



## 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  
*"Embracing Our Rule That All May Be One" 2018 ARG Theme*

### RITE OF ADMISSION

On Sunday, June 24, 2018, Jeanne Casciere, Joan Monti, Mike Oeser, Alexandra Rommel, Anna Rzewnicki, and David Bryan Shick were admitted into the Secular Franciscan Order. We are so happy that they desire to continue into our way of life. They have our support and the encouragement of our prayers, our formation, and our example. The fraternity reminds them of St. Francis' words to his brothers: "I Have Done What Is Mine to Do; May Christ Teach You Yours."

Our Formation team under the direction of S. Lynn Oeser, OFS is Victoria Romero, OFS, Louis Coker, OFS, Suzanne Nelson, OFS and Frank Peluso, OFS. We thank them for their conscientious and hard-working efforts of formation.

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Louis Coker, OFS, Frank Peluso, OFS, David Schick, OFS, Joan Monti, OFS, Jeanne Casciere, OFS, Anne Rzewnicki, OFS, Minister, Joe Travers, OFS, Alexandra Rommel, OFS, S. Lynn Oeser, OFS, Mike Oeser, OFS, and Suzie Nelson, OFS (Photographs by Joanne Jacovec, OFS, and Michael Hancock, OFS)



Rite of Admission



Lord, this is the people  
that longs to see your face



The Franciscan  
Crown  
On-going Formation



We ask to enter the  
Secular Franciscan Order



Michael, Ralph &  
Lynn  
Provide the music



Giving gifts

## Council Members

**Spiritual Assistant:**  
Greg Spuhler, OFM  
Conv.

**Minister:**  
Joe Travers, OFS  
**Vice Minister:**  
Victoria Romero,  
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**Formation Director:**  
S. Lynn Oeser, OFS

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Suzie Nelson, OFS

## BSSF Region

**Regional Minister**  
DorothyAnn  
Rowland, OFS

**Area 3 Councilors:**  
Bob Pearson, OFS  
Carolyn Peduzzi,  
OFS



We love you this  
much!



## July 2018- Overview for the Month

**The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not the sharing of the Blood of Christ?**

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. 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.

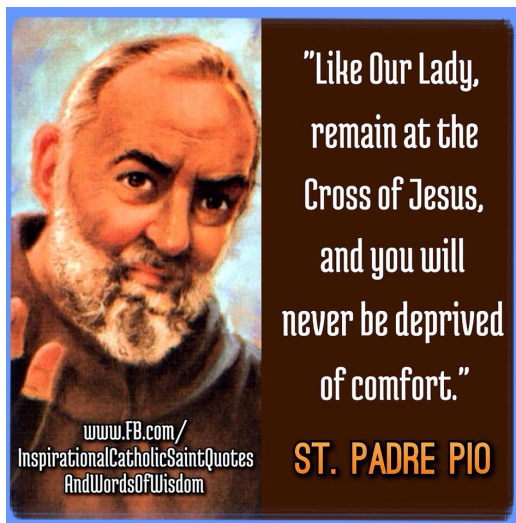
## The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of July 2018

### Evangelization – Priests and their Pastoral Ministry

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

### Franciscan Doctors of the Church

Doctor of the church is a very special title accorded by the Church to certain saints. This title indicates that the writings and preachings of such a person are useful to Christians "in any age of the Church." There are three Franciscan Doctors: They are St. Anthony, St. Bonaventure, and St. Lawrence. The latter two are celebrated this month.



**"The longer the trial to which God subjects you, the greater the goodness in comforting you during the time of the trial and in the exaltation after the combat."**  
- St. Pio

## APOSTOLATES

For **CPO** or **Library**  
Email Maureen Copan, OFS

For **JPIC & Oak City Outreach**, Email Ellen Ferrone, OFS  
**(Oak City 07/21/18)**

For the **Music Ministry** And **Formation**  
Email S. Lynn Oeser, OFS

For **Prayer Requests**  
Email Joanne Jacovec, OFS

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

For **Hospitality** Email Gladys Whitehouse

For **Sunshine**  
Call Marge Zombek, OFS

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

For the **Website**  
Email Michael Hancock, OFS

**We are on the web at:**  
<http://ofscentralnc.org>

### Happy July Birthdays

02 Chris Peffley, OFS  
 05 Victoria Romero, OFS  
 07 Bernadette Cappola, OSC  
 10 Carolyn Forgette, OSC



### Congratulations Profession Anniversary



Joyce Wesner, OFS  
 07/02/2003



### God Bless America

### Franciscan Doctors of the Church

On St. Francis “it was whispered unto his spirit that spiritual merchandise hath its beginning in the contempt of the world, and that the warfare of Christ is to be begun by victory over self.” - Saint Bonaventure

“God is love, and all his operations proceed from love. Once he wills to manifest that goodness by sharing his love outside himself, then the Incarnation becomes the supreme manifestation of his goodness and love and glory. - Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

“Learn to love humility, for it will cover all your sins. All sins are repulsive before God, but the most repulsive of all is pride of the heart. Do not consider yourself learned and wise; otherwise, all your efforts will be destroyed, and your boat will reach the harbor empty. If you have great authority, do not threaten anyone with death. Know that, according to nature, you too are susceptible to death, and that every soul sheds its body as its final garment.” - Saint Anthony of Padua

“If you do not know your own dignity and condition, you cannot value anything at its proper worth.” – Saint Bonaventure, *Holiness of Life*

**"Embracing Our Rule That All May Be One" 2018 ARG Theme**



## WHO WAS ST. FRANCIS?

A meditation based on the *Liturgical Novena of St. Francis* by Julian Fuzer, OFM

1. Francis, **the Lover of Christ** - "Always was he occupied with Christ. Christ was in his heart, on his lips, in his ears, in his hands, in all his members." - Thomas of Celano

Heavenly Father, thank you for giving us Blessed Francis as our guide and teacher.

2. Francis, **the Imitator of Christ** - "O truly, Christian man who by perfect imitation tried while living to be conformed to the living Christ; when dying to be conformed to the dying Christ; when dead had to be like the dead Christ; and who merited to be adorned with an exact resemblance of Him." - St. Bonaventure

Heavenly Father, may the example of Blessed Francis teach us to think, feel, and imitate Christ.

3. Francis **the Image of Christ Crucified** - "The love of Christ Crucified pervaded his soul like the fragrance of a bundle of myrrh, and he desired by the intense fire of his love, to be completely transformed unto Him." - St. Bonaventure

Heavenly Father, like Blessed Francis may we have an ardent love for the sacred passion of Christ.

4. Francis, **the Apostle of Christ** - "Francis was sent by God to give testimony to the truth in the whole world after the example of the apostles." - Thomas of Celano

Heavenly Father, like Blessed Francis breathe into our hearts the same Holy Spirit so that we may evangelize like the apostles by word and example.

5. Francis, **the Catholic man** - "He was entirely imbued with the Catholic faith and was filled with reverence towards the servants and the service of God." - Thomas of Celano

Heavenly Father, like Blessed Francis may we be obedient to the teaching, governing, and sanctifying authority of the Catholic Church.

6. Francis, **Servant of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - "He loved the Mother of our Lord, Jesus with a love that cannot be described because she made the Lord of Majesty our brother, and through her we have obtained mercy." - Thomas of Celano

Heavenly Father, who through Blessed Francis gave us a special patroness in the Blessed Virgin Mary, help us to faithfully serve you as did our patroness and protector.

7. Francis, **the Little Poor Man of Christ** - "Francis maintained that poverty was the queen among virtues as it had become so radiantly manifested in the King of Kings as the Queen, his Mother." - St. Bonaventure

Heavenly Father, help us to savor the delights of evangelical poverty as Blessed Francis did that we may never desire to possess anything in this world but the love of Jesus.

8. Francis, **Loving Friend of the Holy Eucharist** - "Every fiber of his heart was aglow with love for the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ and with exceeding great admiration he marveled at the condescending love of the Lord." - Thomas of Celano

Heavenly Father grant that we may always imitate Blessed Francis in honoring and loving these most holy mysteries.

9. Francis, **The Troubadour of Almighty God** - "When he considered the origin of all things, he would be filled with overflowing piety, and he called all creatures by the name of brother and sister because they sprang from the same original principle as he himself." - St. Bonaventure

Heavenly Father grant that by the holy example of Blessed Francis we may always thank you and praise you as we love and care for the beautiful, wondrous things and creatures you have given us.

**JULY - MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

1. Feast of the Precious Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ
2. Feast of the Visitation of Our Lady
3. Bl. Marie Anne Fontcuberta, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1886
4. 40 Martyrs of China, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order and Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1900
5. Bl. Ignace Falzon, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1865
6. St. Maria Goretti, Virgin Martyr, Corderbearer, d. 1902
7. Bl. Oddino Barrotti, Priest, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1400
8. St. Elizabeth of Portugal, Virgin, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1336
9. St. Veronica Giuliani, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1727
10. 8 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Damas, d. 1860
11. 11 Martyrs religious of the Franciscan 1st Order of Holland, d. 1572
12. Sts. Geoffrey and Joachim, Priests, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, martyrs 1679
13. St. Francis Solano, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1610
- 14. St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1274**
15. Bl. Bernard of Baden, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1458
16. Our Lady of Mount Carmel; St. Marie-Madeleine Postel, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1846
17. Bl. Pierre De Foligno, Confessor, Franciscan Third Order Secular, d. 1614
18. St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1614
19. St. Vincent de Paul, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1660
20. St. Jerome Emilien, Priest, had been a tertiary before founding or joining another religious Institute, d. 1537
- 21. St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest, Capuchin religious, Doctor of the Church, d. 1619**
22. Bl. Angelina of Marciano, Virgin, religious of the Third-Order Regular [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1435
23. Bl. Louise of Savoy, Virgin, of the Franciscan 2nd-Order; a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1503
24. Bl. Modestin de Jesus-Marie, Priest, religious of the Franciscan 1st Order, d. 1864
25. Bl. Antoine Lucci, Bishop, Conventual religious, d. 1752
26. St. Anne, mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary
27. Bl. Mary Magdalene Martinengo, Virgin, Capuchin, d. 1737
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 [living in community, under a Rule], d. 1946
30. St. Leopold de Castelnovo, Priest, Capuchin religious, d. 1942