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Schedule

- 9:30am Orientation Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 9:30am Candidate Session (2017) – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session (2016) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
- 11:00am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm Mass in Monastery church
- 1:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room – downstairs in the Friary. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.
- 1:30pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure Room

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Short teaching
- Committees meet
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you. We will pray the Office for the Dead for Dorothy Clayton.

DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

◆ Theme: HOLY LAND ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

Jerusalem – built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord. There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David. (*Ps 122:3-5*)



Prayer of the Month

God of mercy and compassion, we place in your hands this land and all its people. Guide and support all those who seek to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen¹



¹ Prayer For the Holy Land, Catholic Church in England and Wales, pub. Jan 18, 2017, accessed Jun 30, 2017, URL <http://catholicnews.org.uk/Home/Featured/Holy-Land-Coordination-2017/Prayer> .

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

8. On avoiding the sin of envy²

The Apostle said: "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except in the Holy Spirit" (1 Cor 12:3); and "There is no one who does good, not even one" (Rm 3:12). Whoever therefore envies his own brother because of the good, which the Lord says and works in him, tends towards the sin of blasphemy, because he envies the Most High Himself (cf. Mt 20:15), who says and works every good.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$200 in donations and disbursed \$296.42 in expenses. Fair Share has now been paid by 30 of 43 members.

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 8 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

As Jesus was the true worshipper of the Father, so let prayer and contemplation be the soul of all they are and do.

Let them participate in the sacramental life of the Church, above all the Eucharist. Let them join in liturgical prayer in one of the forms proposed by the Church, reliving the mysteries of the life of Christ.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



"There is great need to feed Christian hope, which gives us a new view capable of discovering and seeing the good." "A Christian's mission in the world is splendid, it is a mission intended for everyone, it is a mission of service, excluding no one!"³

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – Lapsed Christians: That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.⁴

Note: Pope Francis is no longer proposing an urgent prayer intention. However, he asks for prayers for specific people and situations that are of deep concern to him.

August Birthdays

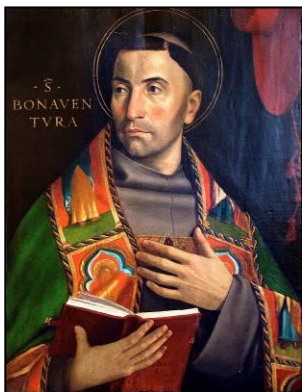
August 4 – Susan Zell, 8 – David Weir, 11 – Francoise Bidiki, 11 – Wendy Enderson, 12 – Ronald McElligott, 13 – Alberto Gamez, 16 – Mark Remlin, 29 – Christopher Cropper.

³ Jun 30 and Jul 1, 2017. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

⁴ Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed February 7, 2015, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

The Information Corner

We have two important Franciscan feasts this month: July 15, feast of St. Bonaventure, and July 16, anniversary of the canonization of St. Francis.



St. Bonaventure, originally named Giovanni di Fidanza, was born about 1221 in the small Umbrian town of Bagnoregio. He never met St. Francis in person, but Bonaventure credited the saint with his life because he was cured

of a life-threatening childhood illness when his mother made a vow to Francis on his behalf. Bonaventure went to Paris to study and became a Friar Minor in 1243. He became a renowned theologian and philosopher, known for his writings combining faith and reason as well as his biography of Francis. Bonaventure was named General Minister of the Order and later a cardinal, dying on July 15, 1274. Canonized in 1484 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1587, St. Bonaventure was deeply inspired by Francis's mystical experience at La Verna and is known as the Seraphic Doctor, alongside the Seraphic Father, St. Francis.⁵

July 16 marks the anniversary of the

Canonization of St. Francis in 1228, just two years after his death, by Pope Gregory IX (previously Cardinal Hugolino). It took place in Assisi and was attended by "a vast crowd of people from all parts of the world whom the Lord Pope had invited." Pope Gregory, "who loved the saint very much during his lifetime,



⁵ Armstrong et al, ed., *Francis of Assisi: Early Documents Vol II – The Founder*, New York: New City Press (2000). *The Legends and Sermons about St. Francis of Assisi* by Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, Introduction, p495.

not only honored him through an extraordinary canonization, but also laid the first stone of the church to be built in his honor," to which St. Francis's remains were later transferred.⁶

Please Pray For Our Members

Julia Stratchko; Frank Klem's wife, Dona Klem; Fred Sharf's father; Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father Raymond Bleau; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's friend Ron Harner and her mother; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicolas and his family; Mary Okuma's family; Joe Rende; Vicky Spalding; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her family; Mildred Wray.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

August 2 – Our Lady of the Angels at the Portiuncula; 3 – Bl. Frederic Janssoone, priest, I Order; 4 – St. John Vianney, priest, III Order; 7 – Bls. Agathangelus and Cassian, priests and martyrs, I Order; 8 – Holy Father Dominic, priest, founder, Order of Preachers; 9 – Bl. John of La Verna, priest, I Order; 11 – St. Clare of Assisi, virgin, II Order; 13 – Bl. Mark of Aviano, priest, I Order; 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, I Order; 17 – St. Roch, III Order; 18 – Bls. John-Louis Loir, Protase Bourdon and Sebastian François, priests, martyrs of Rochefort, I Order; 19 – St. Louis of Toulouse, bishop, I Order; 21 – St. Pius X, pope, III Order; 23 – Bl. Bernard of Offida, religious, I Order; 25 – St. Louis IX, king, Patron of the Third Order; 27 – The Seven Joys of Our Lady.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers Friar Maximilian Wojciechowski, whose feast day is August 14.

⁶ Ibid., *The Legend of the Three Companions*, ch18, p109.

July Reflection

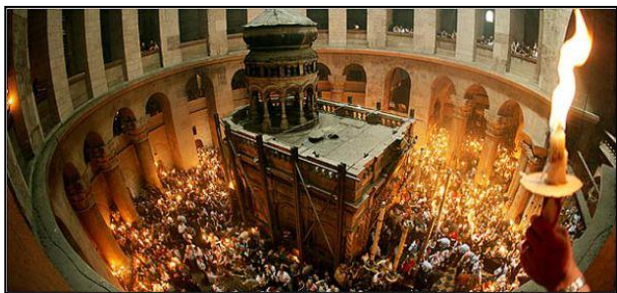
By Michele Dunne, OFS

Love for the Holy Land and our Franciscan Life



Franciscans have a love for the Holy Land and desire to bring peace there that goes back to our founder. Fully ready to face martyrdom, St. Francis traveled in 1219 to Egypt, where the Fifth Crusade was being fought against the Muslim Sultan Malik al-Kamil in order to put pressure on him

to relinquish Jerusalem. Horrified by the brutality he saw, St. Francis undertook the extremely dangerous task of meeting with the Sultan in an effort to convert him to Christianity and prevent further bloodshed. While that was not to be, the Sultan was deeply impressed by St. Francis's courage and faith, and sent him and his companion Brother Illuminato safely on their way. Departing Egypt, Francis stopped in Syria but it seems he did not make it to Jerusalem; at the time Pope Honorius III mandated excommunication for any Christian who visited the Muslim-controlled city.



Although Francis may not have visited the place associated with the life of our Lord, the Friars Minor were established there after his death, with some martyred as early as 1244 and a special province established in 1263. While the Holy Land was still mostly under Muslim control, by 1322 the Friars Minor were well

established in Bethlehem and by 1390 they had formal responsibility for carrying out liturgies and receiving pilgrims there and at the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. In the modern era, the Franciscans of the Holy Land Province continue to perform those sacred duties, as well as to extend practical help to fellow Christians and other Palestinians through education, housing, and medical care. While many of us hope to make actual pilgrimages to the places associated with the life of our Savior, we are blessed to be able to make mini-pilgrimages every month to our beloved monastery.



The Holy Land Festival on July 15 affords us a special opportunity to show our loving care for the culture and history of

the Holy Land, as well as for our monastery and friars. As our brother friars do in the Holy Land, we can show hospitality to the visitors to the Festival, greeting them with open hearts and peaceful spirits. Recalling the meeting of St. Francis with the Muslim Sultan, the website of the Custody of the Holy Land notes "it was a peaceful encounter, which marked the beginning of the Franciscans' presence in the Holy Land and also influenced the way in which we have been present in the course of the centuries until today."

Pray for the peace of the Holy Land. And in our encounters with visitors to the Holy Land Festival – and everywhere else – let us be what the Rule calls on us as Secular Franciscans to be: messengers of perfect joy in every circumstance.⁷



⁷ Augustine Thompson, O.P., *Francis of Assisi: A New Biography*, Cornell University Press (2012); and Custodia Terrae Sanctae website, accessed June 26, 2017, URL <http://www.custodia.org/default.asp?id=314>.