

# Padre Pio Fraternity

Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region  
Secular Franciscan Order of  
Central  
North Carolina

*the little flowers of Padre Pio Fraternity*

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## Minister's Memo

by Ellen Ferrone, OFS *Regional Minister*

We all know central to the St. Francis conversion story is his encounter with the leper. We too are asked, what is your story, what encounter made you stop and think this is my Lord, Jesus Christ?

Rituals, our faith is full of them: the Nativity, Easter Vigil, The Passion. As a part of our learning, growing up many participate in these reenactments. Rarely do we reenact the ritual of the encounter with a leper. Lee Cunningham, OFS Regional Councilor and I were blessed to have taken part in a Franciscan Pilgrimage Study program to Assisi. As a way of diving deeper into the story of St. Francis there were rituals. One ritual was the Catholic Church of the 13th Century and the Leper.

We are at La Maddalina, now a convent but once a leprosarium in the valley below Assisi. We have just enjoyed a wonderful picnic lunch, which includes sandwiches, chips and wine (remember we're in Italy). We're ready to start the reenactments/rituals which are like plays. There is a script, and several people are asked to take a role in the ritual. Sr. Nancy one of our guides asks for volunteers to take the different roles. Going once, twice, three times, no takers for the leper. I volunteer, how hard can it be?

We start in the chapel. *The priest reads the prayers; "Die to this world". She is sprinkled with black earth. She is given a cloak, "put it on as a sign of humility, never leave without it". It is an ominous uniform, which will make everyone she meets, flee from her. "Take this flask, you are forbidden to drink from rivers, streams, wells. Take these gloves, you are forbidden to touch anything that is not yours. You must always walk against the wind. Take this tentennella (wooden clapper), sound it to warn others of your presence".*

I am now led out of La Maddalina (which would have been in Assisi) and led to the leprosarium, San Rufina d'Arche. We walk along the street, I sound the tentennalla. There is a pause before we can enter which would be my cell. We wait and wait and wait. People look on, I'm feeling the sadness. Who are the lepers of today? We enter the chapel. The cell is ready. There is a low mean bed, like a brier, a table, a chair, an old lamp, a strong box. I am handed a pair of sandals, a camel skin hood, an earthen pot, a beechwood bowl, a copper jug, a belt and a knife. I now pronounce, "Here is my perpetual resting place. Here I shall live. This is my vow". The ritual concludes, the chapel is quiet, Sr. Nancy asks "how do I feel?"

It's not like I needed the question to be asked. I feel it; *George Floyd, Ahamad Aubrey, Brianne Taylor...*



# \* TRANSITUS 2023 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH DURHAM, NC



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## THE TRANSITUS (DEATH) OF SAINT FRANCIS

Saint Francis died just after sunset on October 3. He recited Psalm 142 and, during the closing verse, he died. This event is solemnly recalled each year by Franciscans to honor their holy Father's entrance into joy. We invite you to commemorate this night

### TRANSITUS SERVICE IN ONE'S OWN HOME

The following observance may be done in the privacy of your own home or with a few others in your living room or parlor.  
Light two candles and have a relic or image of St. Francis available.

Begin with Evening Prayer 1 from the Liturgy of the Hours. If you do not have the Liturgy of the Hours or do not know how to pray it, pray instead the Fourth and Fifth Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, 'The Crucifixion of Jesus' and 'The Death of Jesus on the Cross.'

Read the following excerpt from Francis's Testament given shortly before he died:

#### The Testament of Saint Francis (1226)

*I worked with my own hands, and I am still determined to work, and with all my heart I wish to have all the rest of the brothers work at employment that can be carried out without scandal. Those who do not know how to work should learn, not because they want to get something for their efforts, but to give good example and to avoid idleness. And should the wages of our work not be given to us, we can turn to God's table and beg alms from door to door. God revealed a form of greeting to me, telling me that we should say, "God give you peace."*  
Pause for a few moments of silent reflection.

Venerate (kiss or touch) the Relic or image of St. Francis.  
An appropriate hymn or song may be sung.

The following antiphon is said:

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Francis, poor and humble, enters heaven rich and is welcomed with celestial hymns. Alleluia.*

Then follows Psalm 142:

<sup>1</sup> A maskil of David, when he was in the cave. A prayer.

<sup>2</sup> *With full voice I cry to the LORD; with full voice I beseech the LORD.*

<sup>3</sup> *Before God I pour out my complaint, lay bare my distress.*

<sup>4</sup> *My spirit is faint within me, but you know my path. Along the way I walk they have hidden a trap for me.*

<sup>5</sup> *I look to my right hand, but no friend is there. There is no escape for me; no one cares for me.*

<sup>6</sup> *I cry out to you, LORD, I say, You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.*

<sup>7</sup> *Listen to my cry for help, for I am brought very low. Rescue me from my pursuers, for they are too strong for me.*

<sup>8</sup> *Lead me out of my prison, that I may give thanks to your name. Then the just shall gather around me because you have been good to me.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

The Antiphon is repeated:

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Francis, poor and humble, enters heaven rich and is welcomed with celestial hymns. Alleluia.*

Blow out the candles to signify the death of Saint Francis.

Then, having in mind St. Francis' devotion to the wounds of our Lord, and looking at the figure of the Crucified, with arms outstretched, say five times the prayer of Our Lord: *Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed by Thy Name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.*  
End with the following prayer:

*O God, you granted our blessed Father Francis the reward of everlasting joy: grant that we, who celebrate the memory of his death, may at last come to the same eternal joy; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

# Eucharistic Congress 2023

by Travis Bongiorno, OFS



Photo Credit: Travis Bongiorno, OFS

On October 21st, 2023, the Diocese of Raleigh held its first ever Eucharistic Congress at the Raleigh Convention Center. As hundreds of Catholics excitedly entered the building at the opening gates to escape the brisk snap of Autumn's chill that Saturday morning, I got to meet many new faces around the Diocese and catch up with many Franciscans of the First and Third Orders. Our faithful Shepard, Bishop Zarama challenged us to be living tabernacles and bearers of Christ to all whom we meet. I attended a talk hosted by Monsignor Michael Clay in which he enlivened our hearts by highlighting the spiritual reality of the Mass as Heaven on earth, why it should be the focal point and arguably the most interesting facet of our week, of our entire lives. Yet throughout the hustle and bustle that comprised my day's schedule, what impressed me most about the Eucharistic Congress was not simply the fact that I had the honor of participating in the first of its kind in the state of North Carolina. It was not the exhilaration of knowing that so many Catholics showed up in solidarity as a nod to the Church's teaching about the Bread of Life Himself. It was the realization of a paradox rooted at the heart of the day's events: as Catholics, the spiritual treasures of the Faith foster within us a sense of "liturgical living" in the Sacraments which clearly separates us from a secular world today that seems confused and even hostile to religious mystery. Nevertheless, it is through an event such as this Congress which highlights the nature of the Eucharist as a species of worldly bread and wine transubstantiated into Divinity itself that we likewise continue to entwine ourselves within this world in order to cooperate with salvation history so that we bring about the Kingdom of God. We as Franciscans emanate true and perfect joy in our discipleship, our very beings by consecrating our fallen humanity, our striving hearts to an everlasting love in God. Our state as mere creatures of a Creator redeemed in love ascend to the heights of sanctity when we boldly in the Holy Spirit do as our faithful Shepard tells us, to indeed *be* Heaven on Earth, living tabernacles of the Word made Flesh to all that we encounter.

# Padre Pio Fraternity Gathering

Sunday October 22, 2023

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## RESPONSIBILITIES OF COUNCIL OFFICES – Taken from the General Constitutions

### **Article 49 The Fraternity Council**

The Council of the local Fraternity is composed of the following offices: Minister, Vice-Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and Teacher of Formation. Other offices may be added according to the needs of each Fraternity. The Spiritual Assistant of the Fraternity forms part of the Council by right.

The Fraternity, meeting in an Assembly or Chapter, discusses questions regarding its own life and organization. Every three years, in an Elective Assembly or Chapter, the Fraternity elects the Minister and the Council in the way established by the Constitutions and Statutes.

### **Article 50 Duties of the Council**

It is the duty of the Council of the local Fraternity:

- to promote the initiatives necessary for fostering fraternal life, for improving the human, Christian, and Franciscan formation of its members and for sustaining them in their witness and commitment in the world;
- to make concrete and courageous choices, appropriate for the situation of the Fraternity, from among the numerous activities possible in the field of the apostolate.

The duties of the Council are also:

- a) to decide on the acceptance and admission to Profession of new brothers and sisters;
- b) to establish a fraternal dialogue with members in particular difficulties and to adopt subsequent measures;
- c) to receive the request for withdrawal and to decide on the suspension of a member from the Fraternity;
- d) to decide on the establishment of sections or groups in conformity with the Constitutions and the Statutes;
- e) to decide on the use of available funds and, in general, to deliberate on matters concerning financial management and economic affairs of the Fraternity;
- f) to assign duties to the Councilors and to the other professed members;
- g) to request from the competent Superiors of the First Order and the TOR suitable and prepared religious as Assistants;
- h) to perform such other duties as required by these Constitutions which are necessary to carry out its proper purposes.

### **Article 51 The Offices in the Fraternity**

While firmly upholding the co-responsibility of the Council to animate and guide the Fraternity, the Minister, as the primary person responsible for the Fraternity, is expected to make sure that the directions and the decisions of the Fraternity and of the Council are put into practice and that he or she will keep the Council informed about the work being done.

2. The Minister also has the following duties:

- a) to call, to preside at, and to direct the meetings of the Fraternity and Council; to convoke every three years the Elective Chapter of the Fraternity, having complied with the requests of the Council on the formalities of the convocation;
- b) to prepare the annual report to be sent to the Council of the higher level after it has been approved by the Council of the Fraternity.
- c) to represent the Fraternity in all its relations with ecclesiastical and civil authorities. When, and if, the Fraternity acquires a juridical personality in the civil order, the Minister becomes, when possible, its legal representative;
- d) to request, with the consent of the Council, pastoral and fraternal visits, at least once every three years.
- e) to put into effect those acts which the Constitutions refer to his or her competence as Minister.

### **Article 52**

1. The Vice-Minister has the following duties:

- a) to collaborate in a fraternal spirit and to support the Minister in carrying out his or her specific duties;
- b) to exercise the functions entrusted to him or her by the Council and/or by the Assembly or Chapter;
- c) to substitute for the Minister in both duties and responsibilities in case of absence or temporary impediment;

The Secretary has the following duties:

- a) to compile the official acts of the Fraternity and of the Council and to assure that they are sent to their respective proper recipients;
- b) to keep the records and the registers up to date and file them, noting admissions, professions, deaths, withdrawals, and transfers from the fraternity ;
- c) to provide any communication of relevant facts to the various levels and, if appropriate, to disseminate through the mass media.

***The Teacher of Formation (Formation Director) has the following duties:***

- 1.a) to co-ordinate, with the help of the other members of the Council, the Formation activities of the fraternity;
- 2.b) to instruct and animate the aspiring members during the time of initiation (before admission), the candidates during the period of initial formation, and the newly professed;
- 3.c) to inform the Council of the Fraternity prior to Profession, concerning the suitability of the candidate for a commitment to live according to the Rule.

***The Treasurer, or Bursar, has the following duties:***

- 1.a) to guard diligently the contributions received, recording each receipt in the appropriate register, with the date on which it was given, the name of the contributor, or the person who collected it.
- 2.b) to record in the same, register the items of expense, specifying the date and the purpose, in conformity with the directions of the Fraternity Council;
- 3.c) to render an account of his or her administration to the Assembly and to the Council of the Fraternity according to the norms of the National Statutes.
- 4. The provisions regarding the rights and duties of the Vice-Minister, the Secretary and the Treasurer apply, with the appropriate adaptations, at all levels.

***Councilor:***

As a member of the Council, see Article 50 above.

**Discussion Questions**

- 1. What is the difference between a leader and a servant leader?
- 2. Why is it important to recognize that difference?
- 3. Discuss some leaders with whom you are familiar. How does their leadership style fall within the framework of a servant leader?
- 4. Why is it essential that Franciscans are servant leaders?
- 5. What are my gifts and special abilities that I can place better at the service of the Fraternity? Remember, the Holy Spirit has called you quite specifically to be a Secular Francisca, and there is not an option to refuse the calling of the Spirit to serve the Fraternity.
- 6. Who among our members do I see having unique gifts for each Council office? What are those gifts? Write down each person and their unique gifts that you see enabling them to serve well in that office.

Sign Up for Dec. 2 retreat begins today. See Mercedes.  
Cost is \$10.

***Gathering will be on Sunday November 19th, due to Thanksgiving.***

**Save the Dates:**

- Our next retreat will be **on Saturday, Dec. 2**, at St. Francis. Fr. Jacek Orzechowski, O.F.M., will lead us on an Advent retreat.
- We will serve at a special centenary celebration of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's creche at Greccio, Italy, at St. Francis of Assisi Church on **Friday, Dec. 15**.
- Fr. Steve Kluge, OFM, will lead our next retreat at St. Francis Springs on **May 10-12, 2024**.

## **Fraternity Council**

Spiritual Assistant: Fr. Hugh Macsherry, OFM

Minister: Sharon Winzeler, OFS

Vice Minister: Dave Shick, OFS

Formation Director: Charlotte Witosky, OFS

Treasurer: Zubair Simonson, OFS

Secretary: Michael Hancock, OFS

Councilors:

Joan Monti, OFS

Jeanne Casciere, OFS

Chris Peffley, OFS

BSSF Region Minister: Ellen Ferrone, OFS

Area 3 Councilors:

Lee Cunningham, OFS &

Betti Pettinati-Longinotti, OFS

Our website: [ofscentralnc.org](http://ofscentralnc.org)

Facebook: Padre Pio Fraternity Secular Franciscan  
Order of Central North Carolina

## **Apostolates**

JPIC & Newsletter: Rachel Bongiorno, OFS

Oak City Cares:

MaryLou Holloway, OFS & Mary Cockrill, OFS

On-going Formation Team:

Gladys Whitehouse, OFS

Prayer Requests:

Deacon Phil Rzewnicki, OFS

CPO & Fraternity Library: Maureen Copan, OFS

Website:

Sharon Winzeler, OFS

Hospitality:

Maureen McFadden, OFS & Alma Hammer, OFS

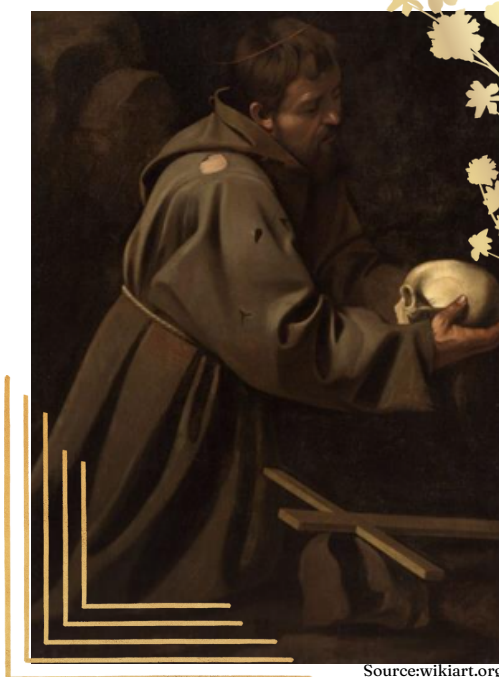
Sunshine: Frank Peluso, OFS & Laurie Wilburn

## **Meditations by Padre Pio**

Source: EWTN.com

Why do you distress ...

Why do you distress yourself because you cannot meditate, as you suppose? Meditation is a means to rise to God, but not an end. The final purpose of meditation is the love of God and one's neighbor. Love the first with all your soul and without reservation; love the second as another self, and you will have arrived at the final purpose of meditation. I beg of you therefore, not to spoil the work of God in yourself when the soul feels itself called to contemplate God. Be it in Himself or in his attributes, let yourself be conquered and don't desire to have the presumption to rise up to Him by the discursive way, which would be the first part of meditation. Apply yourself to move towards God, which would be the second part of meditation when you must come to the second part. But when the good God already places you in the second part, don't wish to turn back, which would be the same as spoiling everything.



Source: wikiart.org

We welcome those who would like to learn more about the Secular Franciscans. Join us for our monthly gatherings on the fourth Sunday of each month, beginning at 2:30 p.m. Location: Founders Room at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 11401 Leesville Rd., Raleigh, North Carolina.

# Happy Birthday

Source: Canva images

- 1 Barbara Redswick
- 7 John Price
- 9 Janette Perez, OFS
- 19 Lee Cunningham, OFS
- 27 Alex Rommel, OFS
- 30 Ginny Conway, OFS

## Profession Anniversaries

*Char Witosky, OFS*  
*November 26, 1989*

*Zubair Simonson, OFS*  
*November 15, 2015*


*Laurie Wilburn, OFS*  
*November 15, 2017*

*Shannon Brooks, OFS*  
*November 17, 2017*

## The Pope's Prayer Intentions for November

*For the Pope*

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Most High, glorious God  
enlighten the darkness of my heart.  
Give me true faith, certain hope and perfect charity,  
sense and knowledge that I may carry out Your Holy  
and true command.

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi to discern God's will

## November Franciscan Calendar

### Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory

1. Feast of All Saints – Holy day of Obligation
2. Commemoration of all of the Faithfully Departed – Plenary Indulgence for the holy souls when one visits a church or chapel and recites a Pater and a Credo
3. Bl. Helen Ensellini
4. St. Charles Borromeo
5. Feast of the Saints Relics
6. Bl. Margaret of Lorraine
7. Bl. Raynier of Arezzo
8. Bl. John Duns Scotus
9. Bl. Gabriel Ferritti
10. Bl. Louis Guanella
11. Bl. Mary Crucifixa
12. Bl. John of Peace
13. St. Didacus of Alcala
14. St. Nicholas Tavelich and Companions
15. Bl. Sebastien de Jesus
16. St. Agnes of Assisi, Virgin
17. Bl. Jane of Signa
18. Bl. Salome of Cracow
19. St. Elizabeth of Hungary
20. Bl. Migagros Ortells
21. Feast of the Presentation of the Holy Virgin Mary
22. Bl. Salvator Lilli
23. Bl. Marie de Jesus Bon Pasteur
24. Bl. Timothy Trajonowski
25. Bl. Humilis of Bisignano
26. St. Leonard of Port Maurice
27. St. Francis Anthony Fasani
28. St. James of the March, Priest
29. Saints of the Seraphic Order
30. Bl. Anthony Bonfadini

# Did you know?

By Frank Peluso, OFS

*Did you know that the Secular Franciscan Fraternity has rules to safeguard the integrity of the fraternity's elections?*

There must be at least two nominations for each office. In our Constitution we find that “the perpetually professed of the Fraternity have active voice, that is, they can elect, and passive voice, that is, they can be elected.” I am certain that you want the best council possible to lead you for three years. So, give your choices for each office to the nomination committee members.

The members of the nomination committee are Jeanette Cottone, OFS, Michael Hancock, OFS, John Halada, OFS, Joan Monti, OFS, and Suzie Nelson, OFS. And these people will call and ask the persons nominated if they accept the nomination. There is no arm twisting to be had in this process. Each person has the opportunity to look over the duties and responsibilities of the office which you can find at <https://secularfranciscansusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-Dec-updated-Translation-OFS-General-Constitutions-s1469.pdf> in articles 31-32 as well as articles 39-52. And note well: it states, “The presence of more than half of the number of those having the right to vote is required for the valid celebration of an Elective Chapter.” So please stay healthy and be present for the elections to be held on March 24, 2023.

As Sharon stated in the last newsletter. “What should you do? Start thinking about who you would like to serve on the council. Talk to that person. Tell him/her why you think they would make a good council member. Give them a little time to think about it. If the person agrees, you will call Frank, or a member of the committee mentioned above with the nomination.” Then each potential nominee will in turn be called by us. A potential nominee won’t be pressured to answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’ immediately. He/she will be given time to discern. During the gatherings in November, January and February. The election committee will ask for nominations from the floor. As that time any permanently professed member may also nominate themselves. Every human being possesses at least one skill or talent that he/she can contribute to the fraternity But, most people will agree that just being talented is not enough in this world, one needs to be consistent in their efforts in order to become successful. Talent and hard work go hand in hand to make a good council. The person using their talents will find their greatest happiness in using them. At least I have, and I have held every position on the council except treasurer and I obviously left that position for someone who has that talent.

Thus, I leave you all with a quote from that great columnist and humorist Erma Bombeck. “When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, *I used everything you gave me*”.

## The Four Pillars of Secular Franciscan Life

Spirituality



Formation



Fraternity



Apostolate



## Live Confidently

While Jesus predicts that people will die of fear “as they await what menaces the world” (Luke 21:26), he says to his followers: “Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). After I gazed for a long time at [Andrei] Rublev’s Trinity [icon] these words spoke to me with new power, “Praying at all times” has come to mean “dwelling in the house of God all the days of our lives.” “Surviving all that is going to happen” now tells me that I no longer need to be victim of the fear, hatred, and violence that rule the world. “Standing with confidence before the Son of Man” no longer just refers to the end of time, but opens for me the possibility of living confidently, that is, with trust (the literal meaning of confide) in the midst of hostility and violence.



Photo contributed by: Maureen Copan, OFS & Ellen Ferrone, OFS

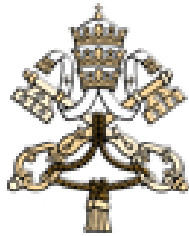
*Life is always more joyous with Secular Franciscans, especially if you all happen to be in Assisi on the same day!*

# Padre Pio Fraternity Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation

## Oak City Cares



***Our next hot meal service at Oak City Cares is on Saturday, November 25th***



APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION

**LAUDATE DEUM**

OF THE HOLY FATHER  
**FRANCIS**

TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL  
ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

*The Holy Father writes: "With the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons."*

Source: vaticannews.va

1. "Praise God for all his creatures". This was the message that Saint Francis of Assisi proclaimed by his life, his canticles and all his actions. In this way, he accepted the invitation of the biblical Psalms and reflected the sensitivity of Jesus before the creatures of his Father: "Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these" (Mt 6:28-29). "Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight" (Lk 12:6). How can we not admire this tenderness of Jesus for all the beings that accompany us along the way!

2. Eight years have passed since I published the Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si'*, when I wanted to share with all of you, my brothers and sisters of our suffering planet, my heartfelt concerns about the care of our common home. Yet, with the passage of time, I have realized that our responses have not been adequate, while the world in which we live is collapsing and may be nearing the breaking point. In addition to this possibility, it is indubitable that the impact of climate change will increasingly prejudice the lives and families of many persons. We will feel its effects in the areas of healthcare, sources of employment, access to resources, housing, forced migrations, etc.

3. This is a global social issue and one intimately related to the dignity of human life. The Bishops of the United States have expressed very well this social meaning of our concern about climate change, which goes beyond a merely ecological approach, because "our care for one another and our care for the earth are intimately bound together. Climate change is one of the principal challenges facing society and the global community. The effects of climate change are borne by the most vulnerable people, whether at home or around the world". [1] In a few words, the Bishops assembled for the Synod for Amazonia said the same thing: "Attacks on nature have consequences for people's lives". [2] And to express bluntly that this is no longer a secondary or ideological question, but a drama that harms us all, the African bishops stated that climate change makes manifest "a tragic and striking example of structural sin". [3]

4. The reflection and information that we can gather from these past eight years allow us to clarify and complete what we were able to state some time ago. For this reason, and because the situation is now even more pressing, I have wished to share these pages with you. Read more [here](#).

Source: vatican.va

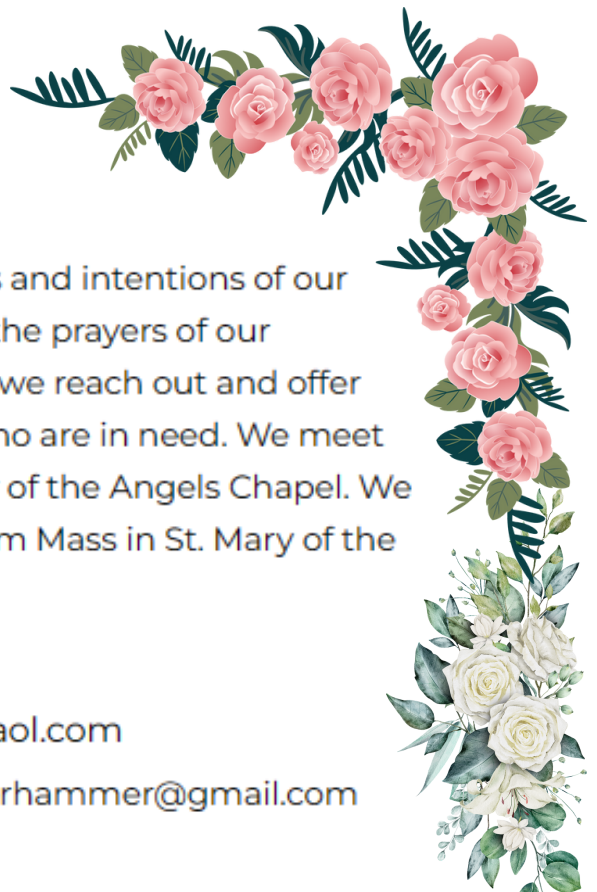


Photo submitted by Ellen Ferrone, OFS

## ***World Day Against the Death Penalty prayer & protest at Central Prison.***

35 people came out to pray the rosary and protest the death penalty. It was so wonderful to have so many Secular Franciscans, spouses and [our] unofficial mascot Gilbert there.

Contributed by Ellen Ferrone, OFS



## Rosary Ministry

In praying the Rosary, we include the petitions and intentions of our parishioners, the ministries of our parish, and the prayers of our community and world. By praying the Rosary, we reach out and offer spiritual support to our brothers and sisters who are in need. We meet every Monday from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel. We meet every morning immediately after the 9am Mass in St. Mary of the Angels Chapel

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SERAPHIC MASS ASSOCIATION  
*myMassRequest.org*  
SUPPORTING CAPUCHIN MISSIONS

There is no greater gift.

The Seraphic Mass Association is dedicated to supporting Capuchin missionaries around the world. We invite ordinary Catholics to participate in the mission work of the Church by their prayers, interest and concern, and financial support for Capuchin missionaries and the people they serve. Through Mass offerings and general donations, there is a special focus on Capuchin missionaries who labor in the most challenging circumstances.

Offerings for Masses are sent to missionaries. In poor regions, the Mass offering may be the only source of financial support for Capuchin missionaries and the expenses related to their pastoral work among the poor and forgotten.

The Seraphic Mass Association also makes appeals to the faithful to contribute to projects and purchases that are beyond the means of the people served by the missionaries. In turn, Capuchin missionaries are invited to request support for specific projects and expenditures.

The Seraphic Mass Association is committed to operating as a not-for-profit organization. We honor the financial donations for our missionaries and their work and are pledged to distribute those contributions according to the intentions of the donors.

Source: [mymassrequest.org](http://mymassrequest.org)



Source: HNOJ Cathedral Justice & Outreach



## HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

### Sharing Garden

The Sharing Garden is a ministry within the parish's Outreach and Social Action ministry. Gardeners rent a garden bed to grow produce for their own use, and also help with the 'sharing beds' where we grow produce to share with the Durham Coimmunity Food Pantry, for distribution to their clients throughout the growing season. For details, contact Anna Rzewnicki, [garden@holycrossdurham.org](mailto:garden@holycrossdurham.org)

### Garden projects | One hour at a time

- **Harvesting veggies** | Tuesday mornings 9 AM - 10 AM
- **Rinsing/Packing veggies** | Tuesday mornings, 10 AM-11 AM
- **Weeding, Trimming and Staking up veggies**
  - > Wednesday mornings 8 AM - 10 AM
  - > Friday mornings: 8 AM - 10 AM
  - > (Rain Day) Alternate: Saturday Mornings: 9 AM - 11 AM

Send an email message to [amrzewnicki@gmail.com](mailto:amrzewnicki@gmail.com), with the day/time that you would like to help in the Sharing Garden.

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## Franciscan Network on Migration

### OUR IDENTITY

The Franciscan Network for Migrants is a network of franciscan-hearted people, lay and religious, who offer support, humanitarian assistance and welcome to people displaced from their countries of origin.

### OUR MISSION

The mission of the Network is to promote and defend the dignity of each person in order to ensure best practices of integration of and encounter with the migrant person.

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