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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – St. Clare Room – upstairs in the Friary
- 9:30am Candidate Session (2015) – St. Bonaventure Room downstairs
- 9:30am Candidate Session (2016) – Assisi Room upstairs in the Friary
- 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.

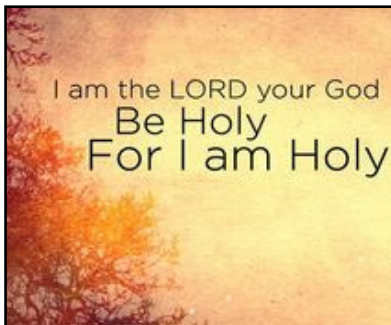
DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

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: *LAUDATO SI: A CALL TO CONVERSION* ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

Like obedient children, do not act in compliance with the desires of your former ignorance but, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in every aspect of your conduct, for it is written, “Be holy because I [am] holy.”
(1 Pt 1:14-16)



Prayer of the Month

Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures.¹



¹ *Canticle of the Creatures* by St. Francis of Assisi

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

1. The Body of the Lord ²

The Lord Jesus said to His disciples: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.” “If” you know “Me,” you would know “My Father as well; and from now on you shall know Him and have seen Him.” “Philip said to Him: Lord, show us the Father, and that suffices for us.” “Jesus said to him: So much time I have been with you, and you do not know Me? Philip, he who sees Me, sees even” My “Father” (Jn 14:6-9). The Father dwells “in inaccessible light” (cf. 1 Tm 6:16), and “God is spirit” (Jn 4:24), and “no one ever sees God” (Jn 1:18). For this reason He cannot be seen except in spirit, (*See Admonition, next column*)

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 Two, Article 10 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

United themselves to the redemptive obedience of Jesus, who placed his will into the Father's hands, let them faithfully fulfill the duties proper to their various circumstances of life. Let them also follow the poor and crucified Christ, witness to him even in difficulties and persecutions.

Admonition (*cont.*)

“since it is the spirit which vivifies, the flesh is good for nothing” (Jn 6:64). But neither does the Son in that, which He is equal to the Father, seem to anyone to be otherwise than the Father, otherwise than the Holy Spirit. Whence all who saw the Lord Jesus according to the Humanity and both did not see and believe according to the spirit and the Divinity, that He Himself is the true Son of God, have been damned; so even now all who see the Sacrament, which is sanctified by the words of the Lord upon the altar by the hand of the priest in the form of bread and wine, and do not see and believe according to the spirit and the Divinity, that this is truly the Most Holy Body and Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, have been damned, since the Most High Himself testifies, who said: “This is My Body and “My Blood of the New Testament [which is poured forth on behalf of the many]” (Mt 14:22,24); and “He who eats” My Flesh “and drinks” My Blood, “has life eternal” (cf. Jn 6:55). Whence of the Spirit of the Lord, who dwells in His faithful, is he who receives the Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord. All others, who do not share this same Spirit and presume to receive Him, eat “and” drink “judgement upon themselves” (cf. 1 Cor. 11:29).³



³ This being a long Admonition, the rest will be printed next month.

The Information Corner

Downloadable copies of *Laudato Si* in English are available through the Vatican's website: http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

The Vatican site has a pop-up which directs you immediately to *Laudato Si*; when the document appears, you can select a language option in the upper right corner. Excellent commentaries have been written by Catholic writers, but my favorites so far are those from George Weigel and Fr. Barron (writer of the *Catholicism* series) at *Word on Fire*.

Papal Intentions for July

Universal Intention – Politics. That political responsibility may be lived at all levels as a high form of charity.

Evangelization Intention – The Poor in Latin America. That, amid social inequalities, Latin American Christians may bear witness to love for the poor and contribute to a more fraternal society.⁴

News From Our Seminarian

Ryan Pineda writes,

Pax et Bonum! I don't know where to begin this thank you note. It still feels surreal to be staying at the parish as an ordained minister. Diaconate ordination indeed not only changed me ontologically but also the way I approach ministry.

First of all, I am really happy and grateful for the ordination. I am glad I was able to prepare myself for the ordination and I didn't mess up at the ceremony, even after I was asked to be a principal deacon.

Now, I'm at St. Joseph's on Capitol Hill Church and I'll be here till the end of August. I'm still learning the ropes. My pastor and I have discussed my responsibilities and obligations

⁴ Apostleship of Prayer (2015). Accessed February 7, 2015, URL <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

and the rest are up to me to start my own initiative. I have spent the last few days chatting with the parish secretary/office manager to learn what she does. I have also asked the permanent deacon assigned at the parish for the ins and outs of daily Mass here. I still feel conscious when I proclaim the Gospel. I have also preached at a daily Mass and this summer, I will be doing this twice a week. Since it's third Sunday, I'll go to one of the two Filipino Masses where I help. This time, the community has requested that I preach. I was also asked to write the blog this month for our vocations website. You may check it out at DCpriest.org.



The challenge is how to balance my time. Instead of going to class, my task is more ministerial such as preparing homilies, visiting the hospital within the parish boundary, visiting parishioners, assisting with the Young Adult ministry, doing the assigned tasks, etc.

And of course, I shouldn't forget to keep up with my spiritual and physical well-being. I am glad for the opportunity to pray the office, do two or three 30-minutes of quiet time for prayer, and to jog/walk in the National Mall....

Again, I can't thank you enough for the notes that I received and your donation. Please know of my continued prayers for each of you.

Thanks and God Bless, Deacon Ryan



July Reflection

By *Corky Hart, OFS*

Laudato Si. What does it mean for us? It all comes down to one thing: How each one of us lives. Each of us is called to live in conformity to the Gospel, in holiness. We are called to live in relationship, first to Christ and His Church, then to our neighbor and to all of God's Creation. To live in response to Divine Love, gently and harmoniously in this passing world, is to awaken in ourselves and those around us the memory of Eden and the fellowship with God and creation lost through disobedience. Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si* reminds us of our place in creation and calls us back to right relationship. Despite what some commentators or press may say, it is neither a triumphalist paen to extreme environmentalists, nor a scientific treatise, nor an economic thesis. It is a *pastoral* letter that rebukes and encourages, always clear, always gentle, calling us back to our vocation.

Our Seraphic Father wrote the first *Laudato Si* calling upon all of creation to praise its Maker. St. Francis and his little band of first followers sang a little echo of Eden in this fallen world. His relationship with Christ was so deep, so loving, so intimate, that even birds, fishes and wolves obeyed him as they had obeyed Adam before the Fall. But his union with Jesus came at a cost; Francis Bernardone had first to overcome himself.

Let us therefore begin. For up to now we have done nothing.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$55 in donations and disbursed \$146.44 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friar, whose feast day is this coming month: August 14 – Maximilian Wojciechowski.

August Birthdays

August 4 – Susan Zell, 8 – David Weir, 11 – Wendy Enderson, 12 – Ronald McElligott, 13 – Alberto Gamez and Apollonia Sergi, 16 – Louis Remlin, and 29 – Christopher Cropper.

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's father, Raymond Bleau; Ernest Braddock; Mary Anne Corr's niece, Patricia Corr; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi and her family; Jean Fleurival; John Hewitt; Marianne Hughes and her family; Nancy McCleary; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Mary Okumu's family; Joe Rende; Eugene Sides; Julia Stratchko; Cecilia Thieman's family; Dineen Whipple; Donna Wilkes and her brother Hollis; Mildred Wray; and Thersa Wilson. Sarah Faizi's friend Doris Pittman thanks everyone for their prayers.

Support the Knights



The Knights of Mount St. Sepulchre is having its annual raffle ticket fundraiser. Tickets are \$5 for a book of six, or \$1 each. Drawing will be on September 18. Contact Larry Bleau (301-474-1338) for tickets; he will also sell them before and after the August fraternity meeting.

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).