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Schedule

- 9:30am Inquiry Session – Sacred Heart Room
– downstairs 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.
Francis Room – downstairs in the
Friary. Refreshments will be
provided.
- 12:45pm Fraternity Meeting – St. Francis Room

DON'T FORGET YOUR BINDERS!

Fraternity Meeting Agenda

- Rite of Admission for new Candidates –
We receive into our Fraternity those who
have completed Inquiry and feel called to
further pursue their path towards profession
in the Order. Please welcome and greet with
joy our new Candidates: **Cornelia Hart,
Ling Guiron, Polly Howard, Deborah
McNeilly-Williams, Louis Remlin, Dave
Weir, and Winston Williams.**
- Recognition of longtime professed members
(see article).
- Short Apologetics and Talk
- Scripture verses and handouts
- Closing Evening prayer. If you have the
“Shorter Christian” Prayer Book, please
bring it with you.

◆ Theme: HONORING MARY ◆

Bible Quote of the Month

In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. (*Gal 5:22-23*)



Prayer of the Month

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen. (*Memorare*)



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The Rule

Chapter Two, Article 9 of The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.

The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, was open to his every word and call. She was embraced by Francis with indescribable love and declared the protectress and advocate of his family. The Secular Franciscans should express their ardent love for her by imitating her complete self-giving and by praying earnestly and confidently.

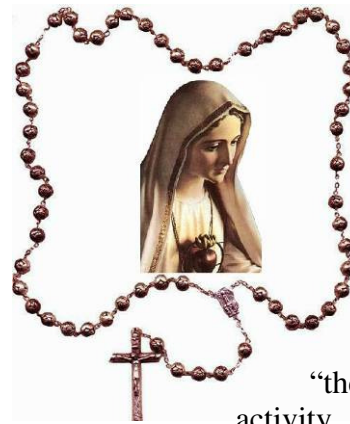
The Information Corner

Remembering Christ with Mary¹

Mary's contemplation is above all *a remembering*. We need to understand this word in the biblical sense of remembrance (*zakar*) as a making present of the works brought about by God in the history of salvation. The Bible is an account of saving events culminating in Christ himself. These events not only belong to "yesterday"; *they are also part of the "today" of salvation*. This making present comes about above all in the Liturgy: what God accomplished centuries ago did not only affect the direct witnesses of those events; it continues to affect people in every age with its gift of grace. To some extent this is also true of every other

¹ John Paul II, Apostolic Letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, #13, accessed September 23, 2010, URL http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/john_paul_ii/apost_letters/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_20021016_rosarium-virginis-mariae_en.html

devout approach to those events: to "remember" them in a spirit of faith and love is to be open to the grace which Christ won for us by the mysteries of his life, death and resurrection.



Consequently, while it must be reaffirmed with the Second Vatican Council that the Liturgy, as the exercise of the priestly office of Christ and an act of public worship, is "the summit to which the activity of the Church is directed and the font from which all its power flows"², it is also necessary to recall that the spiritual life "is not limited solely to participation in the liturgy. Christians, while they are called to prayer in common, must also go to their own rooms to pray to their Father in secret (cf. *Mt 6:6*); indeed, according to the teaching of the Apostle, they must pray without ceasing (cf. *1 Thes 5:17*)"³. The Rosary, in its own particular way, is part of this varied panorama of "ceaseless" prayer. If the Liturgy, as the activity of Christ and the Church, is *a saving action par excellence*, the Rosary too, as a "meditation" with Mary on Christ, is *a salutary contemplation*. By immersing us in the mysteries of the Redeemer's life, it ensures that what he has done and what the liturgy makes present is profoundly assimilated and shapes our existence.

From the Mailbox: News of our Family

- **Joe Rende's** daughter in-law, Kelly, is expecting her first baby (due in Feb).
- **Maria Louisa Correra** says she loves all the members.



² *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 10.

³ *Ibid.*, 12.

ADMONITION OF ST. FRANCIS

10. On the chastisement of the body ⁴

There are many, who while they sin or receive injury, often blame their enemy or neighbor. But it is in error because each one has in his own power (his) enemy, namely the body, through which he sins. Whence "blessed is that servant" (Mt 24:46), who having surrendered such an enemy into his own power, has held it always captive and wisely guarded himself from it; because, as long as he has does this, no other enemy, visible or invisible, will be able to harm him.

Profession Welcome Party



If you'd like to bring a food item for the luncheon on November 21 after the profession ceremony, please contact Bill Richardson (301-848-7390, email richardson4645@yahoo.com).

Open House

Open House will be held on October 17, in the Friary. It is intended for those interested in joining the Secular Franciscan Order. Visitors will be greeted in the lobby of the Friary at 9:45am. The meeting will start at 10:00am, directed by Vicky Spalding, the fraternity Minister, and John Hewitt, Formation Director. Please greet our visitors warmly.

Congratulation to Friar Simon



Last month Friar Simon celebrated his golden jubilee. We give him our belated congratulations and appreciation for his dedication for 50 years of service as a friar.

⁴ St. Francis of Assisi, *The Words of Admonition*, translated from the Critical Latin Edition, edited by Fr. Kajetan Esser, O.F.M, courtesy of Five Franciscan Martyrs Region, accessed April 19, 2010, URL <http://www.franciscan-sfo.org/ap/Admonitions.html>

Congratulations to Those Celebrating Their Anniversaries

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

60 years: Margaret Hromulak, Elizabeth J. Labadie

45 years: Mary B. Bridges

30 years: George P. Bond

25 years: Philip L. Melore, Leonora Okomo, Margaret (Peggy) Simoneau

15 years: Marilyn Taylor, Kathleen White, Sandra White, Theresa Wilson

10 years: Charles T. P. Flachbarth; Ernest A. Smith, Jr.; Victoria Spalding; Helen Walls

5 years: Bernard Adundo; Delphine Ben; Emerita (Emy) Cabigas; John H. Hewitt; Catherine Horvath; James (Jay) Lynagh, III; Fred Scharf

Please Pray For Our Sick

Pat Allnutt; Larry Bleau's brother, Ronald; Teresita Pena-Castro Bohan; Buleh Mary Bridges; Maria Louisa Corraera and her sister, Maria Franco; Lourdes Corso; Pat Ferguson and her daughter, Pattie Wyman; Jean Fleurival; Roy Foster; Marianne Hughes and her family; Sarah Hurd and her family; Gwen Mason and her husband, Robert; Henry Mullens; Eugene Sides and his wife, Annegret; and Theresa Wilson.

November Birthdays

November 4 – George Bond, Charlotte Markoe; 6 – Mary Brown, Fred Scharf; 11 – Josephine Awich; 26 – Rosemary Bordley; 28 – Vera Mendoza; 29 – Deborah McNeilly-Williams.

Feastdays of Franciscan Friars

Keep in your prayers the following friars, whose feast days are this coming month: November 25 – Daniel Moses Schroder, and 30 – Fergus Clark and Andrew Verdote.

Pray For Our Deceased

Sam Spalding, husband of Minister Vicky Spalding for nearly 33 years, who died on Friday, September 17. His funeral Mass was on September 21 at St. John Francis Regis Catholic Church near their home in Hollywood, MD. Sam worked for 35 years as Maintenance Director at Harry Lundeberg School, in Piney Point, MD. He enjoyed farming, crabbing, and hunting, was a strong man who loved the simple pleasures of life, such as watching NASCAR or his football team, the Dallas Cowboys.

John Ounan, who died on September 7. His funeral Mass was held at Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Fairfield, PA. John served the Franciscan Monastery as a Knight of Mount St. Sepulchre for 27 years, was a member of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre, and a loyal and unswerving advocate of the Catholic Church throughout his life.

Eugene Dutton, husband of former Minister Genie Dutton, who died on October 1. His funeral Mass was held at the Shrine of St. Jude in Rockville. 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.

Franciscan Feastdays and Memorials

November 4 – Saint Charles Borromeo, bishop of III Order (memorial); 6 – Commemoration of all the Deceased of the Franciscan Orders (memorial); 7 – Saint Didacus of Alcala, religious of I Order (optional memorial); 13 – Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, virgin of III Order, Founder (memorial in the U.S.); 14 – Saint Nicholas Tavelic, priest and companions, martyrs of I Order (memorial); 17 – Saint Elizabeth of Hungary, widow, member and patron of the III Order (feast); 18 – Blessed Salome, virgin of II Order (optional memorial for II and III Order nuns); 19 – Saint Agnes of Assisi, virgin of II Order (memorial for II and III Order nuns); 26 – Saint Leonard of Port Maurice, priest of the I Order (memorial); 27 – Blessed Francis Anthony Fasani, priest of I Order (optional memorial); 28 – Saint James of the March, priest of I Order (memorial); 29 – All Saints of the Franciscan Orders (feast).

October Reflection

By Chris Cropper, SFO

Honoring Mary by Imitation

As we meditate on the Secular Franciscan Rule we see that St. Francis had a very deep love for the Blessed Virgin Mary. St. Francis declared Mary the protectress and advocate for the Franciscan family. We in turn can make this a personal declaration as well.

When we love someone we want to imitate their special qualities and our Blessed Lady had so many good and exceptional qualities. The SFO rule states that Mary was open to every word and call of the Lord. She must have spent many hours meditating on God and when her Son, Jesus Christ our Lord began His public ministry she must have listened to Him very intently.



We have the advantage of Holy Scripture, and the Church to help us hear God's Word and act on it. Life is messy and hard and we need a role model to follow. Mary must have lived the Beatitudes in a most exceptional way. We can imitate these virtues as well. Are we poor in spirit? Do we recognize our need for God's grace? Do we trust in God and not the world? Do we mourn for our sins and the sins of others? Do we have to be recognized by the world or are we content with living quietly for God? Do we yearn to know God's will for ourselves and to accomplish His will? Do we show mercy and forgiveness to others? Do we have integrity and honesty in all we do? Do we have a pure heart? Do we show others the purity of our heart by kind words and actions? Are we devoted to peacemaking and living peacefully with others? Are we willing to be persecuted for living the truths of our faith?

Our Lady lived these virtues and pleased God by obeying them. She was imitating God whom she loved through her obedience and complete self-giving. As we strive to live the Gospel and imitate our Lady we can live these virtues that are pleasing to God. In the same way as we imitate our Lady we are imitating our Lord. This is the heart of all Marian Devotion to become closer to God. Our Blessed Lady can lead us through our trust in her and our fervent prayers to her.