



San Luis Rey Fraternity of the  
Secular Franciscan Order  
Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside, CA.  
[www.slr-ofs.org](http://www.slr-ofs.org)



Mass in the Serra Center at 10:00 A  
Community Prayer in the St. Clare Chapel after Mass  
Lunch in the O'Keefe Lounge from 12:00-12:50 PM  
Council Meeting after meeting in Luisano room at ~3:15-5:00

**Future Meetings:**

Aug. 5, 2018, Sept. 2, 2018 Oct, 3, Transitus, and Oct. 7, 2018,  
regular monthly gathering, dates subject to change.

**SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 8, 2018**

Annual Regional Gathering in San Diego. Details to follow.

**Upcoming Gathering on July 1, 2017**

*Assisi: A Journey for Franciscans*

We will view a video by Bishop Barron as he travels to Italy visiting all of the locations that played a significant role in the formation and vocation of St. Francis. From our Fraternity members who visited Assisi we will hear, in their own words, how their visit to Assisi changed or enhanced their Franciscan spirituality. We look forward to your presence at this presentation which you will not want to miss! Dorothy M., OFS

**Franciscan Saints for July**

We will be remembering the following  
Franciscan Sts. along with the Sts. of the  
holy Roman Calendar during the month of July.

Jul 8, Bl. Gregory Grassi  
Jul 10, St. Veronica Giuliani  
Jul 15, St. Bonaventure  
Jul 23, St. Bridget  
Jul 24, Bl. Louise of Savoy  
Bl. Mary Maglaene Martinengo



'Borrowed' from Facebook, date and wall forgotten.

## Minister's note: *The Privileged Place*

Dear brothers and sisters,

A remarkable description of fraternity life can be found in in our Rule of Life (article 22). It tells us that the local fraternity ...

... becomes the basic unit of the whole Order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be ***the privileged place*** for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation ... (emphasis added)

So, the monthly fraternity gathering is essential to our growth as Franciscans. How might we nurture that growth?

One way is through small groups that support our spiritual growth ***as fraternity***. These can be book clubs, service projects, 'coffee' meet-ups etc. that happen in between regular fraternity gatherings. They never take the place of those gatherings – but they can help us to grow as one community of love.

Our Constitutions (articles 33 and 34) stipulate only that such groups are "under the guidance of the one council" and remain faithful "to the requirements which arise from membership in the one fraternity." That seems to leave room for a variety of expression.

Do you have an idea for ongoing fraternity life? Bring it to the San Luis Rey Council! Already some of our members support each other in fraternity more than once a month. Remember, "wherever two or three are gathered" in His name .... Just be sure your small group meets the needs of the fraternity and that nothing replaces our ***privileged place*** together.

Would you like to build fraternity without starting a small group? It's simple! At our next meeting, sit next to a sister or brother you don't know so well. Try sitting next to someone new for the next three months.

The Holy Spirit, the Founder of our Order, will do the rest. Enjoy the privileged place.

Peace and all good,

Donna  
Minister SLR Fraternity OFS



St. Francis with a 'small group' of his fellow Friars

# Franciscan Leadership

By  
Dick and Diane H. OFS

Last month one of the questions asked referred to the initial list of materials recommended for easy access during the course were as well as topics and subjects:

- Guidelines for Initial Formation for the SFO in the United States (paper back 1985)
- Elements of Formation Rome 1992
- Your Bible
- Essential Documents-either in that published edition or if you bring separately:
- \*\*General constitution, National Statutes, Rule, and Ritual....Also have copy of
- Regional Mission Statement
- Vatican II Documents- Either 3 volume set or 1 Volume edition

Syllabus was furnished as recommended and that we have Writing materials.

It was then suggested if we could give an overview of what topics might be addressed: We were given homework assignments for the next session on Sunday and often a follow up e mail with written details for ease of completion during the months between. We Met in June, Sept, February, April, July, and October. The space between classes gave ample time for reading studying and answering any instructions given in advance when we accepted were into the class and developed in an e mail after the previous session.

Our first direction of looking at Initial Formation Classes already in existence and possibly new development. After researching this for a month, it was decided that the fruitfulness of this exercise is questionable and we went in a different direction.

Our focus turned to objectives to enhance our Franciscan Spirituality and Formation through topics i.e.

- Spiritual Leadership, employing people skills, serving the Fraternity members
- Respectful Communication (Open, non-judgmental, listen for clear understanding and not dominating conversation).
- International, National and St. Francis Regional Formation Resources: focus on Cooperation in initial and ongoing formation.
- Prayer Forms: Prayerful experience
- Franciscan Family; familiarity with Orders of Franciscan Family, Diverse ways to serve society as we seek to rebuild the church
- Spiritual Reflections: Opportunity to offer reflections, which will be expected at council meeting and Fraternity gatherings. Keeping the "person" present in comments, questions, and discourse.

The sacrament of the Present, as Christians we are called to seek to live in daily community with the triune God and make His will our own "while building bridges and animating peace".

### **Qualities of Pastoral Leader were suggested to be:**

- Peacemaker,
- Discernment,
- Knowledgeable of Franciscan Spirituality,
- Working Knowledge of National and Regional Formation Resources,
- Sound knowledge of Catholic Social Issues,
- Understanding of Signs of Times,
- Be Animators of Peace, Justice & integrity of Creation,

### **Servant Leader Skills, ie:**

- Communication Skills,
- Team Player, People skills,
- Active listening,
- Non-Judgmental,
- Non-Controlling,
- Dialogue and
- Collaboration skills.

### **TOPICS of Course:**

#### **General:**

- The Rule, Meaning and application of Vatican II,
- Understand and use of Constitution,
- Statutes and Ritual,
- Characteristics of a Secular Franciscan,
- History of the OFS and identity of its members,
- Fidelity to the Franciscan Charism,
- The Trinity and the OFS,
- Understanding Franciscan Theology,
- Traditions,
- Spirituality. Vocation: God's Call,
- Profession in the OFS,
- Learn to be servant leader with Pastoral approach,
- Working in the Fraternity Council and members,
- Problem Solving Scenarios.

Other Possible resources: 'FUN MANUAL and support CD, Come and See (Fr. Bach) From Gospel to life (Fr. Fonk) Just to mention a few furnished on Resource Material.

**WE were richly  
blessed with details.**

Dick and Diane OFS





## Congratulations to Eileen Costa, OFS!

Eileen is a member of the San Luis Rey Secular Franciscan fraternity. Eileen was conferred the Master's degree in Divinity from the Franciscan School of Theology on May 26<sup>th</sup> following many dedicated years of study. Eileen, we're very proud of you!!!

Eileen also presented on Franciscan topics at our June meeting – that was greatly appreciated by both our members and our guests.



We also had our room set up in a semicircular setup where you can see most all members from your seat. This greatly aids when we share, as most everyone can see the speakers face.

## Monthly Meditation, Franciscan saint, Franciscan or 'seasonal,' prayer...

This month I am going to try something new, and that is to include a "Franciscan Prayer" from one of the various devotionals that I have acquired over the years, many of which are out of print... This month I have found a beautiful Morning Prayer from my "Tertiary's Companion," listed above. Just who composed this beautiful prayer, I don't know, as it isn't indicated. You could carry it in your pocket or handbag, place it in your favorite prayer book or Missal. Or simply tape it to your favorite mirror so that you see it each morning. You'll will have to let me know what you think... Editor.



### Franciscan Morning Prayer

Jesus Lord, I offer you this new day because I believe in you, love you, hope all things in you and thank you for your blessings.

I am sorry for having offended you and forgive everyone who has offended me. Lord, look on me and leave in me peace and courage and your humble wisdom that I may serve others with joy, and be pleasing to you all day. Amen

*Tertiary's Companion*, Revised Ed. 1976.  
Edited by Fr. Marion A. Habig O.F.M. pg. 394

## Meditation for Today's Gospel (*That We All May Have Life*, page 7)

All of us treasure life as the highest good. We cherish our physical lives. We try to keep ourselves in good shape. Many make regular trips to the doctor and the beautician. We care for the health of our children. We also care for the quality of the life we are living. Mental health clinics are filled to capacity. We do not want to destroy life, yet we do not want a miserable life. Many, though, are not so interested when the lives of others, who are not close relatives, are involved, when they have to go out of their way to improve other people's quality of life.

The quality of human life is measured by the quality of its relations with others. Improving life means actually improving relations, first our relations on the human level (with our marriage-partner, children, parents, friends, coworkers) and then our relationship with God, which is called grace. Being in the "state of grace," means being in good standing with God.

This good standing, close relationship of love with God, is also called "life." Life is a free gift of God to human beings. Hence, he is the absolute Lord of life. People are merely life's stewards. Today's First Reading, (Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24), and Gospel deal with life. "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me" from death, which is alienation from you (Responsorial Psalm).

## Holy Gospel for 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time, cycle B

**Gospel [MK 5:21-43](#) OR [5:21-24, 35B-43](#)**

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered around him, and he stayed close to the sea. One of the synagogue officials, named Jairus, came forward. Seeing him he fell at his feet and pleaded earnestly with him, saying, "My daughter is at the point of death. Please, come lay your hands on her that she may get well and live." He went off with him, and a large crowd followed him and pressed upon him.

**There was a woman afflicted with hemorrhages for twelve years.** She had suffered greatly at the hands of many doctors and had spent all that she had. Yet she was not helped but only grew worse. She had heard about Jesus and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak. She said, "If I but touch his clothes, I shall be cured." Immediately her flow of blood dried up. She felt in her body that she was healed of her affliction.

Jesus, aware at once that power had gone out from him, turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who has touched my clothes?" But his disciples said to Jesus, "You see how the crowd is pressing upon you, and yet you ask, 'Who touched me?'" And he looked around to see who had done it. The woman, realizing what had happened to her, approached in fear and trembling. She fell down before Jesus and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction."

While he was still speaking, people from the synagogue official's house arrived and said, "**Your daughter has died; why trouble the teacher any longer?**" Disregarding the message that was reported, Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith." He did not allow anyone to accompany him inside except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they arrived at the house of the synagogue official, he caught sight of a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly.

So he went in and said to them, "Why this commotion and weeping? The child is not dead but asleep." And they ridiculed him. Then he put them all out. He took along the child's father and mother and those who were with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum,*" which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded. He gave strict orders that no one should know this and said that she should be given something to eat.

**May the mercy of Jesus continue to descend upon those in need.  
Lord Jesus have mercy on me a sinner. Amen.**

## JPIC by Winnie Baumer

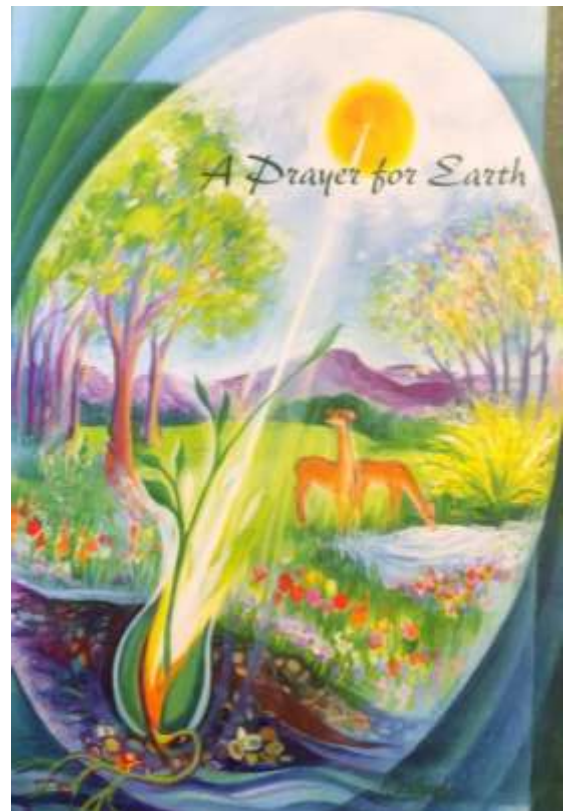
All-powerful God,  
You are present in the whole Universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness  
all that exists. Pour out upon us  
the power of your love,

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters,  
harming no one. O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten  
of this Earth, so precious in your eyes.  
Bring healing to our lives,  
That we may protect the world  
and not prey on it,  
That we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the Earth.  
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature as we journey  
towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray,  
in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis



Reflect on the image and you can see St. Francis' Canticum of the Creatures, It is a beautiful painting by Mary Southard, CSJ.

Prayer: "A Prayer for Our Earth" *Laudato Si'* – *On Care for Our Common Home* By Pope Francis (May 24, 2015)



## **A GATHERING OF SECULAR FRANCISCANS! OUR SAN DIEGO DISTRICT PICNIC - POTLUCK**

SATURDAY AUGUST 4  
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Mission San Luis Rey Pavilion (where we had the Profession reception). This year, our fraternity is hosting the picnic. Bring a potluck dish and meet your brothers and sisters from nearby fraternities. We will welcome the following fraternities:

Immaculate Conception  
Nuestra Señora de los Angeles  
St. Anthony of Padua  
St. Diego

Many thanks to Vice Minister Karron E. for coordinating us. Contact Karron at [karrone\\_sutter@yahoo.com](mailto:karrone_sutter@yahoo.com) to help.

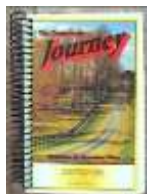
ALSO, please bring some of the following donations for Fr. Joe's Villages. New items only, please.

- *body lotion*
- *face lotion*
- *deodorant for men and women*
- *hand soap*

We look forward to seeing you there!  
Donna

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### **Formation Reminders from our Formation Director**



Classes are held the Saturday before the meeting, Please call Sandy for more information  
God Bless,  
Sandy Baden, OFS  
Director of Formation

### **Anniversaries of Profession**

Jul. 7, 2013 Dorothia H  
Jul. 11, 2004 Irene E  
Jul. 13, 2014 Haynes M  
Jul. 21, 1996 Denise S  
Jul. 10, 2016 Brinda D  
Jul. 10, 2016 Karen W  
Jul. 10, 2016 Luis G

## Memorials



July 1, 2013 [Dcn. Dustin Miller](#)  
July 21, 1995 Roberta Reynolds Steiner  
July 23, 1990 George Wagner

## Birthdays



7/3 Frances G  
7/22 Dorothy M



[Sister Dorothy Johnson](#) at age 7,  
Halloween 1927.

**Let us Pray for all our brothers and sisters on their Anniversaries, Birthdays, and Memorial days, and especially:**



- ❖ For the safety of Donna our Minister in all her endeavors
- ❖ For Pope Francis, Bishop Robert McElroy, and all Diocesan Bishops for all of our pastors, priests, deacons and consecrated religious, including those in lay orders and institutes.
- ❖ For the victims of war and terrorism throughout the world.
- ❖ For all of our brothers and sisters served by our fraternity's outreach program.
- ❖ All of our Fraternity members, especially: our council, our brothers and sisters who are in formation, our elderly and or homebound who aren't able come to our fraternity gatherings.
- ❖ Members of the Franciscan Family who need our prayers.

## *San Luis Rey - Fraternity Council*



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As always, please remember your donation envelope for the Common Fund. The box will be waiting for you.



Or mail to:

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**SATURDAY AUGUST 4**  
**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**MISSION SAN LUIS REY PAVILION**  
**(BEHIND THE MISSION CHURCH)**  
**4050 MISSION AVE**  
**OCEANSIDE 92057**

## **DISTRICT PICNIC**

**Secular Franciscans gather for food, fun, prayer and service! Hosted by San Luis Rey Fraternity.**

For this potluck picnic, drive around past the retreat center, through the gate in the back. Kitchen and restrooms available. It can be breezy, so bring a sweater along with your hat and sunscreen. Please remember your items for donation to Fr. Joe's Villages - and be ready for a Franciscan treasure hunt!



*We can't wait to see you!*

**Immaculate  
Conception  
Fraternity  
*Icebreaker***

**Nuestra Señora  
de los Angeles  
Fraternity**

*Outreach to  
Fr. Joe's Villages*  
Please see Elena's  
note for your items

**St. Anthony of  
Padua Fraternity**  
*Prayers*

**St. Diego  
Fraternity**  
*Prayers*

### **RSVP & QUESTIONS**

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