

Immaculata Fraternity Mission Statement:

As members of the Secular Franciscan Order

we seek to live the Gospel with the vision Jesus gave St. Francis to rebuild the Church.

(Ratified at our Council Meeting on April 8, 2019)

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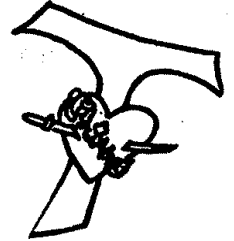
Our Goal for 2022: To visit or call those who are excused and homebound on a regular basis.

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Immaculata Vision ~ ~ September 2022

Immaculata Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

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2021 is the 800th Anniversary of *Memorali Propositi*, our 1st Rule approved by the papacy - by Pope Honorius III - in 1221.

Calendar of Events for September 2022:

3 – (1st Sat.) – Fraternity Gathering @ 10:00 am at St. Matthews in Corona

- 5 – Labor Day Holiday
- 8 – Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 11 – Grandparents’ Day
- 11 – Patriot Day
- 12 – The Most Holy Name of Mary
- 14 – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- 15 – Our Lady of Sorrows
- 17 – Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis
- 18 – Catechetical Sunday
- 22 – First Day of Autumn

26 -- (Last Mon.) – Council Meeting 11 am @ St. Matthews in Corona

Looking Ahead to October, 2022...

- 3 – Transitus @ 7:00 pm @ St. Matthew’s Chapel**
- 4 – St. Francis of Assisi Feast Day
- 7 – Our Lady of the Rosary

8 – (2nd Sat.) – Regional Gathering @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside

- 10 – Columbus Day
- 31 -- (Last Mon.) – Council Meeting 11 am @ St. Matthews in Corona**
- 31 – All Hallow’s Eve ~ Halloween

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Birthdays & Profession Anniversaries:

- September Birthdays: 24th – Carol Bryant
- September Profession Annivers.: 17th Sekoiya Spencer, 2018
- October Birthdays: 11th – Bob Dak
 - 14th – Aarne Lozano
 - 22nd – Ray Hardwick
 - 24th – Lorraine Cardin
- October Ordination Anniversary: 5th – Jim Neuffell’s
- Deaconate Ordination Anniversary, 1985

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Coming up: The Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi Will be on Monday, October 3rd, 2022 At 7:00 pm at St. Matthew’s in Corona, in the Chapel

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The Regional Gathering on October 8th

In lieu of our October Fraternity Gathering, we will be attending the **Regional Gathering on October 8th.**

It will be held at Mission San Luis Rey, Oceanside.

The Presider will be Br. Keith Warner, OFM.

9:30-10:00 am ~ check in

10:00 -12 noon ~ Session 1

12 noon-1:00 pm ~ Lunch (free)

1:00-3:30 pm ~ Session 2

3:30 pm ~ Gathering ends

Carpooling is being coordinated.

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Our Next Fraternity Gathering is the Regional Gathering on Saturday, October 8th. (See item above)

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Minister’s Letter

From the Desk of Your Friendly Minister,

Bruce McAdams, OFS,

Fraternity Gathering September 3, 2022

The Holy Spirit Our Companion

The Holy Spirit guides us along the right path, through life’s challenges. He teaches us the path, the way. The Spirit reminds us of the commandment of Love and calls us to live it.

The Holy Spirit teaches us, reminds us to speak with God and with our fellow human beings. We speak with God in prayer and with people in fraternal dialogue with tenderness, compassion, understanding the heartaches and hopes and the sorrows and joys of others.

Without him there is no mission, there is no evangelization.

Let us implore: Come, Holy Spirit!

Your friendly Minister, B

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From the Formation Desk of
Bob Dak, OFS

Hi to all. I pray we all have Peace in our Humble Hearts I am presently studying a couple of Books, “Clare of Assisi” and “Things Hidden” – Scripture as Spirituality. Each Book has its own way of explanation. Here are Stories I would like to bring to your Attention,

1. Clare had the invading Saracens bring her to the Entrance of the Refectory where she threw herself down, while holding a Box containing the Holy Eucharist. She prayed, holding the Eucharist, for Protection for her Sisters and the City. The Saracens left and they did not do any harm or damage. - “Clare of Assisi”
2. In “Things Hidden” the Author, Richard Rohr is trying to explain Grace and how we receive Grace Unmerited. In other words, we get it for free. God gives it to us even if we have sinned. Richard uses the Example of King David, who slew Goliath. David’s Holiness was created by God. David was a violent Warrior (2 Samuel 8-10) David was an Adulterer (2 Samuel 11:2) Some say David’s Relationship with Johnathan could have had a Homosexual Character to it. (1 Samuel 18:1, 2 Samuel 1:26) Yet God watched over David. The Point here is that the Bible is a Living Document. Things will be revealed to you when you are ready. A Lesson I’ve learned is to pray before I read the Word and ask the Lord to reveal the Truths, He intended me to understand.

I have realized that the Triune God Truly Loves Us.
Peace, Bob Dak, OFS

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Prayers and Dreamings

Spirit within all, mysterious force giving shape to life, miraculous source and river of being, help us to know who we are, to see our place in the history of the earth and in the -family of things; help us to see that we are part of all that ever was—our grandmother’s prayers and our grandfather’s dreamings, our mother’s courage and our father’s hope.

In our bones lies the calcium of antediluvian creatures, in our veins courses the water of seas; we are part of all that ever was, born of this earth, riders upon a cosmic ocean; we are not separate from nature, we are nature, part of that same spirit that turned scales into feathers and birdsong into speech; we live by the sun; we move by the stars... we eat from the earth; we drink from the rain.

O great spirit, help us know who we are and fill us with such love for this holy creation and gratitude for this awesome gift we call living, that we might claim our inheritance and live out our calling to bless the world and each other with our care. Amen
(Submitted by Ray Hardwick, OFS)

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The Body of a Life Well Lived

Blessed as she was among women, Mary’s day-to-day life was much like everyone else’s—a life that no doubt took its toll on the body. Scars, sunspots, wrinkles—she would not have

escaped them. And why would she want to? Life tells its stories and leaves its beautiful marks on every body.

Like you, I’ve lived into every scar on my body. I’ve earned these wrinkles! Every sunspot is a part of my story—a story of long childhood days in the Texas sun, of every moment I can squeeze into my backyard garden. Every ache and pain is a reminder that I’ve birthed children, carried them on my hip long past when I should have, hauled baskets of laundry up and down basement steps for decades, bent my knees infinity-plus-one times for weeds, socks, and Legos.

My body hasn’t been through as much as Mary’s, working as she did in heat and sun, carrying water, walking great distances, toughing out pain. But it has its own good stories to tell.

Mary always goes before us—but not to show us how different she is. Sometimes the likenesses are what prod us forward, to know what it really means to be Marian. *Clothed with the sun, the moon at her feet, crowned with stars*—suntanned, vibrant, aging, loved—the body of a life well lived.

She goes before us, body and soul, and we will follow. In heaven as on earth, our bodies will tell their stories.

Amy Ekeh

Amy Ekeh is the director of Little Rock Scripture Study and the author of Finding Peace: Letting Go of Stress and Worry. She and her husband live in Milford, Connecticut, with their four children.

(Submitted by Ray Hardwick, OFS)

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Secular Franciscan Saint/Blessed of the Month Club:

(Catholic saints are holy people and human people who lived extraordinary lives. Each saint the Church honors responded to God’s invitation to use his or her unique gifts. God calls each one of us to be a saint.) Sometimes I use another saint for the month. I might include some ALLEGEDLY Secular Franciscans whom you may not know were Secular Franciscans! Let’s see, who shall we look at next? ~ Lisa

**Blessed Amatus Ronconi
(Beato Amato Conconi)
Confessor, Third Order
1238 ~ 1304**

Blessed Amatus was a thirteenth-century Tertiary who rose to great heights of sanctity by serving God as a hermit, as a pilgrim, and as a nurse. Born at Sldezzo, near Rimini, about 1238, he lost his parents while still very young, and was brought up by a relative. He was then urged to get married, but he felt that God called him to a life of prayer and penance. After joining the **Third Order of St Francis**, he fled to a solitary place and began to live as a hermit. By many he was considered a fool, but God showed how much He was pleased with the virtuous life of Amatus by marvelous signs. A mysterious light was seen shining over the hut which served as his shelter, and heavenly songs were heard to issue from it.



Amatus left his hermitage at times to make pilgrimages on foot to Santiago de Compostela in Spain and other famous shrines, or to care for the poor and the sick. He founded the Hospital of St Mary of Mount Orciale, near Rimini, and there he spent the last years of his life as a nurse.

Whereas saints and blessed like Blessed Amatus Ronconi eagerly desired death and rejoiced when their hour came, many people are in terrible fear of death. Why is that? In some cases it is because such people have sought all their happiness in this world, eager to taste all its pleasures without a thought of the will of God. They feel that their comedy is about to end, to be followed by a long tragedy. The fear that harries them is striking evidence that everything does not end with death.

“O Death, how bitter is the remembrance of Thee to the man who has peace in his possessions!” Also, mere attachment to material things without their having enjoyed them may at times fill people with fear at the thought of being separated from them by death. True Christians are mindful of those other treasures which we cannot lose in death and which constitute real comfort in that hour.

In 1304 Blessed Amatus Ronconi died at the age of sixty-six; and ever since then he has been venerated as a saint. So many miracles were attributed to his intercession that Pope Pius VI approved his cult as Blessed; and his feast is celebrated at Rimini on May fifteenth. However, his name has not been placed in the Franciscan calendar.

**from The Franciscan Book of Saints, Fr. Marion Habig, OFM*

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Looking for a church for Adoration? Here's a couple:

Queen of Angels Church offers Eucharistic Adoration

every Thursday and Friday beginning after the 8:00 am Mass until 4 or 6 pm in the little church.

And

St. Thomas the Apostle Church Every Friday after 8:00 am Mass until Noon.

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Please keep in your prayers:

(If you are in need of prayers, please email me at lisa.sfo@att.net and I'll add your intentions to our list below:)

and please add to your Prayer List the following:

Aug. 5, 2022, ~ From our Franciscan Associate Terri Vaughn: I will be moving to Oklahoma at the end of the month. Please pray for me and thank everyone for the kindness and love they've shown. Praying God's peace and mercy for all of us.

July 27, 2022, ~ Prayers please for the repose of the soul of my husband Bob Boebinger. Bob passed away on July 27th. He just wasn't getting better after his fall on June 27th and was getting progressively worse and passed away at Parkview Hospital. Please continue to pray for me during this painful transition. And please pray for the rest of Bob's family. Thank you all very much! God Bless you abundantly! Lisa

May 8, 2022, ~ Deacon Jim Neufell is home and he's doing better, but still very weak.

Jan. 18th, 2022, from Ray: Please pray for my friends **Mike and Terri Garcia family** who all have Covid. Mike also has COPD and pneumonia and is in the hospital.

Ray's Daughter Linda from Ray: Send out a request for prayers for my daughter Linda who is still having trouble

breathing, low blood pressure, very slow pulse rate. Please also continue to pray for our Brother Ray who is dealing with health issues as well.

For **Gloria Torres' intentions:** For all needs of the fraternity, our Church, families, youth, homeless, displaced people in the world, souls in purgatory, lonely, those in prisons, all politicians that they bow their knees to the Holy Cross of Jesus. Amen!

Please keep in your prayers, **Bob Murray's brother Richard Murray** who has Parkinson's.

Please pray for our **Brother Raul Bosque', OFS.** He is having health issues and is working with the doctors to find out what they are.

Please pray for **Sekoia Spencer's sons** Darius and Jason. And please continue to keep your Fraternity brothers and sisters in your prayers along with their intentions.

AND ... Have you prayed for your Franciscan Prayer Partner lately?

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Let us pray:
Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick and for all who are in need. May they find consolation in your healing presence. Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness and free downcast spirits. May these special people find lasting health and deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts. We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who believed. Amen.

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Your Monthly Pearls of Wisdom:

Hope is the only bee that makes honey without flowers.

~~ **Robert Green Ingersoll**

A day without a friend is like a pot without a single drop of honey left inside. ~~ **A.A. Milne**

To be forgiven is such sweetness that honey is tasteless in comparison with it. But yet there is one thing sweeter still, and that is to forgive. ~~ **Charles Spurgeon**

The words of kindness are more healing to a drooping heart than balm or honey. ~~ **Sarah Fielding**

The sweetness of life lies in usefulness, like honey deep in the heart of a clover bloom. ~~ **Laura Ingalls Wilder**

If life is a cup of tea, gratitude is the honey that makes it sweet. ~~ **Natasha Potter**

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Daily Extras:

Cool Fact: Stars don't twinkle until their light passes through Earth's atmosphere.

Slice of Wry: Why was the snowman embarrassed at the grocery store? He got caught picking his nose.

Cool Fact: The Navajo Nation is the largest Native American reservation in the U.S., over 17.5 million acres in the southwest.

Cool Fact: Sticky rice (mixed with slaked lime) was used as a mortar to build parts of the Great Wall of China.

Slice of Wry: Sunday and Monday are in a fight, who wins? Sunday, since Monday is a weekday.

Cool Fact: The moon is drifting away from Earth at a rate of 1.5 inches a year.

Cool Fact: Arts competitions such as painting and music were part of the Olympics from 1912 to 1952.

Slice of Wry: The frog took the bus to work today ... his car got toad.

Cool Fact: They made America proud. Today (August 14) is National Navaho Code Talkers Day.

Slice of Wry: What has four wheels and flies? A garbage truck.

Cool Fact: Dead skin cells are a main ingredient in household dust.

Slice of Wry: What do you call shoes made out of banana peels? Slippers.

Cool Fact: Sunsets on Mars would appear bluish to human observers from the red planet, according to NASA.

Cool Fact: Sphenopalatine ganglioneuralgia is the medical term for brain freeze.

Cool Fact: Goosebumps are actually caused by a muscle. It is called the arrector pili muscle.

Cool Fact: The first observance of World Coconut Day (which is today, Sept. 2nd) took place in 2009.

Cool Fact: Marie Curie remains the only person to earn Nobel prizes in two different sciences.

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(He who sings well, prays twice! ~ St. Augustine)

(In Honor of Labor Day Weekend Holiday)

God Bless America

by Irving Berlin

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home

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And now as requested, A list of all our up-coming Events for 2022 ~ 2023

Please take a moment to peruse this list and see where your name comes up as a presenter:

September, 2022:

Fri. 2 Formation

Sat. 3 Fraternity Gathering ~ **Arsenio** ~ *Looking to Francis Book* ~ Chapter 3

Fri. 9 Formation

Wed. 14 Feeding the Homeless

Fri. 16 & 23 Formation

Mon. 26 Council Retreat

Fri. 30 Formation

October, 2022

Mon. 3 Transitus ~ 7pm at St. Matthews ~ Side Chapel

Fri. 7 Formation

Sat. 8 Region Gathering, Mission San Luis Rey 9:30-3:30

Fri. 14, 21 & 28 Formation

Mon. 31 Council Meeting ~ **Carol**, FUN Manual ~ Rule, Session 3

November, 2022

Fri. 4 Formation

Sat. 5 Fraternity Gathering ~ Speaker: Patricia Grace

Wed. 9 Feeding of the Homeless

Fri. 11 & 18 Formation

Mon. 28 Council Meeting ~ **Joice**, FUN Manual ~ Francis Approach to Divinity, Session 1

December, 2022

Fri. 2 Formation

Sat 3 Fraternity Gathering~ **Lorraine** - *Looking to Francis Book* ~ Chapter 4

Sat. 3 Christmas Party? Anniversaries & Restaurant after Fraternity Gathering

Tue 6/Thurs 8 Nick Peterson Profession?

Fri. 9 & 16 Formation

Mon 19 Council Meeting ~ **Mickie** ~ FUN Manual ~ Francis Approach to Divinity, Session 2

January, 2023

Fri. 6 Formation

Sat 7 Fraternity Gathering ~ **Velma** - *Looking to Francis Book* ~ Chapter 5

Sun. 8 Epiphany Party @ Mickies @ 1:30 pm

Fri. 13 Formation

13-15 Region Chapter / Minister's Meeting

Fri. 20 & 27 Formation

Mon. 30 Council Meeting ~ **Lisa** ~ Franciscan Theology, Session 2

February, 2023

Fri. 3 Formation

Sat 4 Fraternity Gathering ~ **Ray** - *Looking to Francis Book* ~ Chapter 6

Fri. 10 & 17 & Formation

Mon. 27 Council Meeting ~ **David** ~ Profession, Session 1

March, 2023

Fri. 3 Formation

Sat. 4 Fraternity Gathering ~ **Sekoiya** - *Looking to Francis Book* ~ Chapter 7

OR

Sat. 4 Fraternity Gathering ~ Frat. Retreat? ~ Sr. Madelin? Profession Renewal

Fri. 10, 17 & 24 Formation

Mon. 27 Council Meeting ~ **Bob Dak** ~ Profession, Session 2

Fri. 31 Formation

April, 2023

Sat. 1 Fraternity Gathering ~ **Georgia** ~ *Looking to Francis Book* ~ Chapter 8

Sun. 2 Palm Sunday Sedar Meal

Fri. 7 No Formation

Fri. 14 & 21 Formation

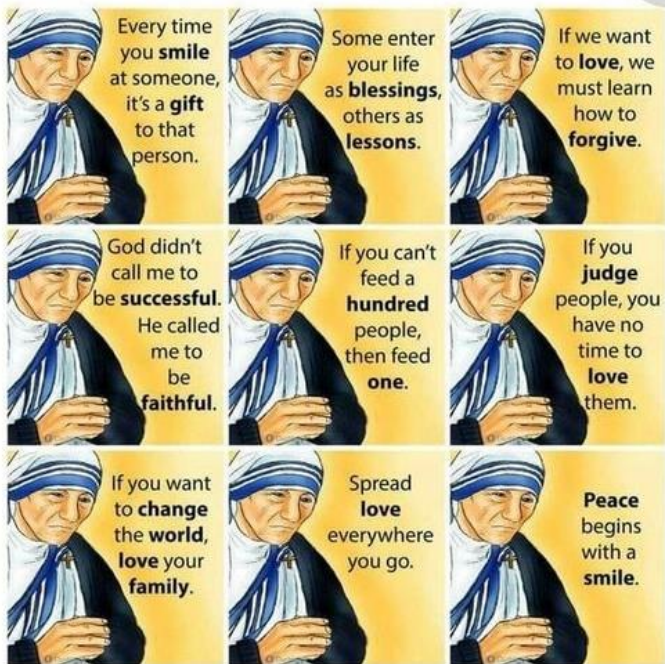
Mon. 24 Council Meeting ~ **Bruce** ~ Penitence & Conversion, Part 1

Fri. 28 Formation

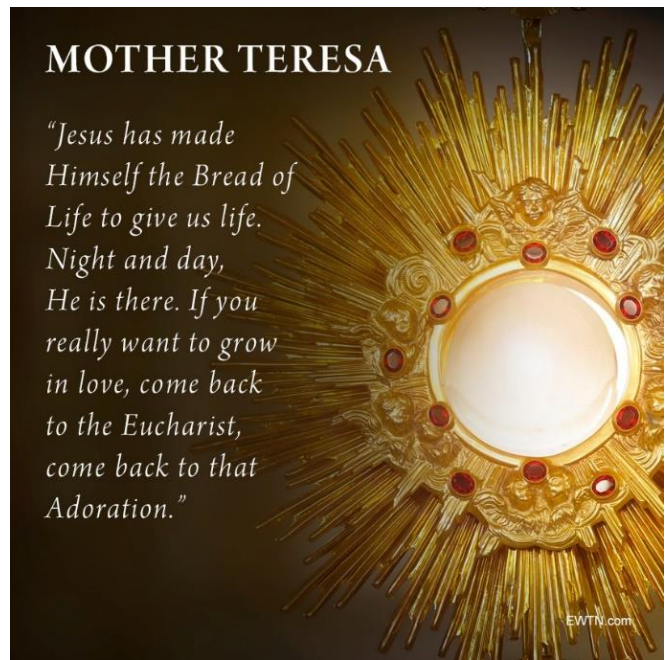
May, 2023

Fri. 5 Formation
 Sat. 7 Fraternity Gathering ~ **Arsenio** ~ Looking to Francis Book ~ Chapter 9
 Fri. 12, 19 & 26 Formation
 Fri. 26- Sun. 28 Region Retreat ~Serra Retreat ~ Malibu
 Mon. 29 Council Meeting ~ **Carol** ~ Penitence & Conversion, Part 2
June, 2023
 Fri. 2 Formation
 Sat. 3 Fraternity Gathering ~ **Ray** ~ Looking to Francis Book ~ Chapter 10
 Fri. 9, 16 & 23 Formation
 Mon. 26 Council Meeting ~ Calendar Planning
 Fri. 30 Formation
July, 2023
 Sat. 1 Fraternity Gathering ~ **Brenda** ~ Looking to Francis Book ~ Chapter 11

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Our Prayers that We Pray at each Fraternity Gathering:

For our Excused Members: *O God Our Father, look with favor on our excused members, Donna, Raul, Jim, and Gloria. Bless them Lord with an awareness of Your Presence and give us the willingness to call them or visit them on a regular basis that they will know of our love for them. In the Name of Our Brother Jesus. Amen.*

For our Deceased Members: *Almighty Father, source of forgiveness and salvation, grant that our sisters and brothers who have passed from this life may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, come to share Your Eternal Happiness through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.*

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Robert "Bob" Boebinger
 My husband Bob was born on December 10th, 1942, in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Robert and Margaret Pawlack Boebinger. He, his parents, and his twin sister Roberta moved to California where he graduated from Polytechnic High School in Riverside. Originally Bob retired from Smurfit-Stone Container Corp., he was also in the Navy Reserves. He also worked at Active West Bowling Alley.

Bob's last job was as a School Crossing Guard on the corner of Van Buren and Garfield, in Riverside, CA, which he really enjoyed and took pride in, until he needed to retire a few years ago for health issues. People who knew Bob would drive by his corner, honk, wave and say "Hi Bob", and when he came home from work he'd say someone drove by and hollered, but he had no idea who it was. Most likely his sister-in-law, Susanne Bean.

He loved bowling, the Ohio State Buckeyes football team, the Army/Navy game (go Navy, beat Army), the Anaheim Ducks Hockey team, the Cincinnati Bengals, Yor Peppermint candies and Fig Newton cookies.

Bob and Lisa were married at Queen of Angels church on December 2nd, 2000. He enjoyed accompanying Lisa to her Secular Franciscan gatherings and meetings.

Bob was received into the Catholic Faith on April 15th, 2006, which was one of the greatest days of his life. He loved being a Catholic Christian. At Queen of Angels, he was a lector and volunteered in the food pantry.

Bob was always ready to help anyone in need. Bob passed away on July 27th, 2022. He will be forever loved and missed by all who knew him.

We lost one of the very best!

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***Stay safe and be healthy
Please use the rest of this page for notes.***