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Next Meeting: August 12, 2017

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Profession Anniversaries this month!

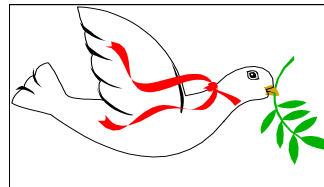
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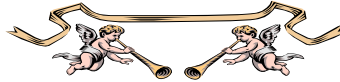
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Announcements

- The **8:00 to 10** Council meets with Region Visitor, Sylvia Paoli, OFS for the Pastoral Visit today.
- **10 a.m. to Noon**, Room A, Parish Center. Pastoral Visit with all. Please arrive with Ritual Books and open hearts.
- 8/17/17 Council Meeting: **6-8pm**, Rm G on Thursday. Gaze of Mercy is the focus of ongoing formation led by Deacon David.

1. This month newsletter at a glance	5- What is the Fourth Watch?
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Meeting Summary

PASTORAL VISIT , Saturday, August 12, 2017

Hours:

- 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Council meets with Region in Serra Room.**
- 10:00 a.m. to 12 Noon, entire Fraternity meets in Room A.**
- 12 Noon to 12:30 pm, Upon dismissal at 12:30 pm, Council remains in Room A for wrap up with Region.**

PROFESSIONS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

The list below shows that we have a lot of Profession Anniversaries in the month of:

August



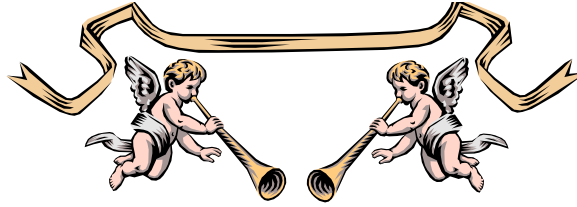
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Huben	Christina	2004	6	13
Dunkerson	Cyndie	2012	18	5
Kelly	Paul	2012	18	5

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PROFESSED FRANCISCANS!!

From 59 Years to 5; hearing the call to Profession.

Reflecting on the names above, brings a smile and perhaps the memory of participating in the Solemn Profession. The journey never ends! Each individual has their own story. A story that no doubt has several chapters. Let's reflect for a moment on what chapter we would be writing today and ask our Lord to bless us in that faithful journey we embark upon that leads us to this very day. No doubt there will be pages that fill the spectrum of emotions. Reflecting on our own journey, let us ask the Lord to help us persevere and be strong, to be true instruments of peace in our work, in our families, in our fraternity, and to ourselves. Yes, the Lord promises to give **US** peace, but we need to seek it out don't we? That is part of the journey. The book never closes until we meet the Lord face-to-face. Kind and merciful is the Lord! Let us be that to one another as well.

Meeting News



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Saturdays 8-9:30 a.m. Serra Rm. Inquirer Only	"INITIAL INTERVIEW" Q&A	O-1	O-2		O-3	O-4	O-5	Pastoral Visit	O-6	O-7	O-8	Christmas Party
		David	Dan		Cyndie	Joan	Joan (for DR/CD)		Tom	Christine	Joe	
		The Life of Francis	Branches of the Franciscan Family	No Inquiry Today. Postponed until next Month.	The Secular Franciscan Order	Phases of Formations and Expectations	Brief Review of Catholic Doctrine & Christian Morals		Apostles Creed	Elements of Ecclesiology / Theology of Laity	Franciscan Movement and Family	
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Saturdays 9:30 - Noon Room A	Study of The Rule					St. Anthony Basilica in Padua by Paul Kelly	Study	Pastoral Visit	Study of The Rule			Christmas Party
	Fr. Francois Beyrouti	DAVID (I)	TOM (II)	TOM (III) <small>[sub for Christine]</small>	BOB M. (IV) <small>(for Joe)</small>		David V <small>(for DOLLY & CYNDIE)</small>		JOAN (VI)	CYNDIE (VII)	DAN (VIII)	
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	15 MIN. INSPIRATIONS FROM THE GAZE OF MERCY by Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, OFM, Cap											
Council Ongoing Thursdays 6pm - 8pm Room G	Current Event Review	DAN	DAVID	TOM	CHRISTINE	JOE	PAUL	DAVID	DOLLY	JOAN	CYNDIE	Topic: Plan/Discuss upcoming January Ecumenical

A HOSPITALITY SCHEDULE FOR FRATERNITY MEETINGS: (See Letter under Month for what to bring that matches with your last name)



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	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
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Paper Goods	A-C	L-Z	D-K	A-C

Paper Goods= Cups, Napikins, Plates, Spoons, Forks.

If you are assigned "Paper Goods", take today off! We have plenty paper and condiments. Remember to take home food items you bring that are leftover when the meeting concludes.

Fourth Watch of the Night

Sunday's gospel for August 12th comes from Matthew 14:22-33 and reading ahead to see what it said included a verse about the "fourth watch of the night." What is the fourth watch of the night? Have you ever thought about it? If you are like me at times, we race through a verse or chapter not stopping by at an intriguing verse to explore what it means. Why did Matthew mention it? It must have had significance to their day. What's the significance for us in our own day this "fourth watch of the night"?

Romans divided the evening hours into four watches of three hours each (12 total); today we just divide a day basically into 12 hours each of evening and daylight. So we would need to step back in Roman times to get a glimpse into why Jesus sent the disciples off. Why didn't Jesus just get in the boat with them? You know a test is coming.

We have been hearing much about parables for several weeks—where Jesus teaches common people lessons using common terms that are very familiar to them. Seeds scattered, harvesting, etc. Even with those lessons, and the disciples close at hand to hear every word, they ask for even greater understanding when they are alone with Jesus.

Getting back into the boat with the disciples we see the first watch of three hours spent probably rowing out in earnest (6 to 9 pm) with much vigor and enthusiasm. These are seasoned fishermen. Night fishing can yield a great catch sometimes. The next three hours, 9 to midnight, things on the horizon start to look a little testy but I'm sure most said let's not worry, we've been here before, let's keep going. The next three hours midnight to 3 a.m. a little more rough. Winds pick up and the boat is tossed around. But with some doubting this was a good idea, still some said the big catch is around the bend, let's keep going.

By the fourth watch—3 a.m. to 6 a.m. things turn really troublesome. Their arms must be tired from rowing, if they had a sail, they wouldn't dare put it up as it would be torn to shreds in the high winds. Desperation set in big time. Did Jesus send them out into a dangerous situation knowing they would face imminent peril; would Jesus do that to them on purpose; would he do that to us on purpose?

Of course not! We doubt, we have our faith tested. Jesus does not cause the perilous events but He knows they exist. So in the fourth watch of the night he sends the disciples a lifeline—just as he sends us a lifeline in times when we feel that sense of desperation.

"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid," He calls out to the disciples and Peter jumps out of the boat onto the waves "running" to Jesus but soon in his own weakness and doubt he starts to sink below the waves until Jesus goes beyond words, and reaches out His hand to lift Peter up from drowning in his own doubt.

There is so much behind the fourth watch of the night, isn't there! May we have the courage to always persevere in whatever troubles we find ourselves in. Darkness, danger, unexpected news, illness, await us around the bend to test our faith but if we keep the faith as Jesus wants us to do, He will call out to us saying: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." A new dawn arises! The Fourth Watch.

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Ovals - Genl Meetings 8-9:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.-Noon; Tri-angles - OFS Council Meetings 6-8pm