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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – St. Francis Room downstairs
- 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

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping
- Handouts
- Short Teaching
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

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. Thank you.

◆ Theme: PEACE ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace which the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. (*John 14:27, NJB*)

Prayer of the Month

Official Catholic prayer for peace in Syria

Pope Francis and Patriarch Twal of the Holy Land have encouraged us to pray for peace in Syria and the Middle East. Here is the official prayer from Patriarch Twal¹.

¹ Twal, Fouad, O.F.M., Patriarch of the Holy Land, Sep 3, 2013, URL <http://ffhl.blogspot.com/2013/09/here-is-official-catholic-prayer-for.html>, accessed Sep 5, 2013.

God of compassion, listen to the cries of the people of Syria. Give comfort to those who suffer because of the violence. Give comfort to those who mourn their dead, and strength to neighboring countries to welcome the refugees. Convert the hearts of those who resort to arms and protect those who work to promote peace.

God of hope, inspire leaders to choose peace instead of violence and to seek reconciliation with enemies. Inspire compassion in the universal Church for the Syrian people and give us hope for a future of peace based on justice for all.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Light of the world. Amen.



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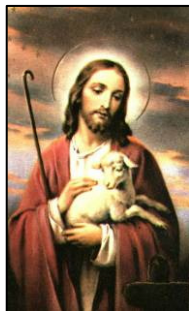
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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

6. On the imitation of the Lord ²

Let us be attentive to the Good Shepherd, who to save His own sheep endured the Passion of the Cross. The sheep of the Lord have followed Him in tribulation and persecution, shame and hunger, in infirmity and temptation and all other things; and because of these they have received from the Lord everlasting life. Therefore, it is a great shame to us, servants of God, that while the saints did the works, we wish to receive glory and honor by merely recounting their deeds.



² 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>



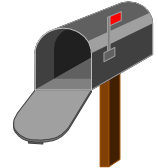
The Rule

Chapter One, Article 14 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will, are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the kingdom of God may be brought about more effectively. Mindful that anyone who follows Christ, the perfect man, becomes more of a man himself, let them exercise their responsibilities competently in Christian spirit of service

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Helen Walls** says hello to all the members.
- **Alan Blevins** shares that in August he was appointed Assistant Catholic Chaplain at South Bay House of Corrections in Boston. Presently he is studying for a doctoral degree in ministry at Boston College.
- **Maria Louisa Correra** sends her love and prayers to the fraternity as she celebrates her 82nd birthday.



News From Our Seminarian

Ryan Pineda, the seminarian to whose support we contribute, writes:



Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Pax! Thank you again for the check that you sent me. I apologize for not sending this note sooner. I only go to the seminary every now and then to get my mail.

I'm still at St. Michael in Silver Spring for my summer assignment. I promise to write a longer letter when my assignment is over.

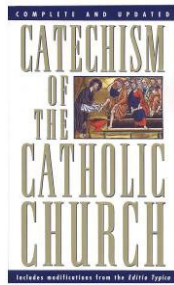
Please remember my prayers for your community.

In Christ, Ryan.

The Information Corner

Just War Doctrine

With respect to the crisis in Syria, the Church, in its Catechism³, teaches that we are to promote peace ([CCC 2302-2306](#)) and are “obliged to avoid war” ([CCC 2308](#), also 2307-2317). Our Rule instructs us to be “bearers of peace” ([Article 19](#)). The Church recognizes that there are circumstances under which war may be waged – for defensive purposes when attempts at peace have failed ([CCC 2308](#)). The Church lays out explicit criteria for *legitimate defense by military force*, also called the **Just War Doctrine** ([CCC 2309](#)).



Even if those to whom we witness do not accept Catholic teaching, these criteria can be expressed as ethical principles and can be used as a starting point for sincerely thoughtful dialogue with others about such a difficult issue. Reproduced below is paragraph [2309](#) in its entirety. See also [2243](#) and [1897](#).

2309 The strict conditions for *legitimate defense by military force* require rigorous consideration. The gravity of such a decision makes it subject to rigorous conditions of moral legitimacy. At one and the same time:

- the damage inflicted by the aggressor on the nation or community of nations must be lasting, grave, and certain;
- all other means of putting an end to it must have been shown to be impractical or ineffective;
- there must be serious prospects of success;
- the use of arms must not produce evils and disorders graver than the evil to be eliminated. The power of modern means of destruction weighs very heavily in evaluating this condition.

³ Catechism of the Catholic Church, Pt 3, Sect 2, Ch 2, Art 5.III, para 2309, accessed Sep 5, 2013, URL http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2c2a5.htm#2309

These are the traditional elements enumerated in what is called the “just war” doctrine.

The evaluation of these conditions for moral legitimacy belongs to the prudential judgment of those who have responsibility for the common good.


Monastery Volunteer Opportunity

A volunteer Concierge/Host/ess is wanted for Franciscan Monastery on Saturdays. The person will greet and direct visitors to the church, shrines and conference rooms. There will be lots of walking in the beautiful grounds and gardens. Reliable, well-spoken, friendly, quick learner needed. References required. Send to mail@myfranciscan.com.

Fraternity Finances

\$ In July we received \$438 in donations and disbursed \$211 in expenses. In August we received \$296 in donations and disbursed \$806.

Support the Knights

 Larry Bleau still has some raffle tickets to sell to support of the [Knights of Mount St. Sepulchre](#). Tickets are \$5 for a book of six, or \$1 each. Drawing will be on October 18. See Larry at the meeting, or call him at 301-474-1338.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Rita Braddock; Dorothy Clayton; Maria Louisa Corraera and her family; Lourdes Corso; Sarah Faizi, her family, and her friend, Ron Harner; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Gary Gray (cancer); John Hewitt; Agnes Hill (Franciscan Garden Guild, cancer); Marianne Hughes and her family; Jay Lynagh; Nancy McCleary; Ron McElligot and his wife, Mary; Ouida Morrison; Mary Okumu’s family; Joseph Parker (cancer); George Ramsey and his mother, Margareta Ramsey; Apollonia Sergi; Gene Sides and his family; Julia Stratchko and her husband; Desrick Sturn (lung tumor); Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; and Theresa Wilson.

October Birthdays

October 2 – Eugene Sides, 6 – Margaret Murphy, 15 – Raymond Apodaca, 17 – Cornelia Hart, and 22 – Gerda Biglin.



Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

October 4 – Our Holy Father Francis, deacon, founder of Three Franciscan Orders (solemnity); 6 – Saint Mary Frances of the Five Wounds, virgin of III Order (optional memorial for the III Order); 10 – Saints Daniel, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order (optional memorial); 12 – Saint Seraphin of Montegrano, religious of I Order (optional memorial); 20 – Blessed James of Strepar, bishop of I Order (optional memorial), and Blessed Contardo Ferrini, member of III Order (optional memorial for III Order); 21 – Blessed Josephine Leroux, virgin and martyr of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 22 – Saint Peter of Alcantara, priest of I Order (memorial); 23 – Saint John of Capistrano, priest of I Order (memorial); 26 – Blessed Bonaventure of Potenza, priest of I Order (optional memorial); and 30 – Anniversary of Dedication in Consecrated Franciscan Churches (solemnity).

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days (birthdays (B)) are this coming month: October 4 – St. Francis, 7 – Jeremy Harrington (B), 14 – Callistus Welch and 25 – Thomas Courtney.

September Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

To Live in Peace

In chapter 14 of St. John's Gospel, Jesus gives us His gift of peace, first speaking of it as a bequest, a possession given as part of an inheritance, then as a *gift*, something freely given out of love. But he goes on to say that

His peace is not the peace the world gives, which is simply an absence of conflict (although in our world that is devoutly to be prayed for) or a casual greeting, but a supernatural gift of God. He makes this



bequest, this gift, immediately after He instructs his apostles to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. Waiting expectantly, fully prepared for God to manifest His will, is part of living in peace, not taking for ourselves what we think we ought to have, but waiting for instruction and empowerment from above. It is in that expectant faith in God's ability and willingness to give us every good and perfect gift that are to live. It is the one way to win that conflict within ourselves between the what St. Paul identifies as the flesh and the Spirit. Beautifully articulating this universal struggle, the Patriarch of the Greek Orthodox Church once wrote:



I have waged this war against myself for many years.

It was terrible, but now I am disarmed.

I am no longer frightened of anything because love

banishes fear.

I am disarmed of the need to be right

And to justify myself by disqualifying others.

I am no longer on the defensive holding onto my riches.

I just want to welcome and to share.

I don't hold onto my ideas and projects.

If someone shows me something better-

No, I shouldn't say better, but good-

I accept them without any regrets

I no longer seek to compare.

What is good, true, and real is always for me the best.

That is why I have no fear.

When we are disarmed and dispossessed of self, if we open our hearts to the God man who makes all things new

then He takes away past hurts

And reveals a new time where everything is possible.

- Athenagoras I of Constantinople (1886 - 1972)