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Fraternity Information

OCTOBER MEETINGS:

Monthly Fraternity Meeting: Sunday, Oct.8 - at St. Hedwig's, in the Parish Lounge - Formation at 2pm, snacks at 3pm and Meeting at 3:15pm

Monthly Prayer and Social: Saturday, Oct.21 - 9am Mass at St. Anne's followed by breakfast

Fraternity Council Meeting: Sunday Sun Nov 5 - 3:15pm at Tina's home



September's meeting

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Franciscan websites of interest

St. Francis Regional website:

www.stfrancisregion.org

National Fraternity of USA

www.nafra-sfo.org/

Tau USA, newsletter

http://www.nafra-sfo.org/tau-usa/tau_newarticles.html

International Fraternity

www.ciofs.org/

YouFra, International Youth

<http://www.ciofs.org/youfra/index.php?lang=en>

Franciscans International

www.franciscansinternational.org/

Franciscan Action Network (FAN)

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

Minister's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our hearts are aching from the horrific events of October 1 in Las Vegas. That this month dedicated to Respect for Life started out with such an assault on innocent life is counter to what this month is all about. October is also the Month of the Holy Rosary. This year we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions at Fatima where she gave us the "Peace Plan from Heaven" and requested that we pray the rosary daily for peace in the world and conversion of sinners.

Let us renew our resolution to honor her request and pray the rosary daily. Let the Rosary be our "weapon" for change in the world. As we pray our rosary, let us include all the victims of the Las Vegas tragedy; those who lost their lives, those who were wounded, those who experienced this event as a concert goer or first responder. All these lives are changed forever. We pray also for their families and friends and the City of Las Vegas.

Our Lady can bring comfort and peace. She can change hearts and bring sinners back to her Son. She told us her Immaculate Heart would triumph.

If one person with guns could change so many lives, imagine what all of us praying the rosary could do! It's time we give Our Lady's Peace Plan a try!

Peace and Blessings,

Tina Gath, ofs

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
OCTOBER 2017

Upcoming Fraternity Events

All are invited to attend any of these events

Sun Oct. 8 - Formation at 2pm, Meeting at 3:15pm
Wed Oct 11, 7:00 pm Franciscan Vision Series
Fri Oct 13 - 100th Anniversary of Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun! 6:30pm Gather together at Tina's home for Twilight Garden Rosary and potluck :)
Mon. Oct 16 - 7:30pm Pro Life Holy Hour at St Hedwig
Sat Oct 21 - 9am Mass at St. Anne's followed by breakfast
Sun Nov 5 - 3:15pm Council meeting at Tina's home

Looking ahead:

Sun Nov. 12 – Pastoral Visit and Fraternity meeting - This is important to attend!
Mon. Nov.16 - 7:30pm Pro Life Holy Hour at St Hedwig
Sat Nov. 18 – 9am Mass at St. Anne's followed with breakfast
Sun Nov.26 - 3:15pm Council meeting at Tina's home
Sun Dec 10 - Formation at 2pm, Meeting at 3:15pm

Save the Date:

Sat, Feb. 10 Special anniversary event!
Sun. Feb, 11 is the 20th Anniversary of our Fraternity!
Time to celebrate at our meeting!



Transitus at Sts. Simon & Jude parish in Huntington Beach
Courtesy of Sonia Duarte

Prayer Intentions, Health and Healing

Dear Lord, our hearts break for all the wounded and dead in Las Vegas. We pray for full and complete recovery for the wounded and pray for the souls of all who have died. We pray for the victims of all the recent natural disasters and pray for protection for our country from further destruction. We turn our hearts to You Lord. May we all heed Your words to us in 2 Chronicles 7:14, that we humble ourselves, pray and seek You; and You will hear us and heal our land. Help us to live the message that our Blessed Mother brought to Fatima, and bring true peace to our land and our hearts. We pray for all our needs, the needs of our family members and loved ones.

Franciscan Vision Series

Christian Humanism in a Franciscan Voice

This lecture will look at Duns Scotus, the Incarnation, and our vocation to ongoing conversion and friendship with God as a renewed way of imaging the human journey.
Wed Oct 11, 7:00 pm

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions For October

Workers and the Unemployed: That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Area Happenings

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

1st and 3rd 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.



October Birthdays

Oct 8 Christine

Oct 11 Renée

Oct 15 Cynthia

October Profession Anniversaries

Oct 4 2009 Gwen

Oct 13 1997 Mike

Oct 15 1995 Dwight & Leia

Oct 17 2004 Angie

Oct 20 1996 Puring

October Franciscan Calendar of Saints

Month of the Holy Rosary and the Holy Angels

1 St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Patron of France

2 **Feast of the Guardian Angels**

3 Transitus of St. Francis, d. 1226

4 Our Holy Father Francis, founder, Three Franciscan Orders. d. 1226

5 St. Faustina Kowalska

6 St. Mary Frances of the 5 Wounds, virgin of III Order. 1715-1791

7 **Feast of the Holy Rosary, Our Lady of Victory**

8 St. Bridget of Sweden, virgin of III Order, d 1373

10 Sts Daniel, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order.

11 **St. John XXIII, SFO III Order**

11. Feast of the Divine Maternity of Our Lady

12 St. Seraphin of Montegrano, relig., I Order, 1540-1604

13 **Pope's Consecration of the World to Immaculate ♥ of Mary**

14 St. John of Dukla, Priest, I Order, martyr 1936

15 Bl. Sebastien de Jesus, lay brother, religious of I Order, d. 1734

16 Bl. Anicet de Dbrzno, Priest, Capuchin religious, martyr, 1941

20 Bl. James of Strepar, bishop of I Order. d 1409

19 St. Peter of Alcántara, priest of I Order. 1499-1562

20 Bl. Contardo Ferrini, member of III Order 1859-1902

21. Bl. Martyrs of Polonais, d. 1941-42

22 **St John Paul II**

24. Bl. Josephine Leroux, II order, martyr 1794

23 St. John of Capistrano, priest of I Order. 1385-1456

23 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop, III Order, d. 1870

24 St. Anthony of Sant'Anna Galvão

26 Bl. Bonaventure of Potenza, priest, I Order. 1711

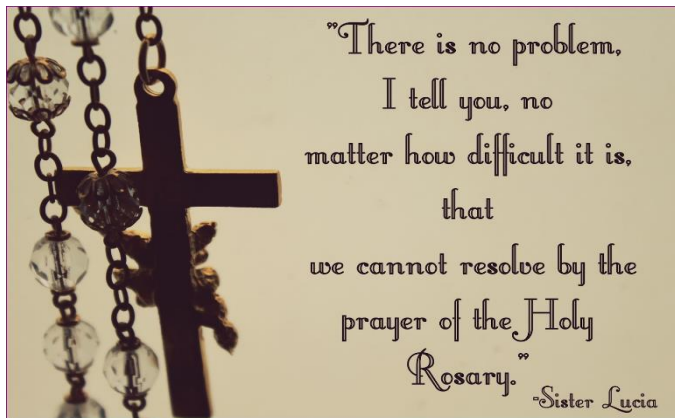
26 Bl. Martyrs of the War of Spain, 1936-37

30 Dedication of Consecrated Franciscan Churches

30 Bl. Angelo of Acri, priest I Order, d 1739

31 Bl. Christophe de Cahors, Priest, I Order, d. 1272

<http://www.roman-catholic-saints.com/traditional-franciscan-calendar.html>

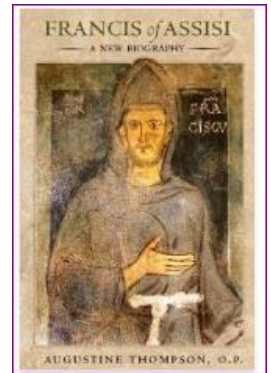


BOOK NOOK

Francis of Assisi: A New Biography

By Augustine Thompson

Among the most beloved saints in the Catholic tradition, Francis of Assisi (c. 1181-1226) is popularly remembered for his dedication to poverty, his love of animals and nature, and his desire to follow perfectly the teachings and example of Christ. During his lifetime and after his death, followers collected, for their own purposes, numerous stories, anecdotes, and reports about Francis. As a result, the man himself and his own concerns became lost in legend.



In this authoritative and engaging new biography, Augustine Thompson, O.P., sifts through the surviving evidence for the life of Francis using modern historical methods. The result is a complex yet sympathetic portrait of the man and the saint. Francis emerges from this account as very much a typical thirteenth-century Italian layman, but one who, when faced with unexpected crises in his personal life, made decisions so radical that they challenge his own society--and ours. Unlike the saint of legend, this Francis never had a unique divine inspiration to provide him with rules for following the teachings of Jesus. Rather, he spent his life reacting to unexpected challenges, before which he often found himself unprepared and uncertain. The Francis who emerges here is both more complex and more conflicted than that of older biographies. His famed devotion to poverty is found to be more nuanced than expected, perhaps not even his principal spiritual concern. Thompson revisits events small and large in Francis's life, including his troubled relations with his father, his contacts with Clare of Assisi, his encounter with the Muslim sultan, and his receiving the Stigmata, to uncover the man behind the legends and popular images.

A tour de force of historical research and biographical writing, **Francis of Assisi: A New Biography** is divided into two complementary parts--a stand-alone biographical narrative and a close, annotated examination of the historical sources about Francis. Taken together, the narrative and the survey of the sources provide a much-needed fresh perspective on this iconic figure. "As I have worked on this biography," Thompson writes, "my respect for Francis and his vision has increased, and I hope that this book will speak to modern people, believers and unbelievers alike, and that the Francis I have come to know will have something to say to them today."

The Peace Plan from Heaven

Our Lady came to Fatima, appearing often as a sorrowful Mother concerned for her children on earth. She warned about the coming moral evils that largely unfolded throughout the 20th Century beginning with WWII, if people did not cease offending God. But she gave us a Peace Plan from Heaven that could avoid these evils and bring peace to the world. The story of Fatima is amazingly powerful and for our times because peace has not been achieved.

Our Lady exhorted all her children to become fervent in working for the salvation of souls. Our penances and prayers for others are central to our Lady's message because she identified the conversion of sinners as the key to peace in the world.

Her message is one of hope as she promised: "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph."

The Essential Requests of Our Lady of Fatima – **the Peace Plan** – are the following:

Offer daily the sufferings that God permits in your life for the conversion of sinners

"Sacrifice yourselves for sinners, and say many times, especially whenever you make some sacrifice: O Jesus, it is for love of You, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for the sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary."

Pray the rosary every day

"Pray the Rosary every day in honor of Our Lady of the Rosary...because only she can help you."

The Blessed Mother requested this at each of the six apparitions, May – October, 1917, especially to obtain peace in the world.

Consecrate yourself to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

"You have seen Hell where the souls of poor sinners go. To save them, God wishes to establish in the world devotion to my Immaculate Heart."

Consecrate yourself to Jesus through the Immaculate Heart of Mary and wear the Brown Scapular as a sign of your devotion to her.

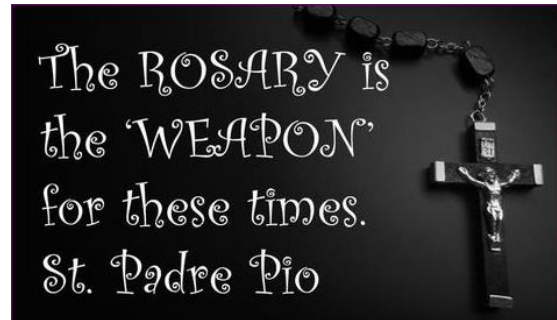
Practice the First Saturdays Communion of Reparation

"I shall come to ask for the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart and the Communion of Reparation on the First Saturdays..."

- Go to confession
- Receive Communion
- Recite the 5-decade Rosary
- Meditate for 15 minutes on the Mysteries of the Rosary

Our Lady requested this devotion on five consecutive months with the intention of making reparation for the offenses against her Immaculate Heart: 1) against her Immaculate Conception, 2) against her virginity, 3) against her divine maternity at the same time refusing to recognize her as Mother of men, 4) of those who openly seek to foster in the hearts of children indifference or contempt and even hatred for this Immaculate Mother, 5) of those who directly outrage her in her sacred images.

<https://www.fatimatourforpeace.com/the-message/fatima-peace-plan/>



The Rosary: The Peace Plan From Heaven

By Peter Jesserer Smith

Catholics are renewing Mary's Rosary devotion as the Church commemorates the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions.

"Say the Rosary every day to bring peace to the world and the end of the war."

One hundred years ago at a field in Fatima, Portugal, the Blessed Virgin Mary spoke those words to three shepherd children. One thousand miles away, in the bloodstained fields of France, Europe's proud empires counted hundreds of thousands of their youth killed and wounded in another battle vainly promised as the way to end the "war to end all wars."

The great guns of World War I have fallen silent, but these words of Our Lady of the Rosary have endured. In this centenary year of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, as nations continue to teeter toward war and strife, Catholics have been making a stronger effort to spread the devotion of the Rosary as a powerful way for men and women to draw close to Jesus Christ and convert the world.

"The message of Fatima is more relevant today than in 1917," David Carollo, executive director of the World Apostolate of Fatima, also known as the "Blue Army," told the Register. While the world no longer faces the prospect of Soviet communism, Carollo said many nations throughout the world are succumbing to spiritual annihilation through atheistic secularism.

<http://www.ncregister.com/daily-news/the-rosary-the-peace-plan-from-heaven>