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There will not be any meeting this month due to Father's Day. Formation classes will still be held; Inquires and Candidates should contact their instructor about alternate arrangements. The July Fraternity meeting will be held on its normal date and schedule.



◆ Theme: **WORK** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. (*Jn 6:27*)

Prayer of the Month

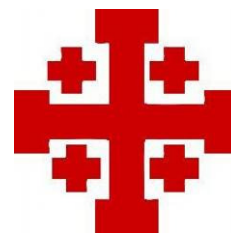
Blessed St. Joseph, patron of all working people, thank you for the opportunity to build up God's kingdom through my labors. Help me to be conscientious in my work so that I may give as full a measure as I have received.

May I do all things in a spirit of thankfulness and joy, ever mindful of the gifts I have received from God that enable me to perform these tasks. Permit me to work in peace, patience, and moderation, keeping in mind the account I must one day give of time lost, talents unused, good omitted, and vanity of success, so fatal to the work of God. Glorious St. Joseph, may my labors be all for Jesus, all through Mary, and all after your holy example in life and in death. Amen.¹

¹ Association of the Miraculous Medal, URL <http://www.amm.org/prayers/workers.aspx>, accessed Jun 7, 2018.

Holy Land Festival

Please mark **Saturday, July 14** on your calendars for the Monastery's 5th annual **Holy Land Festival**². This is our 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. If you would like to volunteer, contribute financially, or have any questions, please contact Michele Dunne (micheleddunne@gmail.com or 202-412-1210).



Council Change, Election Notice

Our Minister, J. Patrick Enderson, resigned on May 27. There will be early elections for Council at the **Sep 16** meeting. See full article on p3.

² For more info see <https://myfranciscan.org/event/5th-annual-holy-land-festival/>.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

18. On compassion for one's neighbor³

Blessed (is) the man, who supports his neighbor during his frailty to the extent that he would want to be supported by him, if he falls into an exactly similar situation. Blessed (is) the servant who renders all his goods to the Lord God, because he who has retained anything for himself "conceals" within himself "the money of his Lord" God (Mt 25:18) and "what" he thought he "had, shall be born away from" him (Lk 8:18).

³ *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2017, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm>.



The Rule

Chapter Two, Article 9 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



"The living presence of Christ within us is the light that guides our choices, the flame that warms our hearts as we go to meet the Lord." "Loving Christ is not a superficial sentiment. It is an attitude of the heart that we demonstrate when we live as He wants us to."⁴

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – Social Networks. That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.⁵

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$602 in donations and disbursed \$28.34 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

July Birthdays

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

⁴ Jun 4 and 6, 2018. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

⁵ Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed May 30, 2018, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner



June 22nd – Feastday of St. Thomas More, martyr and member of the Third Order.⁶

Saint Thomas More's belief that no lay ruler has jurisdiction over the Church of Christ cost him his life. Beheaded on Tower Hill, London,

on July 6, 1535, More had steadfastly refused to approve King Henry VIII's divorce and remarriage and establishment of the Church of England.

Described as "a man for all seasons," More was a literary scholar, eminent lawyer, gentleman, father of four children, and chancellor of England. An intensely spiritual man, he would not support the king's divorce from Catherine of Aragon in order to marry Anne Boleyn. Nor would he acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church in England, breaking with Rome, and denying the pope as head.

More was committed to the Tower of London to await trial for treason: not swearing to the Act of Succession and the Oath of Supremacy. Upon conviction, More declared he had all the councils of Christendom and not just the council of one realm to support him in the decision of his conscience. He was beheaded and died a martyr's death.

Four hundred years later in 1935, Thomas More was canonized a saint of God. Few saints are more relevant to our time. In the year 2000, in fact, Pope John Paul II named him patron of political leaders. The supreme diplomat and counselor, he did not compromise his own moral values in order to please the king, knowing that true allegiance to authority is not blind acceptance of everything that authority wants.

⁶ Source: Franciscan Media, URL <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-thomas-more/>, accessed May 31, 2018.

Change On Council, New Elections

At our May meeting those in attendance were informed that our Minister, J. Patrick Enderson, was discerning if he should resign as Minister. After much prayer, he has decided to do so; his resignation was effective May 27. The letter of resignation was delivered to our Regional Minister, Bob Longo, who accepted it. Council wants to thank Patrick for the energy and ideas he brought to the office; we understand and support his decision.

What this means for our fraternity is that Larry Bleau, as Vice Minister, has formally taken on the duties and authority of Minister, but under the title of Acting Minister. Since the Vice Minister position becomes vacant due to this change, our Secretary, Bill Richardson, has agreed to take on the duties of this office as well. We thank Bill for stepping up.

This arrangement will continue until the next elections, which Council has decided to hold at our **September 16** meeting.

While your Council makes plans for elections, you can help us. If you are a professed, active member, consider prayerfully how you, too, can step up and serve your fraternity. We will need persons willing to contribute their time and talents as Minister, Vice Minister, Secretary, Treasurer, and Formation Director.

Bear in mind that God does not call the qualified; He qualifies the called.



June Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

Work is many things: a gift, a duty, a calling, a vocation, even a ministry. Our Rule states, “Let them esteem work both as a gift and a sharing in the creation, redemption and service of the human family.”⁷ The Catechism states we are “called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both *with and for one another*. Hence work is a duty....⁸” [italics added] By it we support ourselves and our loved ones. Scripture has it, “If anyone will not work, let him not eat.”⁹



If we are fortunate, what we do for our livelihood can also complement what we feel we are called to do in life – our vocation.

Work is less often considered a ministry, yet it is one. When our labors, whether paid or as a volunteer, help another human, this is a ministry. In whatever work we find ourselves called to do, and wherever we find ourselves on life’s road, there is some aspect of our work where we can learn to serve others, if not directly at our job, then by applying the talents we were given and the skills we learn in other areas of life so we can serve one another. This includes both volunteer and paid work.

When we do such work, consciously and deliberately, for others’ sake as well as our own, we elevate it and give it a purpose beyond ourselves. “The lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ’s sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering.¹⁰” After all, to be united with Christ is what we are called to be as Secular Franciscans.

⁷ Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, Article 16.

⁸ Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC), article 2427

⁹ 2 Thess 3:10

¹⁰ CCC 1368

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Mary Okumu**’s new address is 450 Taylor St. NE #F-31, Washington, DC 20017; her phone remains 202-706-0374. Please update your directory!
- **Maria Louisa Correa**’s sister, Maria D. Franco, passed away in late February. Please keep them both in your prayers.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Mildred Wray; Pat Allnutt; Mary Anne Corr; Maria Louisa Correra and her sister, Maria D. Franco†; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Ron McElligot and his wife, Mary; Margaret Murphy’s husband, Jim Murphy; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Brenda Nutt; Carol Petro; Joe Rende; Fred Scharf’s father; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple and her family; Dineen Whipple and her family; Donna Wilkes and her family.

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.