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**REMINDER:** There will be no June meeting; however, formation classes will still meet (see your instructor) and we will take a trip to the Museum of the Bible on Sat, Jun 15 (see p4).

## Schedule

- 9:30am Candidate make-up session  
10:30am Candidate Session (2018&2019) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs  
11:15am Franciscan Crown Rosary in St. Bonaventure Room  
12:00pm Mass in Monastery church  
1:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room. Light refreshments.  
1:30pm Fraternity Meeting  
3:00pm Council meeting

## Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- News of members
- Update on Bible Museum outing
- Presentation: Mary, the Image of Humanity
- Article 9 discussion – Mary
- Questions from those in formation
- Closing Evening prayer. We will use the Little Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

***DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!***

## ◆ Theme: MARY, OUR PROTECTRESS ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

“My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid’s lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is from age to age to those who fear him. He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart. He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped Israel his servant, remembering his mercy, according to his promise to our fathers, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.” (Lk 1:46-55)



### Prayer of the Month

Hail, O Lady, Holy Queen, Mary, holy Mother of God, who are the Virgin made Church, chosen by the most Holy Father in heaven whom he consecrated with His most holy beloved Son and with the Holy Spirit the Paraclete, in whom there was and is all fullness of grace and every good. Hail, his Palace! Hail, his Tabernacle! Hail, his dwelling! Hail, his Robe! Hail, his servant! Hail, his Mother! And hail all You holy Virtues which are poured into the hearts of the faithful through the grace and enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, that from being unbelievers, You may make them faithful to God!<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> A Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, from Francis of Assisi: The Saint, Early Documents, Vol 1, p163.

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## ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

### 2. The Wickedness of Self Will <sup>2</sup>

The Lord said to Adam: From “every tree eat, however, from the tree of good and evil you may not eat” (cf. Gen 2:16.17). From every tree of paradise he could eat, because while he did not go against obedience, he did not sin. For one eats of the tree of the knowledge of good, who appropriates his own will to himself and exalts himself because of the good things, which the Lord says and works in him; and so through the suggestion of the devil and the transgression of the mandate it has become the fruit of the knowledge of evil. Whence it is proper, that he endure punishment.

<sup>2</sup> *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



“In many countries May is the month of Mary. May the Mother of God accompany us and protect Christians in fighting against the forces of evil. Let us entrust ourselves to her and pray for the Church and for peace in the world.” “Virgin of the Holy Rosary, help us to be of one heart and one soul, a holy people journeying toward our Heavenly home.”<sup>3</sup>

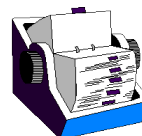
## Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – The Church in Africa, a Seed of Unity. That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.<sup>4</sup>



## New Fraternity Directory

The 2019 fraternity directory is now available. Contact Larry (301-474-1338, [minister@dcsfo.org](mailto:minister@dcsfo.org)) if you want a copy, or pick one up at the meeting. A PDF softcopy also available.



<sup>3</sup> May 3 and 8, 2019. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

<sup>4</sup> Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed April 25, 2019, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

## **The Information Corner**

**May 30th** – Feastday of St. Ferdinand III<sup>5</sup>



King of Leon and Castile, member of the Third Order of St. Francis, Ferdinand was born in 1198 near Salamanca. He was the son of Alfonso IX, King of Leon, and of Berengaria, the daughter of Alfonso III, King of Castile, and sister of Blanche, the mother of St. Louis IX.

In 1217 Ferdinand became King of Castile, which crown his mother renounced in his favour, and in 1230 he succeeded to the crown of Leon, though not without civil strife, since many were opposed to the union of the two kingdoms. He took as his counsellors the wisest men in the State, saw to the strict administration of justice, and took the greatest care not to overburden his subjects with taxation. In 1219 he married Beatrice, the daughter of King Philip of Germany. God blessed this union with seven children: six princes and one princess.

The highest aims of Ferdinand's life were the propagation of the Faith and the liberation of Spain from the Saracen yoke. Hence his continual wars against the Saracens. He took from them vast territories; only Granada and Alicante remained in their power at the time of his death. In the most important towns he founded bishoprics, reestablished Catholic worship everywhere, built churches, founded monasteries, and endowed hospitals. He turned the great mosques of Cordova and Seville into cathedrals, dedicating them to the Blessed Virgin. He watched over the conduct of his soldiers, confiding more in their virtue than in their valour, fasted strictly himself, wore a rough hairshirt, and often spent his nights in

<sup>5</sup> Heckmann, F. (1909). St. Ferdinand III. The Catholic Encyclopedia, retrieved Apr 25, 2019, from New Advent, <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/06042a.htm>

prayer, especially before battles. Amid the tumult of the camp he lived like a religious in the cloister. The glory of the Church and the happiness of his people were the two guiding motives of his life. He founded the University of Salamanca, the Athens of Spain.

Ferdinand died at Seville on May 30, 1252, and was buried in the great cathedral of Seville before the image of the Blessed Virgin, clothed, at his own request, in the habit of the Third Order of St. Francis. His body, it is said, remains incorrupt. Many miracles took place at his tomb, and Clement X canonized him in 1671. His feast is on May 30th.

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### **From the Mailbox: News of our Family**

- **Robert Lantz** has a new email and phone: [paulorgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:paulorgeorge@gmail.com), 240-496-5862. Please update your directory.

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### **Fraternity Finances**

💰 Last month we received \$228 in donations and disbursed \$26.89 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

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### **A Stitch in Chimes**

*Here's a look at our fraternity 20 years ago:*

In May of 1999 Mary Anne Corr gave a presentation titled "Mary - Model of Disciple." The fraternity then watched a video about Marian apparitions and discussed Article 6.




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### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

Donna Wilkes and her family; Amy Bilyeau; Vicky Spalding's niece, Shannon; Rosemary Bordley and her family; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's family; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy and her husband Jim; Fritz Nicolas and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; and John and Dineen Whipple family.

**Pray For Our Deceased Patricia**

**Allnutt**, who died on April 14, 2019. Her funeral Mass was on April 25 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Warrenton, VA. Pat was professed in Nov 2002 and was an active member until she moved from the area, after which her health declined. 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 Birthdays**

June 5 – Sheila Kelly, Anna Zaczynski; 9 – Mary Catherine Kohut, Carol Petro; 12 – Lee Ann Petta; 19 – Helen Walls; and 22 – William Hayes Brown III, Joan Kane.

**Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

June 2 – St. Felix of Nicosia, religious, I Order; 8 – Bl. Nicholas of Gèsturi, religious, I Order; 12 – Bl. Florida Cevoli, virgin, I Order; Bl. Jolenta, religious, II Order; Bl. Antoninus Bajewski, priest, and companions, martyrs (Pius Bartosik, Innocent Guz, Achille Puchala, Herman Stepien, priests; Timothy Troianowski, Boniface Zukowski, religious), I Order; 13 – St. Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor, I Order; 16 – Bl. Anizet Koplín, priest, and companions, martyrs of Poland (Henry Krzystofik, Florian Stêpniak, Fidelis Chojnacki, Symforiam Ducki), I Order; Bl. Guy (Guido) Vignotelli, priest, I Order; 17 – St. Albert Chmielowski, religious, III Order, founder; 22 – St. Thomas More, martyr, III Order; 23 – St. Joseph Cafasso, priest, III Order; 25 – Bl. Jutta of Thuringia, widow, III Order; 26 – Bl. Andrew Hyacinth Longhin, bishop, I Order; 30 – Bl. Raymond Lull, martyr, III Order.

**Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers friars whose feast days are this coming month: June 3 – Kevin Treston, 19 – Romuald Green, and 29 – Simon McKay.

**Museum of the Bible – June 15**

Don't forget about our group visit to the Museum of the Bible on Saturday, June 15. If you want to come, please bring cash or a spare check to the meeting (estimated cost is \$13), as we will be purchasing tickets in advance at a group rate. Updated information and brochures will be available at the meeting.

**May Reflection**

*By Larry Bleau, OFS*

This month I want to reflect on Mary. While there are countless things one can say, many of which we have heard quite a few times, my mind kept circling back to Mary and our Order, so it is on that aspect of Mary I wish to reflect.

A sound way for a Secular Franciscan to start thinking of Mary is to examine what St. Francis himself said and wrote of her. For instance, his *Salutations* – this month's prayer – contains many symbols of Mary as a protector. The most obvious is how she held Jesus in her body, but there is so much more: a tabernacle protects the Holy Eucharist; a palace and a dwelling protect their inhabitants; a servant protects his master and the household; a robe protects its wearer; and virtues, put into practice, protect the soul.

Francis himself named Mary as protectress of the Order of Friars Minor, and by extension the entire Franciscan family. It was quite fitting, then, that when our Rule was updated in 1978, not only should an article should be devoted to Mary, but that she be named as our protector and advocate. She is our advocate with Jesus, who listened to her, both as a child and as an adult at Cana.



This month let us all make a special effort to pray the rosary or another Marian devotion or prayer in her honor. Let us also, in a spirit of protection and advocacy, reach out to another fraternity member, or the poor in our midst, and check up on them, bringing to them the same selfless caring that Mary has for us.