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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
- 2:30pm Council meeting

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Fraternity business
- Rite of Admission for new Candidates: **Michele Dunne, Wendy Enderson, and Frank Klem.**
- Distribution of Profession Certificates
- Short Talk: Discerning the Kingdom
- Brief Response / Discussion Time
- Requests for prayer & Intercessions
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the “Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please bring it with you.

◆ Theme: A TALE OF TWO KINGDOMS ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the one that is to come. (*Hebrews 13:14*)

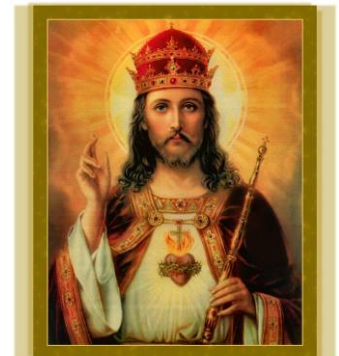
Prayer of the Month

Novena Prayer to Christ the King

Recite One Our Father, One Hail Mary and One Glory Be per day followed by the Novena Prayer:

O Lord our God, You alone are the Most Holy King and Ruler of all nations. We pray to You, Lord, in the great expectation of receiving from You, O Divine King, mercy, peace, justice and all good things. Protect, O Lord our King, our

families and the land of our birth. Guard us we pray Most Faithful One. Protect us from our enemies and from Your Just Judgment. Forgive us, O Sovereign King, our sins against you. Jesus, You are a King of Mercy. We have deserved Your Just Judgment. Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. We trust in Your Great Mercy. O most awe-inspiring King, we bow before You and pray: May Your Reign, Your Kingdom, be recognized on earth. Amen.



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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

20. On the good and the vain religious¹

Blessed (is) he religious, who has not cheer and gladness except in the Lord's most holy discourses and works, and with these leads men forth to the love of God with joy and gladness (cf. Ps. 50:10). Woe to him religious, who delights himself in idle and frivolous words and with these leads men to laugh.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$325 in donations and disbursed \$178.91 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

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> .



The Rule

Chapter One, Article 2 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Secular Franciscan Order holds a special place in this family circle. It is an organic union of all Catholic fraternities scattered throughout the world and open to every group of the faithful. In these fraternities the brothers and sisters, led by the Spirit, strive for perfect charity in their own secular state. By their profession they pledge themselves to live the gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of this rule approved by the Church.

Congratulations to Those Celebrating Their Anniversaries

Please extend heartfelt congratulations to our members who this year celebrate a special anniversary of their profession to the Secular Franciscan Order:

60 years: Patricia Pflieger

55 years: Francis Kane

35 years: Maria Louisa Correra

15 years: Rita Braddock, Justina Essiet

5 years: Efigenia Cortes-Zalamea

The Information Corner

Nov 14th – Feastday of The Novena to Christ



the King begins this year on Friday, November 14. The Litany of Christ the King can be found (along with the Novena) on EWTN's website², and is a stunningly beautiful prayer that invites us to praise Christ, Redeemer and King, and meditate on His love.

² See URL

<http://ewtn.com/Devotionals/novena/christking.htm> .

Feast of Christ the King

This feast was instituted in 1925 by Pope Pius XI in his encyclical *Quas Primas*³. Those times saw an increase in secularism, doubt about the Church's authority, the demise of the royalty of much of Europe and the rise of non-Christian dictatorships, such as fascism and communism. Pius hoped the institution of the feast would have various effects. They were:

- That nations would see that the Church has the right to freedom, and immunity from the state (para 32).
- That leaders and nations would see that they are bound to give respect to Christ (para 31).
- That the faithful would gain strength and courage from the celebration of the feast, as we are reminded that Christ must reign in our hearts, minds, wills, and bodies (para 33)⁴.

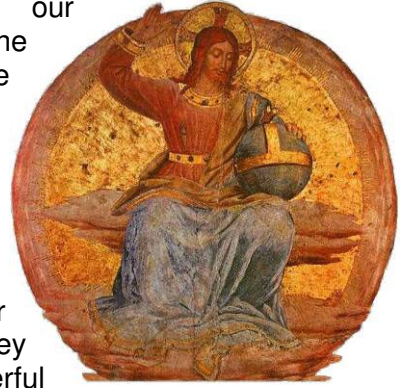
While *Quas Primas* was addressed to the cardinals and bishops, paragraph 33 speaks to its significance to the laity:

33. The faithful, moreover, by meditating upon these truths, will gain much strength and courage, enabling them to form their lives after the true Christian ideal. If to Christ our Lord is given all power in heaven and on earth; if all men, purchased by his precious blood, are by a new right subjected to his dominion; if this power embraces all men, it must be clear that not one of our faculties is exempt from his empire. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior

³ *Quas Primas* is available on Vatican web site, URL http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/pius_xi/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xi_enc_11121925_quas-primas_en.html.

⁴ Excerpted from Bennet, D. (2013), Christ the King Sunday, ChurchYear.net, accessed Nov 10, 2014, URL <http://www.churchyear.net/ctksunday.html>.

sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, as instruments of justice unto God.[35] If all these truths are presented to the faithful for their consideration, they will prove a powerful



incentive to perfection. It is Our fervent desire, Venerable Brethren, that those who are without the fold may seek after and accept the sweet yoke of Christ, and that we, who by the mercy of God are of the household of the faith, may bear that yoke, not as a burden but with joy, with love, with devotion; that having lived our lives in accordance with the laws of God's kingdom, we may receive full measure of good fruit, and counted by Christ good and faithful servants, we may be rendered partakers of eternal bliss and glory with him in his heavenly kingdom.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Anna Zaczynski** says hello to our members.
- 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.



We wish you a very happy Feast of St. Francis. We attended a special Mass on October 4th offered by our Bishop and remembered our sponsors to thank them for their support.

I use your assistance for our family needs, my medicines and the children's education. I suffer with continuous stomach pain which is helped by medicine. My children got good marks in their exams.

Thank you for your timely assistance.

Yours lovingly, Mary Sebastian

November Reflection

By Corky Hart, OFS

Down through the ages, the desire for rulership, control, and authority over others has been the cause of wars, rebellions, and civil strife. A glance at history demonstrates that even the best, most enlightened attempts at civil government (our own included) are limited by the frailty of the human beings who administer that government. The Founding Fathers of our own beloved country who crafted our Constitution were men of strong character – many of them men of deep personal faith – yet our brilliantly framed Constitution is only as sturdy as those who guard it. We must acknowledge that in this world we will never achieve the perfect civil state, although we who have the blessings of Liberty must always strive toward it. We are strangers and sojourners in this passing world, longing for our true Homeland, and we try to bring a little heaven with us wherever we go.

It strikes me as noteworthy that in this country our major elections are in November, near the end of the liturgical year when we celebrate the



Solemnity of Christ the King. Here the Church reminds us of our Hope: God is Our Eternal King whose reign alone brings peace and justice, first within ourselves, then in our communities and in the world, and someday universally when Jesus returns. The kingdoms of this world will pass away, but the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ is eternal. As we wait in hope, the outpost of God's Kingdom in the world is the Church, and we, her sons and daughters, must be on watch, and in prayer, working to bring Christ to world, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the sick and imprisoned, instructing the ignorant, being good stewards of all God has given us. This includes fulfilling our civic obligations. Our

duty done for this election cycle, we have “render[ed] to Caesar that which is Caesar’s.” As we look toward Christ the King, let’s be about the business of rendering to God what is His.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau’s father, Raymond (recent fall); Ernest Braddock; Mary Anne Corr’s niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa and her family; Lourdes Corso; Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her sister, Ellen Burgess; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okama’s family; George Ramsey and his mother; Joe Rende; Eugene Sides and his family; Margaret Simoneau and her mother, Frances; Julia Stratchko and her family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Dineen Whipple; Helen Walls; Donna Wilkes and her brother, Hollis; Theresa Wilson; and Mildred Wray.

December Birthdays

December 16 – Clotilda Crawley, 19 – Marianne Hughes, 20 – Patrick Nolan and Mark Pirritano, 20 – Soledad Wong, and 31 – Leonora Okomo.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

December 8 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron and Queen of the Franciscan Orders (solemnity); 12 – Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patron and Queen of the Americas (memorial in the U.S.); and 15 – Blessed Mary Frances Schervier, virgin of III Order (optional memorial for III Order).

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: December 11 – Larry Dunham (B).