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**There will not be any meeting this month due to Father's Day. Candidate class will still be held; Inquiry class will double up sessions in July. The July meeting will be held on its normal date and schedule.**



## ◆ Theme: DIALOGUE WITH GOD ◆

### Bible Quote of the Month

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in His great mercy gave us a new birth to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (*1 Pt 1:3*)

### Prayer of the Month

#### **The Unfailing Prayer to St. Anthony**

O, holy Saint Anthony, gentlest of Saints, your love for God and Charity for his creatures when on earth gave you miraculous powers. Encouraged by this thought, I implore of you to obtain for me (here mention your request). The answer to my prayer may require a miracle. Even so, you are the Saint of Miracles. Oh, gentle and loving Saint, whose heart was ever full of human sympathy, whisper my petition into the ear of the sweet infant Jesus, who loved to be folded in your arms, and the gratitude of my heart will be ever yours.

### The Rule



Chapter One, Article 23 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

Requests for admission to the Secular Franciscan Order must be presented to the local fraternity, whose council decides upon the acceptance of new brothers and sisters.

Admission into the Order is gradually attained through a time of initiation, a period of formation of at least one year, and profession of the rule. The entire community is engaged in this process of growth by its own manner of living. The age for profession and the distinctive Franciscan sign are regulated by the statutes.

Profession by its nature is a permanent commitment.

Members who find themselves in particular difficulties should discuss their problems with the council in fraternal dialogue.

Withdrawal or permanent dismissal from the Order, if necessary, is an act of the fraternity council according to the norm of the constitutions.

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### ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

#### 12. On peace <sup>1</sup>

“Blessed (are) the peacemakers, since they shall be called sons of God” (*Mt 5:9*). Those truly are the peacemakers, who concerning all those things, which they suffer in this age, preserve peace in soul and body for the sake of the love (*amor*) of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### July Birthdays

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

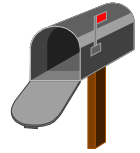
#### Fraternity Finances

**\$** Last month we received \$541 in donations and disbursed \$324.11 in expenses.

<sup>1</sup> *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>.

### From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- Shonne Farrell, a member of our Candidate class, will soon transfer to the St. Clare fraternity in Portland, OR, where she will continue her formation. Her new address is 10620 NW Cornell Rd., Portland, OR 97229. Our prayers are with you as you continue your journey!
- 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. 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

#### Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Rita Braddock; Dorothy Clayton and her daughter, Cathy McCoy; Maria Louisa Corra and her sister, Maria Franco; Lourdes Corso and her children; Clotilda Crawley and her children; J. Patrick Enderson's father, Richard Enderson; Sarah Faizi, her family, and her friend Doris Crawley and her children; Shonne Farrell; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Jean-Paul Gauthier (recovering from severe injury); John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Joe Humphries' nephew, Richard Marshall; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicolas and his daughter; Mary Okumu's family, in particular her father, Peter Okumu (deceased); George Ramsey and his mother; Joe Rende (recent fall and injury) and his family; Eugene Sides and his wife Annagret; Julia Stratchko and her family; Helen Walls; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis; Theresa Wilson; and Mildred Wray.

## **June Reflection**

*By Corky Hart, OFS*

*The earth is full of the mercy of the Lord. -Ps 33:5*

Our family has just experienced the joy of a baby's birth; our newest grandchild was born only the other day to our youngest daughter and her husband. In a sense this is a very ordinary event (meaning normal or rightly ordered), even this is a miraculous gift to an extraordinary couple. (Yes, I am prejudiced in their favor, and they are absolutely wonderful!)

The Lord has given this young Catholic couple a deep love of Christ and His Church, and the graces necessary to live the faith every day. In marriage, their beautiful sacramental love has overflowed, so to speak, and become this incredibly beautiful work of God, their new daughter Miriam. By God's grace, in the next week or so Miriam will enter into the fullness of the life of the Most Holy Trinity through the waters of baptism. God's grace and love have been poured out on these two parents, they responded with obedience, God responded with more love, and now, the parents respond again with obedience in seeking baptism for this child, and God's response to their fidelity is the gift of eternal life for the newly baptized.

Can you see what's happening here? The ongoing conversation between Love and the Beloved. What an amazing dialogue between God and His people! We can participate in this heavenly conversation because of the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus, and the descent of the Holy Spirit which birthed the Church. In the great Passover of the Easter Triduum, Christ destroys death and restores us to life with Him; His Ascension reverses our banishment from the Garden, and we may now walk where Adam walked before the fall, in tranquility of heart with God in the garden "in the cool of the day."

This month, let's take some time to re-orient ourselves toward this heavenly dialogue, perhaps in prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Divine Mercy. These devotions are rich sources of grace and meditation, and have often helped me redirect my wandering heart toward His. June is such a rich time for us this year, with Ascension, Pentecost, Holy Trinity and Corpus Christi through the month. Each of these celebrations helps us on an aspect of the restored relationship with God that is ours in Christ Jesus. As we experience each one, let's pray that the Lord open our eyes to see Him day by day in the conversation of prayer, and in the "ordinary" things of life.

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### **Feastdays of Franciscan Friars**

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose birthdays are this coming month: July 20 – Ed Flanagan.

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### **Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials**

July 1 – Blessed Junipera Serra, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 8 – Blessed Gregory Grassi, bishop, and companions, martyrs of I and III Order (optional memorial); 9 – Saint Nicholas Pieck, priest, and companions, martyrs of I Order (memorial); 10 – Saint Veronica Giuliani, virgin of II Order (memorial, feast for II and III Order nuns); 12 – Saints John Jones and John Wall, priests and martyrs of the I Order (optional memorial); 13 – Blessed Angeline of Marciano, religious of the III Order (memorial for II Order nuns); 14 – Saint Francis Solano, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 15 – Saint Bonaventure, bishop and doctor of I Order (feast); 21 – Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, priest and doctor of I Order (feast); 23 – Blessed Cunegundes, religious of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns), and Saint Bridget, widow of III Order, founder (optional memorial); 24 – Blessed Louise of Savoy, religious of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); and 27 – Bl. Mary Magdalene of Martinegro, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns).