



“Share the Joy”

*Holy Spirit Fraternity of the
Secular Franciscan Order
of Claremont*



Newsletter

Live a Life Worthy of Your Call

September 2022

Minister’s Corner:

You have trusted your council to animate and guide our Fraternity for the next three years. I thank you for the trust you have placed in all of us, but the growth of the whole Fraternity and its members depends on all of us. As St Francis said, “I have done what God has called me to do, may you have the grace to do what He has called you to do.” We all have different gifts and personalities but we are called to help each other grow as Secular Franciscans and as Children of God. Please pray for us as we begin our work. Please also look around you for people who can join us on our journey.

Your servant, Bill

Calendar of Events:

- Sep 11th 1:00 ~ 4:00pm Monthly Fraternity Meeting 1st floor Convent at OLA (Hybrid)*
- Sep 13th 6:30 ~ 8:30 pm Post Profession Class OLA Classroom 17
- Sep 16th 7:00 ~9:00pm Monthly Council Meeting (ZOOM)
- Sep 19th 7:00 ~ 9:00 pm Inquiry Meeting at Gail’s
- Oct 9th 1:00 ~ 4:00 pm Monthly Fraternity Meeting 1st floor Convent at OLA (Hybrid)*

* Meeting will be in person and ZOOM and will be recorded.

Your new council:

Frank Miller, OFS representing the Regional Minister and Lucy Iberra, OFS, representing the Conventional Friars presided over our election. The new council is Bill Mussatto, OFS (Minister), Randy Rohrer, OFS (Vice Minister), Jaqui Bradly, OFS (Formation Director), Juanito Garlitos, OFS (Treasurer), Myrna Kildare (Secretary) and Judith Mussatto (Councilor). Note: Randy is missing from the photo, but he provided his acceptance in writing. A special thanks to Juanito, Maria E and Jaqui for their work preparing the list of candidates for each office.



Quinquennial:

The seven members of our Fraternity were able to attend the ‘Q’ in Phoenix, August 3 - 7. In exchange for the support they received from the Fraternity over the next several months they will present what they learned in the breakout sessions they attended as Fraternity Ongoing Formation. Bill will lead off in October, so if you attended, start writing down your notes. We plan to use the keynote speakers as study sessions which will replace the informal gatherings.



Future Meetings:

After the election a member tested positive for COVID. Several members of our Fraternity came down with COVID after that event. While we want to return to in person meetings, your council wants to encourage anyone who is unsure of their status or who tests positive *not* to attend an in-person meeting, but still be able to participate in our Fraternity activities to the maximum degree possible so we will be having hybrid meetings. Because of council members' schedules council meetings will be via ZOOM. Secret ballots can only occur if everyone is either on ZOOM or in-person (not Hybrid).

JPIC

Your Council is looking for someone to help the Fraternity members increase their understanding or and activity in the area of Justice Peace and Integrity of Creation (JPIC) as the Fraternity JPIC animator. Since this is an appointed position, it needs to be re-appointed after every council election.

Please remember in your prayers:

- For the continued healing of Claudias' son/brother, John, after his surgery to remove cancer on 6/15/20; Jose Jimenez, Alma's father; Evelyn Rael (Ann's mother) for healing from a spinal injury. Rosalina Rosete (Juanito's sister) who had heart surgery. Rachel who is now in hospice. Chris, his family, and all first responders; Ann who is seeking employment. Juanito who has severe back issues. Ted who is recovering from spinal surgery and Jaqui, Amelia, Myrna and all who are dealing with COVID.
- Members of our Fraternity: Alma, Ann, Teresa and all Secular Franciscans who are, for whatever reason, unable to attend Fraternity meetings.
- All those suffering from the effects of COVID-19 pandemic and those who are working, often at risk to themselves, to relieve their suffering.
- For the refugees especially those suffering the effects of both long and short term natural disasters, those fleeing conflict, those who are suffering from weather related food shortages and those who minister to them.
- That people listen to Pope Francis's call for dialogue rather than absolutism.
- For peace and an end to suffering in Ukraine.
- For peace, patience, strength, understanding throughout the world and the willingness to listen to and learn from the *other*.
- To be thankful for our many blessings.



Regional Picnic and Ukrainian Relief:

At the August Regional Picnic, members of the Region donated \$2,055 for Ukrainian Relief. The funds will be sent through Franciscan Mission Services. Members of Holy Spirit

Fraternity coordinated this on behalf of the Region.

Absent Members:

Teresa Cullen, OFS, and Rachel Rodriguez, OFS would welcome your phone calls.

Formation:

Initial Formation: Gail: We will welcome Gail into our fraternity through the Rite of Welcoming at our October General Meeting, Sunday October 9th. Her 1st Inquiry session will be Sept 19th at 7 pm.

Post-Profession: Chris: Chris will continue his Post Profession class with Randy and Bill and one other professed member using *What It Takes To Be an OFS Franciscan*". The next session is scheduled for Sept. 13th at 6:30pm at OLA.

Post Profession: General: Since many of the professed did not participate in a post profession class we are offering it to other members of the Fraternity using *What It Takes To Be an OFS Franciscan*. Contact Jaqui if you are interested in participating in this class, we now have the books.

Fraternity On-going Formation: In September, we will finish Memoriale Propositi. In October, we will start individual reports from those who had a scholarship either to Serra Retreat House or the Q. These will be 15 minute reports about, Serra lectures, or at the Q, any one of the breakout sessions that you attended. We promised this when we accepted the Fraternities financial support. *Hint:* start preparing your notes before you forget what you heard. The following people need to make reports: For Serra: Diana and Jaqui; For Q: Bill, Judith, Myrna, Diana, Jaqui and Mary

Informal Gatherings: We will start again in November. These will be held at OLA (place TBD) and will be the Keynote speeches given at the Q. The first lecture, given Wednesday morning at the Q, will be split into 2 parts. It is strongly recommended that everyone attend these gatherings. The idea is to have a discussion after viewing the talk.

Thoughts of Francis and Friends:

Today, tonight and always may we remember with gratitude the family who makes this miracle of living food available to us, those who prepare it, those who grow it, the plants and animals themselves and ultimately our loving God who is author of All.

Keith Warner, OFM

Informal Gathering:

We will be using this meeting to review the Keynote Speeches at the Quinquennial. We are taking a one month break while we set this up.



Statue of St Francis:

After many months, the statue of St Francis is back. Its been moved about 12' to the right. Our fraternity paid for the repair.