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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room – downstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – St. Francis Room downstairs (*note change of room*)
- 10:30am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 11:15am Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Francis Room – downstairs in the Friary. Refreshments will be provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Francis Room
- 2:30pm Council Meeting

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Handouts
- Instruction of the Breviary
- Talk on Religious Freedom Issues
- Evening Prayer

DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

Reminder: If you are unable to attend the fraternity meetings for more than one month, please notify one of the Council members. The criteria for Active-excused and Lapsed member status is explained in the Fraternity guidelines. Thank you.

◆ Theme: **RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable lives, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1-4)



Prayer of the Month

Prayer for Protection of Conscience Rights

Father, we praise you and thank you for your most precious gifts of human life and human freedom.

Touch the hearts of our lawmakers with the wisdom and courage to uphold conscience rights and religious liberty for all. Protect all people from being forced to violate their moral and religious convictions.

In your goodness, guard our freedom to live out our faith and to follow you in all that we do. Give us strength to be bold and joyful witnesses.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

USCCB - Fortnight for Freedom.

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

14. On poverty of spirit ¹

“Blessed (are) the poor in spirit, since theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven” (*Mt 5:3*). There are many, who persisting in prayers and (liturgical) offices practice many abstinences and afflict their own bodies, but because of a single word, which seems to be injurious to their bodies or because of anything, which is brought against them, being scandalized, they are continually disturbed. These are not poor in spirit; since he who is truly poor in spirit, hates his very self and loves those who beat him in the face (*cf. Mt 5:39*).

¹ St. Francis of Assisi, *The Words of Admonition*, translated from the Critical Latin Edition, edited by Fr. Kajetan Esser, O.F.M, courtesy of Five Franciscan Martyrs Region, accessed April 19, 2010, URL <http://www.franciscan-sfo.org/ap/Admonitions.html>

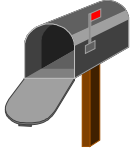


The Rule

Chapter One, Article 12 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Witnessing to the good yet to come and obliged to acquire purity of heart because of the vocation they have embraced, they should set themselves free to love God and their brothers and sisters.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Apollonia (Polly) Sergi** now lives with her daughter at: c/o Mary Grace Karch, 9732 Zimbro Ave., Manassas, VA 20110, phone 703-330-7738. 
- **Roy Foster** writes from the VA Medical Center in Durham, NC: “Thank you for your prayers. It really means a lot knowing that I have brothers and sisters praying for me. I look forward to receiving and reading the Chimes regularly. Please continue to uplift me in prayer.”
- **Eugene Sides** sent greetings from Plum Branch, SC: “Thanks to everyone for their prayers. God bless and keep you all.” Gene’s email is esides@wctel.net.
- Recently we received a handwritten letter from the family in India whom the Fraternity supports through the Franciscan Family Apostolate program. Here is an extract from the letter. Please keep them in your prayers.

Dear loving friends,



Thank you very much for the help you sent for my family. I will never forget this help and I remember you in our evening prayer. Please also pray for us.

My daughter and I are suffering from allergies and taking medicine regularly. The children are studying well. The help you sent last time was used for children’s school supplies, dresses, etc. Once again I thank you.

Yours sincerely, Mary Sebastian

Papal Quotes



“We must promote religious liberty for all people. Every man and woman must be free to profess his or her faith, whatever it may be. Why? Because that man and that woman are children of God.” – Pope Francis (<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/>)

Fraternity Finances

💰 Last month we received \$80 in donations and disbursed \$51 in expenses.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau’s aunt, Dorothy Bleau (stroke); Rita Braddock; Dorothy Clayton; Maria Louisa Correa and her sister, Maria Franco; Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; Marianne Hughes and her family; Jay Lynagh; Nancy McCleary and her family; Mary Okumu’s brother-in-law, Christopher Ochoro (recently deceased), her sister, Flora Okumu (stroke), and her nephew, Simon Peter Okanya (slipped disc); George Ramsey and his mother, Margareta Ramsey; Apollonia Sergi; Gene Sides and his wife, Annagret; Julia Stratchko and her husband, Eugene; Cecilia Thieman, her grandson, Andrew, and her son, Michael; Dineen Whipple; and Theresa Wilson.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

August 2 – Our Lady of the Angels of the Portiuncula (feast); 4 – Saint John Vianney, priest of III Order. (memorial); 7 – Blesseds Agathangelus and Cassian, priests and martyrs of I Order (optional memorial); 8 – Holy Father Dominic, priest founder of the Order of Preachers (feast); 11 – Saint Clare of Assisi, virgin of II Order (feast, solemnity for II and III Order nuns); 14 – Saint Maximilian Kolbe, priest of I Order (memorial); 17 – Saint Roch, member of III Order; 19 – Saint Louis of Toulouse, bishop of I Order (memorial); 21 – Saint Pius X, pope, member of III Order (memorial); and 25 – Saint Louis IX, king, member and patron of III Order (memorial).

August Birthdays

August 8 – David Weir, 12 – Ronald McElligott, 13 – Alberto Gamez and Apollonia Sergi, 16 – Louis Remlin, and 29 – Christopher Cropper.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: August 6 – Fadi Azar, and 14 – Maximilian Wojciechowski.

July Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

In July we Americans celebrate our freedom - our independence from Britain, and the dawn of this astonishing experiment in government of, by, and for the people. This July, most of us participated in the [Fortnight for Freedom](#), an initiative of prayer and civic participation launched by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). Whether through prayer, letter-writing, petitioning, or educating those around us about the issues, we each have a part to play in preserving our religious liberties, so cherished by our founders. “The price of liberty is eternal vigilance.”²

The great American experiment was important enough to men like Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Carroll to risk all they had to strive for liberty. Since then, every generation has faced real threats to this ideal, and met them sacrificially, with a resolve and determination rooted in the belief in the inherent dignity of the human person “endowed by his creator with certain inalienable rights...life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” From a scriptural perspective, we are admonished by St. Paul to pray for those in civil authority so that we may live, worship and minister in peace. (cf *1 Tim 2:2*) Freedom is best understood as the freedom to do what is

² Often attributed to Jefferson, but likely said by Irish orator John Philpot Curran in 1790.

right, to express our faith in Christ through worship and the corporal and spiritual works of mercy. For us Catholics, as for all people of faith, the HHS mandate poses a real threat to our ability to carry out this Divine Mandate. We must unite under the leadership of our Bishops, in unity with our brothers and sisters of good will, to pray, fast, sacrifice and work to preserve religious freedom, our most fundamental civil liberty.

For inspiration on how to pray, and information on what to do, go to the USCCB's website at <http://www.usccb.org/>, or check out the tables or book-rack at the back of your parish church. There will be leaflets and information from our bishops to help you stand with them.

Litany of the Most Precious Blood

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| Lord, have mercy | Lord, have mercy |
| Christ, have mercy | Christ, have mercy |
| Lord, have mercy | Lord, have mercy |
| God our Father in heaven | have mercy on us |
| God the Son, Redeemer of the world | have mercy on us |
| God the Holy Spirit | have mercy on us |
| Holy Trinity, one God | have mercy on us |
| Blood of Christ, only Son of the Father | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, incarnate Word | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, of the new and eternal covenant | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, that spilled to the ground | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, that flowed at the scourging | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, dripping from the thorns | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, shed on the cross | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, the price of our redemption | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, our only claim to pardon | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, our blessing cup | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, in which we are washed | be our salvation |
| Blood of Christ, torrent of mercy | be our salvation |

Blood of Christ, that overcomes evil
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, strength of the martyrs
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, endurance of the saints
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, that makes the barren fruitful
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, protection of the threatened
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, comfort of the weary
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, solace of the mourner
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, hope of the repentant
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, consolation of the dying
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, our peace and refreshment
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, our pledge of life
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, by which we pass to glory
be our salvation

Blood of Christ, most worthy of honor
be our salvation

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us

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Lord, you redeemed us by your blood.

You have made us a kingdom to serve our God.

Let us pray.

Father, by the blood of your Son you have set us free and saved us from death. Continue your work of love within us, that by constantly celebrating the mystery of our salvation we may reach the eternal life it promises.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

