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Schedule

- N/A **Breakfast Ministry rescheduled** (see p3)
- 9:15am Council meeting – Sacred Heart Room
- 10:15am Candidate Session (2018&2019) – Sacred Heart Room downstairs
- 11:15am Franciscan Crown Rosary in St. Bonaventure Room
- 12:00pm Mass in Monastery church
- 1:00pm Fraternity Social Gathering – St. Bonaventure Room – downstairs in the Friary. Bring your own lunch, light refreshments will be provided.
- 1:30pm Fraternity Meeting
- 3:00pm Council meeting (continued)

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Opening prayer
- Housekeeping, news of members
- Video – Meaning of Profession
- Sharing on Meaning of profession
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the book “Shorter Christian Prayer”, 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.

◆ Theme: VOCATION ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

(Eph 4:1-6)



Prayer of the Month

Lord, my God and my loving Father, you have made me to know you, to love you, to serve you, and thereby to find and to fulfill my deepest longings. I know that you are in all things, and that every path can lead me to you.

But of them all, there is one especially by which you want me to come to you. Since I will do what you want of me, I pray you, send your Holy Spirit to me: into my mind, to show me what you want of me; into my heart, to give me the determination to do it, and to do it with all my love, with all my mind, and with all of my strength right to the end. Jesus, I trust in you. Amen. (*Prayer To Know One's Vocation*)

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ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

15. On peace ¹

“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.

Fraternity Finances

\$ Last month we received \$202 in donations and disbursed \$44.90 in expenses. This does not include undeposited checks.

¹ *The Writings of St. Francis of Assisi*, tr. by Paschal Robinson (1905), accessed September 9, 2017, URL <http://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/wosf/wosf03.htm>.



The Rule

Chapter Three, Article 23, para 2-3 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order:

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.

The Information Corner – Pope Quote



“The Lord gives each of us a vocation, a challenge to discover the talents and abilities we possess and to put them at the service of others.”

“The Lord does not perform wonders with those who believe themselves to be just, but with those who know they are in need and are willing to open their hearts to Him.”²

Papal Intention for the Month

Prayer Intention – **Families, Schools of Human Growth**. That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly “schools of true human growth”.³

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

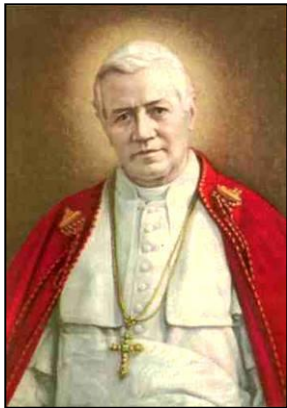
Keep in your prayers friar Maximilian Wojciechowski, whose feast day is this month on August 14.

² Jul 29 and Aug 1, 2019. URL <http://twitter.com/pontifex>

³ Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network. Accessed Jul 23, 2019, URL <http://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>

The Information Corner

Aug 21st – Feastday of St. Pius X⁴



Pope Pius X is perhaps best remembered for his encouragement of the frequent reception of Holy Communion, especially by children.

Born the second of ten children in a poor Italian family on June 2, 1835, Joseph Sarto showed great promise in school and his spiritual life. He entered seminary at age 15, was ordained at 23, and became pastor of Salzano (province of Venice) at 32. While pastor he professed into the *Ordo Franciscanum Saecularis*. He was elected pope at age 68 and took the name Pius X. He was one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Ever mindful of his humble origin, Pope Pius stated, "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He was embarrassed by some of the pomp of the papal court. "Look how they have dressed me up," he said in tears to an old friend. To another, "It is a penance to be forced to accept all these practices. They lead me around surrounded by soldiers like Jesus when he was seized in Gethsemani."

Interested in politics, Pope Pius encouraged Italian Catholics to become more politically involved. One of his first papal acts was to end the supposed right of governments to interfere by veto in papal elections—a practice that reduced the freedom of the 1903 conclave which had elected him.

In 1905, when France renounced its agreement with the Holy See and threatened to confiscate Church property if governmental control of Church affairs were not granted, Pius X courageously rejected the demand.

⁴ Adapted from article published by Franciscan Media, URL <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-pius-x/> and Franciscan of Life, URL <https://franciscansoflife.com/2015/08/22/st-pius-x-our-brother-giuseppe/>, both accessed Aug 5.

While he did not author a famous social encyclical as his predecessor had done, he did author one on Catholic Action, warned against Modernism, denounced the ill treatment of indigenous peoples on the plantations of Peru, sent a relief commission to Messina after an earthquake, and sheltered refugees at his own expense.

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. Pius had foreseen it, but it killed him. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died August 20, 1914, just a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized on May 29, 1954. His feastday is August 21.

Breakfast Ministry Change

On Aug 25, our fraternity will provide breakfast for day laborers at Home Depot. As the friar at Capuchin College who normally leads this is away, the routine will be bit different than usual. Michele will contact all who have volunteered for that day to explain. If you have questions please contact her at micheleddunne@gmail.com or 202-412-1210.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Margaret Murphy** has a new address: 977 Patuxent Rd., Odenton, MD 21113, 301-912-5106.
- **Adele Lewis** also has moved: 360 H St. #204 NW, Washington, DC 20002-5041.

Support the Knights

The Knights of Mount St. Sepulchre are once more having a raffle ticket fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 each. The drawing will be on September 28; you need not be present to win. Contact Larry Bleau (301-474-1338) for tickets; he will also sell them before and after the fraternity meeting.



Fraternal Visitation

Next month we will have both a Fraternal and Pastoral Visitation. The Visitors will be our Metro DC Area Regional Councillor, **Mary Cate Bibro, OFS**, and our Region's Spiritual Assistant, **Fr. Charley Miller, OFM**. If you want to share any comments or observations, you may call or email Mary Cate (see p2 for contact info) or write to her at 15401 Bassett Ln. #2C, Silver Spring, MD 20906.

September Birthdays

September 1 – Kathleen White; 4 – Maria Corra; 6 – Joseph Gigliotti; 9 – Salvacion Pagado; 18 – Marilyn Taylor; 19 – Catherine Horvath; 23 – Jean Fleurival; and 27 – Mary Okumu.

A Stitch in Chimes

Here's a look at our fraternity 20 years ago:

In August of 1999 the fraternity discussed Article 9 of our Rule, and read extract from the book "Way of Life" by Richard A. Portasik, OFM; and members brought donations for the Ronald McDonald House and Gift of Peace House.



Please Pray For Our Sick

Vilma Camposano; Amy Bilyeau; Mary Anne Corr and her niece, Patricia Corr; Maria Louisa Correa; Lourdes Corso and her family; Sarah Faizi's friend, Ron Harner, and her brother; Jean Xavier Fleurival; John Hewitt; Nancy McCleary; Margaret Murphy and her husband Jim; Fritz Nicholas and his family; Cecilia Thieman and her family; Helen Walls; Deneen Whipple and her family; and Donna Wilkes.



August Reflection

By Larry Bleau, OFS

Profession, a permanent commitment to live life in a certain way, is not small step, as we are publicly stating we will make a change in our lives.

For the Secular Franciscan, this commitment includes living in fraternity with one another, letting the values of the Gospel show through our actions and, when necessary, words. We are to be a sign to the world.

Yet how does this sign appear to others, and how do we perceive it ourselves? The video to be shown this month may help you to have a new – or renewed – perspective on profession.

Take time before this month's gathering to reflect on the meaning profession has had for you, in order that you may share it with your brothers and sisters, and from there to share it with the world.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

September 1 – St. Beatrice of Silva, virgin, II Order, founder; 2 – Bls. Apollinaris of Posat, John Francis Burté, Severin Girault, priests, and companions, martyrs, I and III Order; 3 – Bl. Claudio Granzotto, religious, I Order; 4 – St. Rose of Viterbo, virgin, III Order; 17 – Stigmata of our Holy Father Francis; 18 – St. Joseph of Cupertino, priest, I Order; 20 – St. Francis Mary of Camporossa, religious, I Order; 22 – St. Ignatius of Santhia, priest, I Order; 23 – St. Pio of Pietrelcina, priest, I Order; 24 – St. Pacifico of San Severino, priest, I Order; 25 – Finding of the Body of St. Clare; 26 – Bl. Aurelio of Vinalesa, priest, and companions, martyrs of Valencia [Ambrose of Benaguacil, Pedro of Benisa, Joachim of Albocácer, Modesto of Albocácer, Germaine of Cargagente, Bonaventure of Puzol, Santiago of Rafelbunol, Henry of Almazora, Fidel of Puzol, Berard Lugar Nuevo de Fenollet, Pacifico of Valencia], I Order; St. Elzear of Sabran and Bl. Delphina of Glandenes, husband & wife, III Order; 28 – Bl. Innocent of Berzo, priest, I Order.