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There will not be any meeting this month due to Easter. Formation classes will still be held. The May meeting will be held on its normal date and schedule.



◆ Theme: WE LIVE IN CHRIST ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

“...I have been crucified with Christ; yet I live, no longer I, but Christ lives in me; insofar as I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the son of God, who has loved me and given himself up for me.” (*Galatians 2: 19b -20*)

ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

13. On patience¹

“Blessed (are) the peacemakers, since they shall be called sons of God” (*Mt 5:9*). The servant of God cannot know how much patience and humility he has in himself, while he is satisfied. However when the time has come, that those who ought to satisfy him, do the contrary to him, as much patience and humility (is) there, that much he has and not more.

¹ *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> .

Prayer of the Month

PRAYER BEFORE A CRUCIFIX

St. Francis of Assisi

We adore you, Lord Jesus Christ, here and in all your churches in the whole world, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



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Congratulations, Fr. Ed!



On April 27, Divine Mercy Sunday, at the 10:00am Mass, Fr. Ed Flanagan, O.F.M., will celebrate his Golden Jubilee.

Let us show our our gratitude to Fr. Ed for his loyal service to Our Lord and His Church for so long.



Fraternity Guidelines

We now have updated Fraternity Guidelines. These are available online under the menu item [Members / Handouts](#), under the heading **General and Administrative**. If you cannot access the site and want a hardcopy, let our Minister or Secretary know.



The Rule

Chapter Three, Article 21 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

On various levels, each fraternity is animated and guided by a council and minister (or president) who are elected by the professed according to the constitutions.

Their service, which lasts for a definite period, is marked by a ready and willing spirit and is a duty of responsibility to each member and to the community.

Within themselves the fraternities are structured in different ways according to the norm of the constitutions, according to the various needs of their members and their regions, and under the guidance of their respective council.

News From Our Seminarian

Ryan Pineda, in a letter on March 28, wrote:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Pax et bonum! Thank you for the check that I got a few days ago. Thank you as well for continuing to pray for me. Your spiritual and financial support really mean a lot.

We have a few more weeks of classes left. That means my hospital ministry at Providence will come to an end too. Starting in September, for two years, aside from my seminary formation I will be assigned to a parish about 6 hours a week. I still have to talk to three different pastors regarding this. Probably, I will be at Our Lady of Lourdes in Bethesda, St. Mary's of Rockville or the Cathedral of St. Matthew.

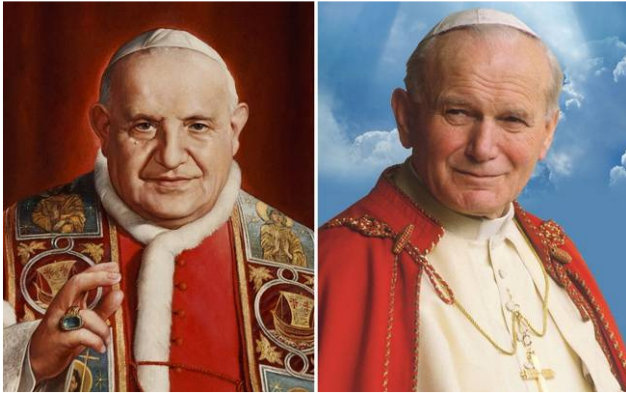
Then, this summer, instead of a parish assignment, I will be in Omaha, NE, to attend a 10-week Institute for Priestly Formation. This is like a "prayer camp" for seminarians from all over the country.

Again, I'm really grateful for your generosity. Please know of my prayers.

In Christ, Ryan

Two New Saints!

On Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27), Pope Francis will canonize two new saints, both of them popes: Paul XXIII and John Paul II.



John Paul, known for his many travels outside Italy and best known to most of us, served as pope from 1978 to 2005 and was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on Divine Mercy Sunday, May 1, 2011. Pope Francis told reporters, “I think of him as ‘the great missionary of the church’” because he was “a man who proclaimed the Gospel everywhere.”

Blessed John XXIII, known particularly for convoking the Second Vatican Council, was pope from 1958 to 1963; Pope John Paul beatified him in 2000. The Holy Father speaks of him as holy, patient, had a good sense of humor and was a man of courage. “He was a man who let himself be guided by the Lord.”²

Pray For Our Deceased Charles T. Flachbarth, Jr., who passed away at his residence in Parkersburg, WV, on February 21, 2014. Charles was professed in 2000 and was an active member until he moved back to his family’s hometown. 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.

² Wooden, Cindy (2004), National Catholic Reporter, Mar 20, 2014 edition, “Vatican, Rome gear up for canonizations of John XXIII, John Paul II.” Accessed Mar 26, URL <http://ncronline.org/news/vatican/vatican-rome-gear-canonizations-john-xxiii-john-paul-ii>

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Rita Braddock; Dorothy Clayton; Maria Louisa Corraera and her sister, Maria Franco; Lourdes Corso; J. Patrick Enderson’s father, Richard Enderson; Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Jean-Paul Gauthier (recovering from severe injury); John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Joe Humphries’ nephew, Richard Marshall, and friend, John Zimmerman; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicolas and his daughter; George Ramsey and his mother; Joe Rende (recent fall and injury); Apollonia Sergi; Julia Stratchko and her husband; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; and Theresa Wilson.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

May 9 – Saint Catherine of Bologna, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 11 – Saint Ignatius of Laconi, religious of I Order; 16 – Saint Margaret of Cortona, III Order (memorial); 17 – Saint Paschal Baylon, religious of I Order (memorial); 18 – Saint Felix of Cantalice, religious of I Order (feast); 20 – Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest of I Order (feast); 24 – Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Francis of Assisi (feast); 28 – Saint Mariana of Jesus de Paredes, virgin of III Order (optional memorial); 30 – Blessed Baptista Varano, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns), and 30 – Saint Ferdinand, King, member of the III Order.

May Birthdays

May 1 – Lawrence Bleau, 6 – Roy Foster, 8 – Mary Jo Fehr, 12 – Margaret (Peggy) Simoneau, 15 – Delphine Ben and J. Patrick Enderson, 20 – Mark Di Salvo, 27 – Sandra White, and 30 – Joseph Clemente and Jean-Paul Gauthier.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$547 in donations and disbursed \$802.74 in expenses. This includes the first Fare Share payment of \$603.50, but not undeposited checks.

Good Friday Meditation

By Larry Bleau, OFS, KMSS

Today I buried a friend. That is what I thought as I viewed Him after He was put to death. Another knight and I carried Him reverently from where He had been crucified to where the others in the funeral procession were waiting. Together we walked with him, carrying him, in silence, as those in the crowd watched, and the choir sang their hymns of praise and sorrow. We watched from nearby as the priests blessed His body and, in a manner reminding me of his birth, brought incense and placed it beside his body. Solemnly, those who carried the spears, the thorns, the nails, and the veil of Veronica placed them at His feet. I watched, a turmoil of emotions, but mainly that of wonder and thanks for Him who died for me, and for whom I now had a chance to help in a final way.



Two of us were selected from those in the procession for the penultimate act of lifting Him, ever so gently, and carrying Him into the Sepulchre, where He would lie. With my knowledge of the Resurrection, I knew this lying in the tomb would be for but a short time, but, if I had been his actual pall bearer at the time of His death, I would not have known; I would be mournful, burying my teacher and my friend, saying goodbye one last time in His presence, never to see Him again.

We placed Him in the tomb, knelt, and briefly said a prayer before His body. I do not know what my companion prayed; I tried to pray His prayer, the one He taught us, but there was not enough time, so I gave Him thanks for all He had done, for His gift to us, and exited the tomb. The priests then entered, incensed His body one last time and prayed there briefly, then closed the tomb's doors. With a thud they shut – forever, so we thought. We sat there, guarding the tomb, as the Roman soldiers did on that first Good Friday, watching, keeping him safe. My thoughts stayed on Him whom we had buried, the small role I had in the process, but one that I will always remember.

Yes, that day I buried my friend. Two days later, though, along with a great multitude, I celebrated His resurrection. He rose and lives among us! I now rejoice, for my friend and teacher lives, and continues to teach us, through His Spirit and the instrument of His Church. Rejoice with me, my brothers and sisters, for our Lord, who was put to death and was buried, now lives forever!

