Today Padre Pio and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Tomorrow, God willing, Padre Pio and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

### Devotion to the Sacred Heart

First of all it will be well to remember the deep significance of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

According to the admirable Encyclical of Pius XII *Haurietis aquas in gaudio*, the object of this devotion is the physical heart symbol of the triple love of Jesus: divine spiritual love that Jesus, as God, has in common with the Father and the Holy Spirit—spiritual human love—human tangible love.

It is the devotion to the love of Jesus for the Father and for us, and it is the devotion of love for Jesus as our reply, because love is repaid with love. This devotion ends with the Person of Jesus Himself, but considering his love, his interior life, his perfect human life.

The Heart of Jesus is the centre of his personality; it is the intimate source from which his thoughts originate, his affection, his words, his works. It is the key of all the dogmas, it is the explanation of all the mysteries, it is the profound sense of each word of the Gospel because everything is illuminated and inflamed

by charity. This is why Pius XI wrote in his Encyclical *Miserentissimus Redemptor*: "The Heart of Jesus is the compendium of the whole Catholic religion."

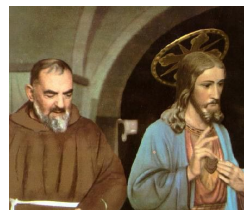
It is not a devotion amongst others; it is the soul of all devotions. It is not a sentimental devotion because it obliges us to imitate the virtues of the Sacred Heart and especially to love the Heavenly Father and the brethren up to the heroism of total immolation. It is not a devotion foreign to actual social problems, because it aims at establishing the social kingdom of the Heart of Christ which is the kingdom of justice, love and peace.

Padre Pio knew this thoroughly through his profound intellectual knowledge and the prodigious personal experience he had of Christ's divinity and of his most sacred humanity.

But he certainly did not ignore the place occupied by Saint Francis in the story of the devotion to the Sacred Heart, which was revealed by Jesus Himself to Saint Margaret Mary in the vision of 4 October 1673, feast of the Saint of Assisi. Here is what the Saint relates: "Our Lord showed me this great Saint clothed in light and incomparable splendor and raised to very great glory, above all the Saints, because during his life he was most devoted to the Passion: a devotion that compelled Jesus, the divine and crucified Friend, to imprint Himself in the Saint with the five wounds and make of him one of the greatest favorites of his Heart."

Padre Pio's devotion to the Sacred Heart manifested itself in the mystical union, in a faithful imitation, a loving reparation and confident prayer.

For more go to: <https://www.ewtn.com/>





## How Would you answer Him?

Mark and Matthew's Portrait of Jesus: The Gospel according to Matthew accepts and uses the main titles found already in his main source, Mark's Gospel, including Christ or Messiah, Son of God, Son of Man, Rabbi, and Teacher.

However, in contrast to Mark, Matthew adds several new titles and emphasizes certain aspects of Jesus' identity differently from Mark.

Matthew's Gospel begins by identifying Jesus as "the son of David, the son of Abraham" (1:1), thus indicating Jesus' Davidic/royal and Abrahamic/Jewish heritage, respectively. Throughout Matthew's Gospel, Jesus is also presented as "the New Moses" for the people of Israel, and is given a variety of other titles, including Emmanuel, Savior, Prophet, and King of the Jews.

But who does Jesus say He is? In going to the Gospel according to John: In John 1-3, we find that Jesus existed from the beginning. From the beginning, Jesus was with God, and Jesus was God. Then, throughout John's Gospel, Jesus tells us who He is seven times..

1. Jesus says,, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst" (John 6:35).
2. Jesus says, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).
3. Jesus says "I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture" (John 10:9).
4. Jesus says, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11).
5. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26).
6. Jesus says, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6).

7. Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15: 1, 5).

However in Matthew 16:15, Jesus says "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" He is not only asking that only of Peter but He asks it of us. How would you answer Him? - by *F.E.P.*

## We Celebrated the May Birthdays



Anna Rzewnicki, Maureen Copan, OFS, Theresa Flynn, OFS



Ellen, John and Gail at Oak City Outreach Center

## You Are Invited

Suggestions and written articles from our members are welcome for the Newsletters. Email Frank Peluso, OFS,

### Franciscan Saints for June

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
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 , d. 1767
- 13. St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1231 Plenary Indulgence for cordbearers**
14. Bl. Zephirin Jimenez, Martyr, Franciscan **Third Order Secular**, d. 1936
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
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 Baeyts, 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, Holy Day of Obligation, Plenary Indulgence
30. Bl. Raymond Lulle, Martyr, Franciscan **Third Order Secular**, d. 1315

## May Gathering

Trevor Thompson, Director of JPIC for St. Francis Church gave a motivational talk on Chapter 2, Article 15. "Let them individually and collectively be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their human lives and their courageous initiatives. Especially in the field of public life, they should make definite choices in harmony with their faith." He encouraged us to dialogue and find the best way to perform social justice through the actions of our fraternity. We will continue to discuss the ways we can do this.

## Let Us Pray

Hear our prayers, O, Lord, and grant that these our brothers and sisters, who spend their daily lives in the service of others, may imbue their earthly affairs with a genuine gospel spirit. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.