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There will not be any meeting this month due to Father's Day. The Inquiry classes will double up sessions in July; the 2017 Candidate class will still be held but at another site; and the 2018 Candidate class will skip this month. The July Fraternity meeting will be held on its normal date and schedule.



◆ Theme: FAITH AND LEARNING ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and be planted in the sea'; and it would obey you." (*Lk 7:5-6*)

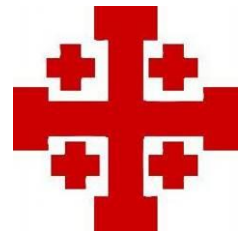
Prayer of the Month

Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of our minds. Give us a right faith, a firm hope and a perfect charity, with wisdom and insight, O Lord, that we may always discern Your holy and true will. Amen.



Holy Land Festival

Please mark **Saturday, July 15** on your calendars for the Monastery's 4th annual **Holy Land Festival**¹. This will be our first major service project to support the friars. We will have a table at which we hand out literature about the Secular Franciscan Order and serve Arabic coffee. Thank you for all who have already volunteered. We could use extra help 3-5 pm. If you would like to volunteer, contribute financially, or have any questions, please contact Michele Dunne (micheleddunne@gmail.com or 202-412-1210) or Wendy Enderson.



July Birthdays

July 8 – Brenda Nutt, 11 – Mildred Wray, 16 – Justina Essiet, 22 – Sarah Faizi, 24 – John Monti, 26 – George Ramsey, 27 – Nancy McCleary.

¹ For more info see <https://myfranciscan.org/event/4th-annual-holy-land-festival/>.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

7. Good Works should follow knowledge²

The Apostle says: "The letter kills, but the spirit gives life." (2 Cor 3:6). Those have died by the letter who desire to know only the words, so as to be esteemed as wiser among others and be able to acquire great riches to be given to relatives and friends. And those religious have died by the letter, who do not want to follow the spirit of Divine, but rather desire only to know the words and to explain them to others. And those have been vivified by the Divine Letter, who do not attribute every letter, which they know and desire to know, to the body, but in word and example render them to the Most High Lord God, of whom every good belong.

² *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2013, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm> .



The Rule

Chapter Two, Article 7 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

United by their vocation as brothers and sisters of penance, and motivated by the dynamic power of the gospel, let them conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ by means of that radical interior change which the gospel itself calls conversion. Human frailty makes it necessary that this conversion be carried out daily.

On this road to renewal the sacrament of reconciliation is the privileged sign of the Father's mercy and the source of grace.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



"Let us allow ourselves to be humbly led by the Holy Spirit in order to avoid taking the wrong road and closing our hearts." "Let's always remember that our faith is concrete: the Word became flesh, not an idea!"³

Papal Intentions for the Month

Prayer Intention – **National Leaders:** That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

Urgent Intention – **War and Terrorism:** May the Holy Spirit grant peace to the entire world. May He heal the wounds of war and terrorism, which most recently struck innocent civilians in London. Let us pray for the victims and their families.⁴

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$356 in donations and spent \$47.10 for printing and mailing.

³ Jun 4 and 6, 2017. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex> .

⁴ Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed June 6, 2017, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

The Information Corner

Jun 13th – Feastday of St. Anthony of Padua.

Fernando Bulhom was born in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal to a prominent family. Entering the religious order of St. Augustine at the age of 15, he undertook years of intense study of theology and was ordained a priest. A turning point in his life came when he learned of the martyrdom of five Franciscan friars in Morocco, at which point he joined the Franciscan order and took the name of Anthony. Although Anthony wanted to go to Morocco as well, he ended up in Italy instead due to illness and shipwreck.

Anthony's vocation as a preacher was revealed in



1222, when he was asked to give an impromptu homily at an ordination of Dominicans and Franciscans. He

was assigned to preach in northern Italy and southern France, where he made hundreds of trips and enjoyed much success against the heresies of the day. While St. Francis was in general skeptical of learned theologians within his order, he responded to the glowing reports about Anthony's preaching – which was always combined with humility and poverty – by giving him permission in writing to teach the friars theology. In addition to his frequent preaching and writing, Anthony was fond of prayer in solitude, including at the famous La Verna where Francis received the stigmata.

In the last years of his life, Anthony's sermons became so famous that tens of thousands would come to hear him preach, after which he would hear confessions for many hours. Ill and exhausted, he died near Padua at age 36. Just before his death, Anthony said, "I see my Lord!" He was canonized in 1232, less than a year after his death.

St. Anthony is often portrayed in Christian art holding the child Jesus seated on an open book, based on a legend that he was once seen holding

and speaking with the child Jesus. Jesus is the word of God incarnate, which St. Anthony – declared a Doctor of the Church in 1946 – was so talented at sharing through his preaching and writings.⁵



Please Pray For Our Sick

Julia Stratchko; Frank Klem's wife, Dona Klem; Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father Raymond Bleau; Dorothy Clayton (d) and her family; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's mother and her friend Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Joe Rende; Vicky Spalding; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family; Mildred Wray.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

July 1 – Bl. Junipero Serra, priest, I Order; 4 – St. Elizabeth of Portugal, queen, III Order; 7 – Bl. Davanzato, bishop, III Order; 8 – Bl. Gregory Grassi, bishop, and companions, martyrs, I and III Order; 9 – St. Nicholas Pick, priest, and companions, martyrs, I Order; 10 – St. Veronica Giuliani, virgin, II Order; 12 – Sts. John Jones and John Wall, priests, martyrs, I Order; 13 – Bl. Angeline of Marisciano, religious, III Order; 15 – St. Bonaventure, bishop, doctor, I Order; 16 – Canonization of St. Francis - Canonized 16 July 1228 by Pope Gregory IX; St. Francis Solano, priest, I Order; 18 – St. Simon of Lipnica; 21 – St. Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor, I Order; 23 – Bl. Cunegunda, religious, II Order; St. Bridget of Sweden, widow, III Order; 24 – Bl. Louise of Savoy, widow, II Order; Bl. Modestino of Jesus and Mary, religious, I Order; Bl. Antonio Lucci, bishop, I Order; 27 – Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinengo, virgin, II Order; 28 – Bl. Mary Teresa Kowalska, virgin, martyr of Poland, II Order; Bl. Mattia Nazarei, virgin, II Order.

⁵ "Saint Anthony of Padua: His Life, Legends, and Devotions," edited by Jack Wintz, OFM, *St. Anthony Messenger Press*, 1993.

Pray For Our Deceased Theresa Wilson



died on May 16, 2017. Her funeral Mass was on May 24 at St. Cyprian’s Church. Theresa was professed in 1995 and was an active member until medical issues prevented her attending meetings.



Fr. Bill Winkler, O.F.M., 1929-2017, died May 31, 2017. His funeral was held at the Monastery on June 2.



Dorothy Clayton died on June 2, 2017. Her funeral was held on June 8 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church. Dorothy was professed in 1983, was very involved with the fraternity, and loved by all. She moved out of the DC area many years ago and was in hospice care.

Philip Melore died on May 20, 2017, after a sudden hospitalization and several days in a coma. Phil was professed in 1985 and was an active member, which included serving on Council.

Our hearts and prayers go out to all those who passed in the past month. May the souls of the faithful departed, especially those of our members and their families, rest in eternal peace in the presence of our Lord.



June Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

Often faith and learning are portrayed as in tension, almost as opposites. Catholic teaching, on the other hand, portrays these are working together within the human person, to strengthen both mind and soul. For example, it is through human reason of the observed natural world that we can discern God’s existence (CCC 36). It is in this manner that St. Anthony, highlighted in this edition of the *Chimes*, put his abilities to use in furtherance of the Church.

Learning is a tool by which we further our appreciation – indeed, awe – of created universe. Without a proper balance, however, learning can take one on a path where the focus turns to oneself, rather than on the Divine. It was perhaps this concern that prompted St. Francis, when St. Anthony requested permission to teach theology, to respond:

Br. Francis sends greeting to Brother Anthony, my bishop⁶. I am pleased that you teach sacred theology to the brothers provided that, as is contained in the Rule, you “do not extinguish the Spirit of prayer and devotion” during study of this kind.⁷

With this as a guide, we can place our own study and learning within the framework of our own Rule. While we learn more about our own formation – both initial and ongoing – let us resolve to always “let prayer be the soul of what we are and do” (Rule 8).



⁶ A term used by St. Francis for a theologian or teacher.

⁷ Armstrong et al ed. (1999), *Francis of Assisi Early Documents, Vol I – The Saint*, p107.