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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 10:30am Franciscan Crown Rosary in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 11:15am Mass in Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- 12:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room – downstairs in the Friary. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Bonaventure 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. The criteria for Active-excused and Lapsed member status is explained in the Fraternity guidelines. Thank you.

◆ Theme: ON PILGRIMAGE WITH THE SAINTS ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

Happy are those who find refuge in You, whose hearts are set on pilgrim roads. (*Ps 84:6*)



Prayer of the Month



St. James, Apostle, chosen among the first, you were the first to drink the cup of the Master, and you are the great protector of pilgrims; make us strong in faith and happy in hope on our pilgrim's journey following the path of Christian life, and feed us so that we may finally reach the Glory of God the Father. Amen.¹

¹ Office of the Pilgrim, Cathedral of Santiago, Compostela; trans. by cjs.org.uk

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

16. On cleanliness of heart ²

“Blessed (are) the clean of heart, since they themselves shall see God” (*Mt 5:8*). Truly are they clean in heart who despise earthly things, seek heavenly ones and do not ever withdraw from adoring and beholding Our Lord, living and true, with a clean heart and soul.



² *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> .



The Rule

Chapter Three, Article 24 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with youth groups. It should adopt appropriate means for growth in Franciscan and ecclesial life and encourage everyone to a life of fraternity. This communion continues with deceased brothers and sisters through prayer for them.

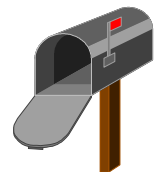
Pope Quote

The Church in travelling along the paths of history does not cease to affirm constantly the presence of Jesus of Nazareth, since the mysterious Pilgrim of Emmaus is present on the way of every Christian. He continues to accompany his own, illuminating them with his enlightening Word and nourishing them with his Body and Blood, Bread of eternal life.³



From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- Dineen Whipple writes, “Hi, everyone – Thank you for all your prayers as I begin another round of chemotherapy. I had a treatment on June 6 and will have a second one on June 26, then four more after that, each three weeks apart. Please pray for my family as well. I will keep you all in my prayers, too. Love, Dineen Whipple”



³ Address of His Holiness John Paul II during the Rite of the Pilgrim, Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela, Saturday, 19 August 1989



Pray For Our Deceased Rita Braddock, who died on June 8, 2014; she was 96. Her funeral Mass was on June 25 at St. Anthony's Church. Rita was professed in 1999 and was an active member until the last few years. Mail cards to her daughter, Marilyn Braddock, 5311 Spy Glass Rd., Norfolk, VA 23518. 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.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Dorothy Clayton; Maria Louisa Corraera and her family; Lourdes Corso; J. Patrick Enderson's family, in particular his father, Richard Enderson (deceased); Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Jean-Paul Gauthier (recovering from severe injury); Ling Guiron's father, Jesus Villafior (recovery from surgery); John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Joe Humphries and his nephew, Richard Marshall; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicolas and his family; Mary Okumu's family, in particular her father, Peter Okumu (deceased); George Ramsey and his mother; Joe Rende; Eugene Sides and his family; Julia Stratchko and her family; Apollonia Sergi; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Theresa Wilson; and Mildred Wray.



August Birthdays

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



Support the Knights

The Knights of Mount St. Sepulchre is having their annual raffle ticket fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 for a book of six, or \$1 each. Drawing will be on September 19. Contact Larry Bleau (301-474-1338) for tickets; he will also sell them before and after the August fraternity meeting.



Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we disbursed \$96.98 in expenses. Donations have not yet been deposited.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

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

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).



St. Louis IX, patron, Secular Franciscan Order

July Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

It's July again, so I'm thinking about pilgrimage. The 25th is the Feast of St. James the Apostle, whose burial site in Spain at Compostela's cathedral is the reason for the famed Camino de Santiago de Compostela, The Way of St. James of Compostela, a Christian pilgrimage historically as important as the one to Jerusalem or Rome. Among the many saints to walk it was St. Francis of Assisi, who travelled the Camino sometime between 1213-1215, and is said to have founded the Franciscan Monastery in Compostela then.



What is it about pilgrimage that captures the imagination? Perhaps it resonates in our souls because anything undertaken as pilgrimage becomes a sort of icon of our journey through life - we are, after all, only "passing though" this world on our way to our Heavenly destination.

A pilgrim may travel in solitude, but is never alone; Christ Himself is the Way, and we are sustained by God's grace, surrounded by a cloud of witnesses, all those who have gone before us. Every encounter on the road, seen with the eyes of faith, is a divinely appointed avenue of grace.

In July, the month of the Camino, the Church provides us with memorials and feasts to remind us of those who have made the journey and reached the goal: Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Mary Magdalen and St. Kateri Tekakwitha; Abbots, bishops and priests like St. Benedict and St. Bonaventure, St. Camillus and Bl. Junipero Serra; the mystic and miracle-worker, St. Sharbel; the martyrs St. Augustine Zhao Rong and his companions.

What better, more exalted travelling companions could we desire?

