

This is what I want!

¡Esto es lo que quiero!

Joy of Francis

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Đây là điều tôi muốn!

*Secular Franciscan Order — St. Francis Region #52 — Southern California
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St. Francis Regional News!

Minister's Message

Recently there was an event presented by the Franciscan School of Theology called “Rebirth” that some OFS members were invited to attend. There were various presentations given at the event, one of which was “Praying with the Our Father with St. Francis of Assisi” presented by Sr. Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ. During Sr. Juliet’s talk there were some highlights that stood out that are worth sharing:

Wonder and awe are forms of prayer!

As adults, we often forget that much of what we see and experience is truly awesome. When spending time with young children, we can be reminded of how wonderful and inspiring elements in our world and lives are. My toddler grandson is constantly pointing at things, obviously inspired by everything around him. At church he always points up to the very high ceiling, which obviously has a great impact on him. It causes me to look up more and appreciate the beautiful structure of our church building. On walks he points to the various plants and flowers with a big smile. So, we slow down a bit and check to see if the flowers smell good, or if the leaves are soft or dry and crunchy. His wonder and awe are contagious, and they lead to gratitude for all the good that God provides.

How we live leads to how we pray, and how we pray leads to how we live.

Many people pray only when there is tragedy or heartbreak in their lives. Others only pray when things are going extremely well. But the more we focus on God and continually keep communication open in prayer, the more of an impact it has on our lives. And the more we work within our lives to live the Gospel, the more free-flowing our prayer becomes.

There are so many types of prayer from the very short and spontaneous, such as “Help me, Lord.” or “Bless this mess!” to the various nine-day novenas. We can give thanks to God for hot water when in the shower or swimming in a pool. We can ask God to get us safely home when driving on the freeway. We can praise God for all the beauty and goodness we are blessed to experience. As Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, “Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.” (1 Thess. 5:16-18) When we do this, it will impact how we live and bring us closer to our Lord.

Note: As some of you may know, St. Francis created his own version of the “Our Father” by expanding on each phrase of the prayer. It can be found in our Ritual (page 101 in the old version, and page 141 in the new edition). It was also shared with the attendees of the Annual Regional Retreat at Serra a few years ago by Fr. Wayne Hellman, OFM Conv. Both Sr. Juliet and Fr. Wayne recommended taking some

time to do what St. Francis did and create our own deeper version of the "Our Father." This would be a good ongoing formation activity.

Peace & JOY!

Caroline

IMPORTANT REMINDER

**Chapter 2026 will be on February 14 – 15 at
Mary and Joseph Retreat Center
5300 Crest Road
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA 90275**

Minister's Message Translations ***Mensaje del Ministro***

Recientemente hubo un evento presentado por la Escuela Franciscana de Teología llamado «Renacimiento» al que fueron invitados algunos miembros de la OFS. En el evento hubo varias presentaciones, una de las cuales fué «Rezando con el Padre Nuestro con San Francisco de Asís» presentada por la Hna. Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ. Durante la charla hubo algunos puntos sobresalientes que vale la pena compartir:

La admiración y el asombro son formas de orar!

Como adultos, a menudo olvidamos que mucho de lo que vemos y experimentamos es verdaderamente asombroso. Cuando pasamos algún tiempo con niños, nos hacen recordar lo maravillosos e inspiradores que son los componentes de nuestro mundo y nuestras vidas. Mi nieto pequeño siempre está señalando cosas, obviamente inspirado por todo lo que le rodea. En la Iglesia suele señalar la altura del techo, lo que obviamente tiene un gran impacto en él. Me obliga a mí a mirar hacia arriba y apreciar la hermosa estructura de nuestra iglesia. En los paseos, señala las plantas y las flores con una gran sonrisa. Entonces, avanzamos más despacio para contemplar si las flores huelen bien, o si las hojas están suaves o secas y frágiles. Su asombro y admiración son contagiosos y conducen a la gratitud por todo lo bueno que Dios nos provee.

Como vivimos conduce a como rezamos, y como rezamos conduce a como vivimos.

Muchas personas rezan solamente cuando hay una tragedia o un dolor en sus vidas. Otros sólo rezan cuando las cosas van muy bien. Pero en cuanto más nos centramos en Dios y mantenemos una comunicación continua y abierta en la oración, más impacto tiene en nuestras vidas. Y en cuanto más trabajamos en nuestras vidas para vivir el Evangelio, más espontánea se vuelve nuestra oración. Hay muchos tipos de oración, desde breves y espontáneas, como «Ayúdame, Señor» o «Bendice este desastre», hasta la diversidad de novenas. Podemos dar gracias a Dios por el agua caliente de la ducha o cuando nadamos en una piscina. Podemos pedir a Dios nos lleve sanos a casa al conducir por la autopista. Podemos alabar a Dios por el bien y belleza que experimentamos. Como Pablo escribió a los Tesalonicenses: «Alegraos siempre. Orad sin cesar. Dad gracias en toda circunstancia, porque esta es la voluntad de Dios para vosotros en Cristo Jesús». (1 Tes. 5:16-18) Cuando hagamos esto, repercutirá en nuestra vida y nos acercará más a nuestro Señor.

Nota: Como algunos de ustedes saben, St. Francisco creó su propia version del “Padre Nuestro” considerando cada frase de la oración. Se puede encontrar en nuestro Ritual (página 101 versión antigua, y página 141 nueva edición). Fué compartida en el Retiro Regional Anual en Serra hace unos años por el P. Wayne Hellman, OFM Conv. Tanto la Hna. Juliet como el P. Wayne recomendaron hacer lo que hizo San Francisco y que creamos nuestra propia y profunda versión del «Padre Nuestro». Esta sería una buena actividad de formación permanente.

Thư Ngỏ của Trường Phục Vụ

Gần đây đã có một khóa học do Trường Thần học Phanxicô (Franciscan School of Theology) tổ chức mang tên “Tái Sinh” (Rebirth), và một số thành viên Dòng Phan Sinh Tại Thế (OFS) đã được mời tham dự. Khóa học này, có rất nhiều bài thuyết trình được chia sẻ, trong đó có bài “Cầu nguyện với Kinh Lạy Cha cùng Thánh Phanxicô Assisi” do Sr Juliet Mousseau, RSCJ trình bày. Trong bài nói chuyện của Sr Juliet, có một vài điểm nổi bật đáng được chia sẻ:

Sự kinh ngạc và thán phục là những hình thức của lời cầu nguyện!

Người lớn chúng ta thường quên rằng rất nhiều điều ta thấy và trải nghiệm thực sự rất tuyệt vời. Khi dành thời gian với trẻ nhỏ, chúng ta có thể được nhắc nhở về sự kỳ diệu và truyền cảm của cuộc sống và thế giới quanh ta. Đứa cháu trai nhỏ của tôi luôn chỉ trỏ vào mọi thứ, rõ ràng là bé bị cuốn hút bởi mọi vật xung quanh. Trong nhà thờ, bé luôn chỉ lên trần nhà cao vót, điều này chắc chắn gây ấn tượng mạnh với bé khiến tôi cũng ngước nhìn nhiều lần và cảm nhận vẻ đẹp kiến trúc của ngôi thánh đường. Khi đi dạo, cháu chỉ vào các loại cây và hoa với nụ cười thật tươi. Thế là chúng tôi chậm lại một chút, ngửi thử xem hoa có thơm không, hoặc sờ xem lá cây mềm mại hay khô giòn. Sự kinh ngạc và thán phục của cháu thật dễ lan tỏa và gợi nên niềm biết ơn về tất cả những điều tốt lành mà Thiên Chúa ban tặng.

Cách chúng ta sống dẫn đến cách chúng ta cầu nguyện, và cách chúng ta cầu nguyện lại ảnh hưởng đến cách chúng ta sống.

Nhiều người chỉ cầu nguyện khi gặp những khó khăn hoặc đau khổ trong cuộc sống. Một số khác thì chỉ cầu nguyện khi mọi việc diễn ra thật suông sẻ. Nhưng càng tập trung vào Thiên Chúa và duy trì sự liên quan thường xuyên qua cầu nguyện, thì điều đó càng tác động mạnh mẽ đến cuộc sống của chúng ta. Và càng nỗ lực sống theo Tin Mừng trong cuộc sống, lời cầu nguyện của chúng ta càng trở nên tự nhiên, trôi chảy hơn.

Có rất nhiều hình thức cầu nguyện, từ những lời ngắn gọn và tự phát như “Xin giúp con, Lạy Chúa” hoặc “Xin Chúa chúc lành cho tình trạng hỗn độn này!” cho đến các tuần cửu nhật kéo dài chín ngày. Chúng ta có thể tạ ơn Chúa vì có nước nóng khi tắm hoặc khi bơi. Chúng ta có thể xin Chúa cho về nhà an toàn khi lái xe trên đường cao tốc. Chúng ta có thể ca ngợi Chúa vì tất cả vẻ đẹp và điều tốt lành mà chúng ta được trải nghiệm. Như Thánh Phaolô đã viết cho tín hữu Thessalonica: “Anh em hãy vui luôn. Hãy cầu nguyện không ngừng. Trong mọi hoàn cảnh, hãy tạ ơn, vì đó là ý muốn của Thiên Chúa dành cho anh em trong Đức Kitô Giêsu.” (1 Tx 5,16-18) Khi làm như vậy, Việc ấy sẽ ảnh hưởng đến cách chúng ta sống và đưa chúng ta đến gần Chúa hơn.

Ghi chú: Như một số anh chị có thể biết, Thánh Phanxicô đã soạn một phiên bản riêng của Kinh Lạy Cha bằng cách triển khai từng câu trong lời kinh. Bản kinh này có thể tìm thấy được trong sách Nghi Thức của chúng ta (trang 101 trong phiên bản cũ và trang 141 trong phiên bản mới). Bài kinh này cũng đã được Cha Wayne Hellman, OFM Conv., chia sẻ với những người tham dự Khóa Tĩnh Tâm Hàng Năm của Miền tại

Serra vài năm trước. Cả Sơ Juliet và Cha Wayne đều khuyến khích chúng ta dành thời gian để làm như Thánh Phanxicô – soạn một phiên bản sâu sắc hơn của Kinh Lạy Cha theo cách riêng của mình. Đây là một hoạt động rất tốt cho thường huấn và việc đào sâu đức tin.

회장 메세지

최근 프란치스칸 영성 학교(FST)에서 재속 회원들이 초청받아 참석한 “Rebirth”라는 행사가 열렸습니다. 이 행사에서는 여러 발표가 있었는데, 그중 하나는 “성 프란치스코와 함께 하는 주님의 기도”라는 주제로 Juliet Mousseau 수녀께서 발표하신 강의였습니다. Juliet 수녀님의 강의 중 특히 인상 깊었던 몇 가지 내용을 나누고자 합니다:

경이로움과 감탄은 기도의 한 형태입니다!

어른이 되면 우리가 경험하는 많은 것들이 얼마나 놀랍고 감동적인지를 자주 잊곤 합니다. 어린이들과 시간을 보내다 보면, 세상과 삶 속의 요소들이 얼마나 경이롭고 영감을 주는지를 다시금 깨닫게 됩니다. 제 손주 아기는 늘 무언가를 손가락으로 가리키며 주변 모든 것에 감탄합니다. 교회에 가면 항상 높은 천장을 가리키는데, 천장이 아이에게 얼마나 큰 인상을 주는지 분명히 알 수 있습니다. 덕분에 저도 자주 위를 올려다보며 교회 건물의 아름다운 구조를 새삼 감상하게 됩니다. 산책을 할 때는 다양한 식물과 꽃들을 가리키며 환하게 웃습니다. 그래서 우리는 걸음을 멈추고 꽃향기를 맡거나 잎사귀가 부드러운지, 마르고 바삭거리는지 함께 살펴보곤 합니다. 그 아이의 경이로움과 감탄은 전염성이 있어서, 저 또한 하느님께서 주신 모든 좋은 것들에 대해 감사드리게 됩니다.

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많은 사람이 삶에 비극이나 큰 상처가 있을 때만 기도합니다. 또 어떤 이들은 모든 일이 아주 잘 풀릴 때만 기도하지만 우리가 하느님께 집중하고 기도로 끊임없이 소통할수록, 기도는 우리의 삶에 더 큰 영향을 미칩니다. 그리고 우리가 복음을 따라 살려고 삶 속에서 노력할수록, 우리의 기도는 더욱 자연스럽고 자유롭게 흘러가게 됩니다.

기도에는 “주님, 도와주세요”, “이 영망진창을 축복해주세요!” 같이 짧고 즉흥적인 것에서부터 아홉 달 동안 이어지는 다양한 9 일 기도에 이르기까지 참으로 많은 형태가 있습니다. 샤워하면서 따뜻한 물에 감사하고, 수영장에서 수영하면서 감사할 수 있습니다. 고속도로를 운전하면서 무사히 집에 도착하게 해달라고 기도하기도 합니다. 우리가 누리는 모든 아름다움과 선함에 대해 하느님을 찬양할 수도 있습니다. 바오로 사도가 데살로니카 신자들에게 쓴 말씀처럼, “언제나 기뻐하십시오. 끊임없이 기도하십시오. 모든 일에 감사하십시오. 이것이 그리스도 예수님 안에서 살아가는 여러분에게 바라시는 하느님의 뜻입니다.”(1 테살 5,16-18) 우리가 이렇게 기도할 때, 그것은 우리의 삶에 영향을 주고 우리를 주님께 더 가까이 이끌어 줄 것입니다.

참고: 성 프란치스코는 주님의 기도의 각 구절을 확장하여 자신만의 버전을 만드셨습니다. 이 기도문은 발자취 예절서에 636 쪽에 있습니다. 몇 년 전 세라에서 열린 연례 지구 피정에서도 곤벤투알 Wayne Hellman 신부님께서 참석자들과 이 기도를 나누셨습니다. Juliet 수녀님과 Hellman 신부님 두 분 모두, 성 프란치스코처럼 각자의 방식으로 주님의 기도를 깊이 묵상하며 자신만의 확장된 기도문을 만드는 시간을 가져볼 것을 권유하셨습니다. 이것은 좋은 영성적 양성 활동이 될 것입니다.

Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation

***We Are Made By Love, For Love, and Sent on a Mission of Love
How Blessed We Are***

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

May the Lord Give You Peace.

As we draw near to the end of the fifty days of Easter, how beautiful it is to reflect upon the blessings of this time within our liturgical year. In the scripture that recounts the resurrection and the days that followed, I am often struck by how the Lord gives us what we need. I bring to mind three specific encounters of our resurrected Lord with His people.

We know well how Mary of Magdala was troubled by the absence of Jesus from the tomb. Then the one she thought was the gardener turned to respond to her and said "Mary." She replied "Rabboni" (John 20:16). The Lord gave her what she needed. He called her by name.

Then we are told how our resurrected Lord prepared a fire for his disciples who were fishing and invited them to put their fish on the fire. Our Lord knew they had worked all night and would be hungry. He cooked them breakfast (John 21:7-11).

Thirdly, we are all familiar with the events that resulted in St. Thomas being called the "Doubting Thomas." When the other disciples encountered the resurrected Christ, Thomas was not with them. When they told Thomas they had seen Jesus Thomas replied, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." A week later Jesus appeared to Thomas and the other disciples and offered His hands and bodily wounds to Thomas so he could touch them and believe (John 20:24-27).

What an amazing God we have. He created a beautiful world for us to live in and asked us to care for it. He sends us on mission and gives us what we need to fulfill that mission. He teaches us that life is sacred and precious, from conception to death. We are called to safeguard it. He tells us in Matthew 25 to encounter those on the margin and offer them food, water, clothing, and shelter. Our Lord knows that sickness is a difficult time in a person's life and sends us out to visit those who are ill, to carry His love to those who suffer. He directs us to visit the prisoner. He opens His heart and invites us to welcome the stranger. He tells us to love everyone, even those we may think of as an enemy. In Him, there is only love. His final words to us in His earthly life were "Love one another."

How blessed we are to be given this holy mission. He gives us His words, our scripture, our tradition based on those words, our holy Catholic Church, our new Pope, and each other to hold and sustain us as we fulfill the mission He has set forth for us. May we join in humble obedience and joy, to know, love, and serve the Lord. Always.

Peace and All Good,
Patricia E. Grace, OFS
JPIC Animator



Regional Spiritual Assistance Formation Program Has Begun!

Article 90 (OFS Constitution): *The principal task of the Assistant is to communicate Franciscan spirituality and to cooperate in the initial and continuing formation of the brothers and sisters.*

In April, Br. Kip Ledger, OFM Cap. and Fr. Chris Thiel, OFM Cap., the Regional Spiritual Assistants for our St. Francis Region, along with currently certified Spiritual Assistants Margie Rodriguez, OFS, and Frank Miller, OFS, met with the new class to begin a year-long formation program, taking a deep-dive into understanding the role of being a Spiritual Assistant to a fraternity. Attendees included brothers and sisters from Holy Spirit, Immaculate Conception, Padre Pio, St. Francis (Anaheim), St. Maximillian Kolbe, and San Luis Rey fraternities.



In addition to an in-depth look at our Secular Franciscan documents and the responsibilities of a Spiritual Assistant (SA), the class focuses on Franciscan spirituality, Christology, discernment, and formation, as well as understanding group dynamics and conflict resolution. Although the program begins and ends by gathering in-person, the formation program uses Zoom to meet for the two-hour sessions at least once a month.

The SA plays a vital role in ensuring the Franciscan charism and Catholic spiritual tradition remain central to the life and mission of the fraternity. It is not a role of governance, but of support and service. He/She serves as a bridge between the Secular Franciscan Order and the First Order. The SA helps maintain faithfulness to the OFS Rule and assists the fraternity in living out its vocation in fidelity to the Church and our commitment to living Gospel-focused lives.

Please pray for our “students” as they discern and learn more about this important calling of service to our OFS family!

One Step at a Time 2

John Kwon

My wife, Rosa, and I are casual backpackers. We started looking for something to do together as our sons grew up. Our family summer vacations had usually been camping trips to national parks, but over time, our destinations became more crowded, making me feel like we were more among people than in nature. As a young Boy Scout, I learned to appreciate the outdoors and got interested in backpacking, which offers the rare opportunity to be alone in nature. It took some convincing of Rosa, but backpacking trips became our annual ritual after our younger son left for college in 2012. As we became more experienced, I came to realize that it had become our walking Franciscan formation, giving us experiential appreciation of St. Francis.

Backpacking requires a minimalist mindset to identify the bare essentials such as food, cooking gear, shelter, sleeping gear, and clothing in order to carry the lightest weight on our backs. This takes

careful planning, which I've gotten better at over time, but it's always a challenge as letting go isn't in our human nature. Being a Franciscan who strives for a simpler life makes it easier.

Our annual adventures range from three to five days on foot. We average 10 miles over about 10 hours each day, depending on the elevation change. Usually, after the first day of hiking, we are the only humans in the woods, out of cellular range and completely disconnected from the world. This solitude gives us plenty of time to think, observe, reflect, pray, and simply walk.



Brother Sun, Sister Water, Sister Mother Earth & Rosa

We get to spend more time with Brother Sun, Sister Moon and Stars, Brother Wind, Sister Water, and Brother Fire with our feet on Sister Mother Earth. As with our human siblings, our relationship with inanimate brothers and sisters has its ups and downs. We eagerly welcome the warmth from Brother Sun after a cold night, yet avoid him during the day to protect our skin. It's pure joy to encounter Sister Water during a long dry hike though she can be quite heavy in my backpack. As much as I long to see Sister Moon and the Stars, I'm usually too tired and sound asleep by the time they appear. I marvel at the beauty of Sister Mother Earth on flat or descending trails, but I don't see her beauty during a steep climb. These moments make me think about St. Francis, wondering how he would feel, what he would do, how he would speak to them, and how he would connect to the Creator through His creations.

Our packs are heaviest at the beginning but grow lighter as we near the end of the trail much like our life's journey, where we carry our own crosses while walking toward Him every day. Our crosses grow lighter as we draw closer to Him, walking with both our animate and inanimate brothers and sisters through life's many ups and downs, one step at a time.

2025 REGIONAL GATHERING

Saturday, August 30

9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

St. Thomas Korean Catholic Center

412 N. Crescent Way

Anaheim, CA 92801

Topic: Canticle of the Creatures

**(Activity instructions will be provided in
English, Korean, Spanish & Vietnamese)**

**The region will provide beverages for the
morning and lunch.**

**Each attendee is asked to bring food
for the potluck lunch.**

**To help save our planet, we request that
attendees bring their own plates, utensils
and cups/mugs.**

Annual Regional Retreat

May 23 - 25



Attendees



Gathered in the chapel for a session with Fr. Albert Haase, OFM.



Fr. Albert at social time.

Fraternity News

Holy Spirit Fraternity:

Our Fraternity began the year with its annual Epiphany party where we invited both family and friends of members to celebrate Christ's presentation to the world.



Lent was busy beginning with what has become an annual event, Lenten Food Drive. We put out bags with lists of food in the parish where we meet for both the local Homeless Ministry headed by one of our members and the food pantry in a neighboring parish and then two weeks later the parishoners bring up the food at the offertory. We then sort the food by destination. Here is the food going to the pantry. We already sent the food for the homeless to storage.

Together with St. Padre Pio and Immaculata fraternities in our district we had a Lenten Retreat. Br. Kip Ledger, OFM Cap., led us on a meditation based on the Canticle of the Creatures. Several people who are visiting our Fraternity were able to join us.



It was also time for our annual Bake and Craft Sale, this year held on Palm Sunday. We also used it as an opportunity to reach out to members of the parish and introduce them to the Secular Franciscans.

Padre Pio Fraternity in Moreno Valley



Denise and Jane along with other members of the fraternity volunteer time at the St. Christopher Food bank.



Denise Leslie and Jane Wurzel with Fr. Steve Gross



Members of Immaculata, Holy Spirit, and St. Padre Pio Fraternities spent a day away with Br. Kip. The subject was *The Canticle of the Creatures*.

St. Francis of Assisi Fraternity is growing! Over the past few years, we've welcomed members from two fraternities: St. Lawrence of Brindisi and St. Mary of the Angels. To facilitate our growth, we held a special council election on Saturday, April 12, and we are blessed by the wonderful people chosen to guide us.



The new council takes its oath with Fr. Chris Thiel, O.F.M. Cap., witnessing.



Caroline Yandell, our Regional Minister leads the proceedings.



Fr. Chris, Terri Foster (Secretary),
Adriana Lopez (Councilor).



Lisa Hernandez (Councilor), Ed Graff (Councilor).



Bob Fawcett (Formation Director), Barbara Courtois
(Minister), Clare Yun (Treasurer).

St. Francis Fraternity of Los Angeles Relocates to St. Agnes Korean Catholic Church

As of December 2024, the St. Francis Fraternity of Los Angeles has relocated from St. Francis of Assisi Church to St. Agnes Korean Catholic Church (KCC) in Los Angeles.

Following the retirement of the Franciscan Friars at St. Francis of Assisi Church to the Province of Santa Barbara, we gradually faced challenges due to the lack of available rooms for formation and our monthly gatherings. Thanks for the prayers of our members. Fr. Joseph Choi, SJ at St. Agnes Korean Catholic Church graciously welcomed our fraternity and invited us to move to KCC. He has generously allowed us to use rooms for formation, monthly gatherings, and council meetings. We are deeply grateful for this blessing, which has brought us not only a new home but also more brothers and sisters to share in our joy and peace.

Celebrating 25 Years of Profession

In February 2025, we were blessed to celebrate the silver jubilees of four Secular Franciscans, all of whom were professed on February 13, 2000. What a beautiful testimony to the enduring bond they share!

Although one of the celebrants, Sylvia Chang, was ill and unable to attend, her presence was felt in our hearts as we honored this special milestone together.

These celebrants have been shining examples of commitment to the Franciscan way of life—living the Gospel with humility, service, love, and peacemakers. Their journey over the past 25 years has enriched our fraternity and inspired many with their faithful witness, and deep spirituality. We give thanks for their lives of devotion and for the many ways they have nurtured and strengthened our fraternity.



Michaela Kim, OFS, Agnes Kwon, OFS, Fr. Chris Thiel OFM, and Daniel Lee OFS



Members of St. Francis Fraternity of Los Angeles.

Immaculate Conception Fraternity



On March 22 at Immaculate Conception Church, Old Town San Diego, Father Vince Mesi, O.F.M. (pictured left) presented a Day of Reflection for the Immaculate Conception Fraternity's council. The topic was "Francis and the Eucharist." Adoration and Benediction followed. Immaculate Conception Fraternity collects baby diapers and wipes to donate to the CreationCare Ministry at Immaculate Conception Parish. Submitted by Becky Taylor, OFS.

Scully Fund Requirements

The Scully Fund has been set up to encourage fraternities in the St. Francis Region to participate in charitable activities.

When members of a fraternity take an active role in an apostolic activity and use fraternity funds to purchase materials or supplies for the activity, the fraternity may request to be reimbursed by the Scully Fund for half of those expenses by supplying the following:

- A letter detailing the activity, the date it occurred, the number of fraternity members involved, and the amount of expenses incurred.
- Receipts for the purchases or a copy of the check(s) used to pay for the items.
- A request for reimbursement of half of the expenses.

Send the above information to either the Minister or Treasurer of the St. Francis Region.

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