



St. Padre Pio Press

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Change for August Meeting

Our August meeting will change the meeting place and the time. For the August meeting we will attend the annual district picnic at the Mussatto home located at 276 Green St., Claremont, CA. The picnic will begin at 5:00 PM and last until 7:00 PM. Holy Spirit Fraternity will provide the meat and beverages. We are asked to bring side dishes and desserts. This is a chance to see and visit with our brothers and sisters from nearby fraternities. We will meet at Jane's home at 4:15 to carpool. Family is more than welcome and you are encouraged to bring them. It is a lovely, relaxing evening. Please join us.

August Council Meeting

Our August Council meeting will take place at the Serros home on Saturday, August 11th at 1:00 PM. Please try to be on time.

September Gathering



St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church

Our annual gathering will take place on Saturday, September 8th at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church located at 11451 Blue Cypress Drive in San Diego from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. If you have never been to a gathering, you really need to attend. These date back to the time of St. Francis. As was described to me by Father Victor many years ago, the word would go out and on the appointed day, the brothers who had gone out to bring the word of

Christ would begin to arrive two by two. Today we arrive car by car. It might take two hours to get to our destination, so plan to meet at Jane's home at 7:00 AM to carpool to San Diego. For those in the Hemet area, please work together to set up a carpool. If you need a ride, call a council member. Plan to bring food to share. For those with special dietary needs, please bring something that you can eat. This is a fun event. Please plan to attend if possible and spend time with brothers and sisters from across Southern California.

September Meeting Change in Ongoing Formation

Our September meeting will be held on Sunday, September 9th at St. Patrick House at 12:30 PM.

Beginning in September, we will be changing our approach to ongoing formation. We will be using the book, Happiness in this Life by Pope Francis as our source for formation. If you wish to purchase this book, the ISBN is 978-0-5256-3158-3. Any bookstore should be able to order it for you if you give them this number. It is available in large print. It is also available online. We will begin with the Introduction: The Path of Happiness. This will cover the Beatitudes. For those who are not able to purchase the book, we will print a short excerpt each month so you can come to the meeting prepared. We will continue our small discussion groups and then will share our thoughts with each other afterward. We will continue to take turns guiding the formation. We look forward to hearing the insights of our fraternity members.



Las Cartas



Serve Others —St. Francis stated in the Admonitions, “I did not come to be served but to serve our Lord. (Matthew 20:28) Those who are in leadership positions should be no prouder of their office than if they had been appointed to wash the feet or their conferees.” As Franciscans, we are then called to live our Gospel life and serve. We are reminded that God calls us daily to take our cross and that includes the service of others. Perhaps, we don’t necessarily like what we are asked to do, we may look at it as just another opportunity for perfect joy. We are sometimes asked to do something outside of our comfort zone. Or, we think it is difficult to accept a duty because we do not have the patience of tolerance to perform that task. Let us accept the task in obedience and embrace it as a way to teach us humility. Peace and All Good. Janet

Words and Thoughts from St. Francis

Francis said unto each one singly: “Cast thy burden upon the Lord and He shall sustain thee.” He shall sustain thee.” He used to say these words whenever he was guiding any Brother unto obedience.

Reflection: Maybe that’s the secret of living this life of sanctity—entrust it all to God. For all the hard work the Saints do, there is a part of their lives that involves simply giving up and letting God take over.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

Chapter Three: Man’s Response to God

143 By faith, man completely submits his intellect and his will to God. With his whole being man gives his assent to God the revealer. Sacred Scripture calls this human response to God, the author of revelation, “the obedience of faith.”



Saints’ Corner

St. Louis of Toulouse



St. Louis of Toulouse, Bishop of Toulouse, was born in February of 1274 and died there on August 19, 1297. His father was Charles II of Anjou and his uncle was St. Louis IX of France. Mary of Hungary, whose great-aunt was St. Elizabeth of Hungary was his aunt. He was the second son, but succeeded to the rights of his elder brother who died in 1295.

In 1288, Louis was sent with two of his brothers to the Kingdom of Aragon as a hostage for his father who had been defeated and captured in a naval battle off Naples by the Sicilians and Aragonians. During the seven years they were held in captivity in the castle of Scieurana, the three princes were entrusted to some Franciscan Friars for their education. Louis excelled beyond his brothers in both holiness and learning and, during a severe illness, made the vow to become a Friar Minor.

While still in captivity, Celestine V entrusted to him the administration of the Archbishopric of Lyons, having previously granted Francis of Apt, OFM, the saint’s confessor, the faculty of giving him the clerical tonsure and minor orders. However, it seems these were not carried out and he was tonsured only upon his release on November 1, 1295.

Louis then returned to Naples where he renounced all the rights of succession in favor of his brother Robert. He was then ordained a sub deacon in Rome by Boniface VIII, and then deacon and priest at Naples. Boniface VIII

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St. Louis of Toulouse (Continued from page 2) appointed the saintly young priest Bishop of Toulouse, but Louis, wanted to first become a Friar Minor and received the Franciscan habit in Rome from the minister general, John Minio of Murro on December 24, 1296.

He appeared in public for the first time in the Franciscan habit on the Feast of St. Agatha. Then he went to Toulouse, where his “mild figure and his virtues were admired by everybody.” He was a father to the poor and a model of administration. Sadly, his episcopate was brief. On returning from a visit to his sister, the Queen of Aragon, he came down with a fever and died at Brignoles. He is the patron saint of Valencia. His feast is celebrated in the Franciscan Order on August 19th.

August Calendar of Saints

- 2 Our Lady of the Angels of Portiuncula
- 4 St. John Baptist Mary Vianney
- 7 Bls Agathangelus and Cassian
- 8 Holy Father Dominic
- 11 St. Clare of Assisi
- 14 St. Maximilian Kolbe
- 15 Feast of the Assumption of Mary
- 17 St. Roch
- 19 St. Louis of Toulouse
- 21 St. Pius X
- 25 St. Louis IX

August Birthdays



- 14 Maureen Smith
- 21 Christine Nordlander
- 28 Anne Marie Uskevicz

Anniversaries of Profession



- 8/18/12 Julie Bash



Pray for all who suffer because of terrorism and war throughout the world. Franciscan School of Theology

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Please Pray



- Julie Bash
- End to abortion
- Sanctity of marriage
- Gilbert Serros-health
- Anne Hurst (health of her eyes)
- Barbara Turkowski
- Health and wellbeing of Betty Sonderman and her friends and family
- The end of human trafficking
- The end of domestic violence
- Gerald Borne, Jr.
- Discernment for all of those who are in formation
- Gilbert Williams—health

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Prayer Requests (Continued from page 3)

Agatha Borne
Agatha's daughter Panchita and granddaughter Erika
Ted Hewitt
Edison Marshall
Linda Williams' sister-in-law-healing
Avis Ochoa—healing
Gracie—a little girl with liver cancer
Rachel Rodriguez from Holy Spirit-stroke
Frank Miller-healing (throat cancer)
Mary Plueger's cousin Stephen-Repouse of soul
Agatha's Goddaughter Tracie-Repouse of soul
Bob Eagleton-Repouse of soul
Richard Small-Repouse of soul
Immigrants throughout the world
Thanksgiving to God for hearing and answering our prayers. His will be done.

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Change for Charity



Our Change for Charity fund is continuing. We send donations to three charities at the beginning of each year. Please remember to add any spare change or bigger bills if you have been blessed. God will bless you and those in need will bless you as well.

Gregorian Mass Fund



For those who wish to participate in supporting our Gregorian Mass Fund, simply place any donation, no matter how large or small in an envelope and place in the basket on the table. When any member of the fraternity dies, the money will be used to have 30 Gregorian Masses said for the repose of the soul of the brother or sister who has passed. This is kept in a restricted