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# The Canticle

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St. Maximilian Kolbe Fraternity, Saint Hedwig Church, Los Alamitos, California

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## Fraternity Information

### **JUNE MEETINGS:**

Monthly Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, June 10 - St. Hedwig's, in the Parish Lounge - Formation at 2pm, and Meeting at 3pm

Monthly Prayer and Social: Saturday, June 16 – 9 am Mass at St Anne's followed by breakfast

Fraternity Council Meeting: Sunday, June 24 - 2 pm at Tina's



**May Fraternity meeting, welcome guests!**

### **Your Council**

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### **Franciscan websites of interest**

St. Francis Regional website:

[www.stfrancisregion.org](http://www.stfrancisregion.org)

National Fraternity of USA

[www.nafra-sfo.org/](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/)

Tau USA, newsletter

[http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau\\_newarticles.html](http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html)

International Fraternity

[www.ciofs.org/](http://www.ciofs.org/)

**Youth and Young Adult**

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/youth-and-young-adult-commission-members/>

Franciscans International

[www.franciscansinternational.org/](http://www.franciscansinternational.org/)

Franciscan Action Network (FAN)

[www.franciscanaction.org](http://www.franciscanaction.org)

Liturgy of the Hours

<http://www.ebreviary.com> or <http://divineoffice.org/> or <http://www.universalis.com/>

National JPIC Website

<https://sites.google.com/site/jpic4ofs/home>

Catechism of the Catholic Church

<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/catechism/catechism-of-the-catholic-church/epub/index.cfm> or [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/\\_INDEX.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0015/_INDEX.HTM)

## **Minister's Message**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First of all I want to thank each of you for your concern and prayers for my husband, Don, during his recent hospitalization. After 5 days in the hospital and 5 different specialists, they could not come up with a concrete diagnosis. I truly believe that all the prayers brought healing for Don and confounded the doctors! The good thing is that he is doing well and they could find no underlying pathology.

As we begin the summer months, many of us will be spending more time outdoors enjoying God's creation. This is a perfect time for us to turn our attention to Laudato Si', the encyclical of Pope Francis dealing with the care of our common home. For the next 3 months, we will spend time unpacking and studying this beautiful work of our Holy Father. Pope Francis has made it clear that his inspiration, not only for this encyclical but for his papacy as well, is St. Francis of Assisi. We as Franciscans are invited to embody the message of Laudato Si' in our world today, living out the example of our model, Saint Francis, hearing the cry of the poor, the vulnerable and the cry of Mother Earth.

My hope and my prayer is that by understanding the message of the encyclical we can find concrete ways to promote the process of ongoing conversion which is so essential to living the Gospel Life.

May we all have a peaceful summer, filled with many blessings,

Tina Gath,ofs



## **Area Happenings**

**Every Wednesday – Centering Prayer** at St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress at 7:30pm.

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month** - food and clothing distribution to the poor by H.O.P.E. at St. Irenaeus Church in Cypress, 8:30 to 10:00am.

## **Local Needs**

**Catholic Worker, Santa Ana** – Good used clothing and blankets, coffee, powdered drink mix, canned meat, and paper goods. Please contact Dwight and Leia Smith at (714) 835-6304

**Meeting notice:** Please remember to bring your cup or mug to our meetings. St. Francis would approve.



## **Upcoming Fraternity Events**

*All are invited to attend any of these events*

Sun. June 10 - Formation at 2pm, Meeting at 3pm  
Sat. June 16 – 9 am Mass at St Anne's followed by breakfast

Sun. June 24 - 2 pm Council Meeting at Tina's

## **Looking ahead:**

Sun. July 8 - Formation at 2pm, Meeting at 3pm

Sat. July 21 **ST FRANCIS REGION PICNIC**, see below

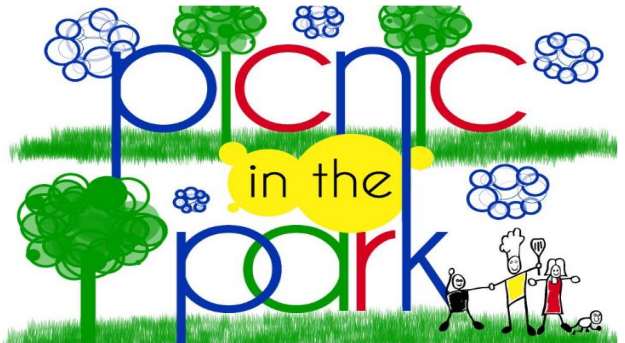
Sat July 28 – 9 am Mass at St Hedwig, followed by breakfast

Sun Aug. 5 - 2 pm Council Meeting at Tina's

## **Save the Date:**

Sat. Aug. 11 - **St Clare Day of Recollection**, San Juan Capistrano. Still in planning stages, breakfast, talk, noon mass and lunch.

Sat. Aug. 18 Pool Party at Diane's home



## **ST FRANCIS REGION PICNIC**

July 21<sup>st</sup>

at

**Craig Park** 3300 N. State College Blvd, Brea  
\$5 parking fee for entrance into the park

## **Two new columns!**

It was suggested that we have a place in our newsletter to share what is special and important in our lives. Do you have a special meeting at your parish? A concert, or other event that you think that we might be interested in attending? Please let me know what you would like to share here. I'll start with my news.

## **What's New?**

My daughter, Sarah, announced her engagement and is planning a November wedding. Last Wednesday my son and his family transferred to Boeing jobs in Oklahoma City.

## **Local Happenings**

Tues. June 12 – 7pm **The Dignity of Life** at St Bartholomew's, 252 Granada Ave, Long Beach. No RSVP needed.



## June Birthdays

none

## June Profession Anniversaries

Sr Sam on June 11, 1970

Stellamarie on June 16, 1985

## June Franciscan Calendar of Saints

### **Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus**

- 1 Fr. John Patrick Doyle III d 1952
- 2 Saint Marcellinus, and Peter early Church martyrs, 304
- 2 Bl. Fr Christopher Bernsmeyer I d 1858
- 3 Blessed John XXIII, pope
- 4 St. Francois Caracciolo, Priest, d. 1608
- 5 Bl Pacific of Cerano, Priest, d. 1482
- 6 Bl. Lawrence of Villamagna, Priest, d. 1535
- 7 Fr. Joseph Perez I d1928
- 8 Bl. Nicolas de Gesturi, lay brother, Capuchin religious, d. 1958
- 9 Bl. Innocent Guz, Priest, martyr 1940
- 10 Bl. Edouard Poppe, Priest, d. 1924
- 11 Bl. Yolanda of Hungary, Virgin, a "Poor Clare" sister, d. 1298
- 12 Bl. Floride Cevoli, Virgin, Capuchin religious, d. 1767
- 13 St. Anthony of Padua, Priest, d. 1231 Plenary Indulgence for  
codbearers
- 14 Bl. Zephirin Jimenez, Martyr, d. 1936
- 15 St. Mary Bartholomea Capitanio & Vincenta Gerosa, Virgins, 1847
- 16 Bl. Marie-Therese Scherer, Virgin, d. 1888
- 17 Saint Albert Chmielowski III d 1916
- 15 & 18 **Corpus Christi**
- 18 Bl. Guy of Cortona, Priest, d. 1250
- 19 Bl. Matthew Talbot, III holy man, 1925
- 19 Bl. Achille Puchata, Priest, Conventual religious, martyr 1943 20  
Bl. Michelina de Pesaro, Virgin, d. 1356
- 21 Bl. Herman Stapien, Priest, martyr 1943
- 22 St. Thomas More, martyr, III d. 1943
- 23 **Sacred Heart of Jesus**
- 23 St. Joseph Cafasso, Priest, pastor, confessor, d. 1860
- 24 Nativity of St. John the Baptist
- 25 Bl. Jutta of Thuringia, widow, III Ord.
- 25 Bl. Bienvenu de Gubbio, lay brother, d. 1232
- 26 Bl. Frederick Jassoone, Priest, d. 1916
- 27 Bl. Marguerite Baeys, Virgin, d. 1879
- 27 **Our Lady of Perpetual Help**
- 28 Fr Francisco de Porras I d 1633
29. Sts. Peter and Paul, Holy Day of Obligation, Plenary Indulgence 29  
Mother Mary Francis Bachman III
30. Venerable Pierre Toussaint Bl. Raymond Lull, Martyr, III d. 1315



## Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For June **Universal – Social Networks**

That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects other for their differences.

## Newly appointed National Franciscan Youth and Young Adult Commission



The Commission has a great desire to inspire, unite, and support our Secular Franciscan Order in fostering communion with younger generations.

<https://secularfranciscansusa.org/youth-and-young-adult-commission-members/>

## **YOUFRA, now known as the National Franciscan Youth and Young Adult Commission**

YouFra is a journey of Franciscan Spirituality for young people attracted by the life of St Francis of Assisi and who seek to deepen their life with God, their understanding of self, of others and the exceptional beauty of creation. YouFra (Franciscan Youth) has existed for more than 40 years in other countries (Italy, Spain, Latin America). Members of YouFra deepen their own vocation or calling in the light of the message of St. Francis by regular meetings where spiritual guidance is given progressively. Discerning God's call or vocation for your life is the purpose of this journey.

This is for young adult men and women ages 18 to 30. YouFra is just beginning in Canada and is supported by Secular Franciscans.

from: <https://ofstrillumregion.weebly.com/young-adults---youfra.html>

More information from the new commission can be found on the following websites:

FYYA Mission Statement 2018.doc

Our OFS Responsibility to FYYA.doc

Ltr to animators, May 2018.doc

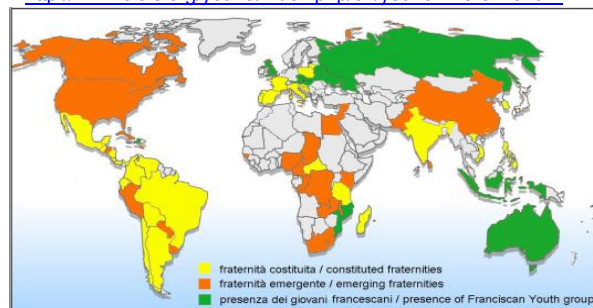
Ten Ways to Prepare.doc

<https://www.ffmr-ofs.org/commissions/youth-commission/>

### **Essential Franciscan Adult Youth Information:**

<https://ofstrillumregion.weebly.com/young-adults---youfra.html>

<http://www.ciofs.org/youfra/index.php/en/youfra-in-the-world-2>



## The Four Pillars of Franciscan Spiritual Life

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Spirituality



Formation



Fraternity



Apostolate



As Franciscans, we work every day to establish a firm foundation, grounded in our faith in Jesus Christ and His Church. Our Secular Franciscan Fraternity's foundation is built on four pillars; Spirituality, Formation, Fraternity, and Apostolate. Each pillar does not stand by itself, but supports the three other pillars. Together, these four pillars all work to protect our entire fraternity from the ravages of Satan and to stand as a testament to the love of Christ as demonstrated by Saint Francis.

### **SPRITUALITY PILLAR**

The Spirituality Pillar is the heart of the Four Pillars. The quality of spiritual growth and the anchoring of a charism demand the interacting of knowledge and a discipline. When one becomes knowledgeable of a particular way, there is the need to integrate through practice the identifying elements of that spirituality. Embracing our Franciscan spirituality and its attending Pillars requires continuous action. Prayer and contemplation anchor the Spirituality Pillar. It is the means to being attentive and pursuing the application of our Franciscan spirituality on a daily basis. Our quest is to nourish and make strong the Spirit of God within us. We realize this internal quest through the external stimulus of prayer by lifting our hearts and mind to God.

### **FORMATION PILLAR**

Formation is the vehicle whereby we learn to internalize and integrate the Spirituality, Fraternity, and Apostolate Pillars into every aspect of our lives. It informs, forms, and ultimately helps to transform us. During the formation process, information serves to give insight, to understand, and to practice an authentic Franciscan way of life. This gives way to an internalized and integrated facet of the Franciscan way of life. Ultimately, with time and application, there is a transformation. Formation serves to direct us to identify and utilize our time, our talent, and our resources in this lifelong process, and to truly discern our vocation as Franciscans.

### **FRATERNITY PILLAR**

Community life! It depends to whom you talk. Each one has his or her idea of community life. However, as a Franciscan and within a Franciscan framework

there is clarity as to what is community. It is to pray together, to learn, to serve, and to grow as members in our Franciscan Spirituality and way of life. Our living life in fraternity calls us to attend to the interpersonal aspects of our life together. The Franciscan model for fraternity life is the Trinity. Those who make up a fraternity establish a brotherhood, a community of equals among themselves with the Holy Spirit as their Minister General. Fraternity is the basic cell of the Order that helps us lives in today's world by going from gospel to life and life to the gospel, while remaining faithful to the conditions of our secular state in life. Respecting and encouraging each other's gifts and uniqueness helps shape a fraternity that builds a more fraternal world and helps us to serve as witness to the kingdom of God.

### **APOSTOLATE PILLAR**

The fraternity apostolate is our privilege and responsibility to go forth as witnesses and instruments of the Holy Spirit and the Church. When we come together in our fraternity gatherings we interact with each other, but the fraternity apostolate gives us the added opportunity to cooperate and minister with each in both internal and external actions to feed, to clothe, to comfort... to make Christ present in the name of Francis. Secular may have both individual and group (Fraternity) apostolates through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

<http://channelofpeace-sfo.org/way-of-life/the-four-pillars/>

<http://stjosephfraternitysfo.com/four.php>

**40** Celebrating  
**years**  
**Of the OFS Rule**  
1978 - 2018

### **Renewed & Confirmed: Live the Treasure**

In 2018, we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Rule. The theme for this celebratory year which was approved by NAFA is: **Renewed and Confirmed: Live the Treasure!**

I can think of no better way to "live our treasure" (our Rule) than to demonstrate ways in which our fraternities are living our Rule through our own Strategic Plan. In my July article, I mentioned that it would be a wonderful accomplishment if by the time of our visitation our fraternities could demonstrate in concrete ways how each is implementing our Strategic Plan within our local communities. In fact, we have already begun this initiative – as some of our fraternities were featured in the recent edition of *Tau-USA*.

From the Newsletter of Lady Poverty Region of the Order of Franciscan Seculars